

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
March 30, 2025**

**All
We
Need**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*the need
for change*



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Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

**We are called to be an inclusive community,
sharing God's grace through worship, service,
and hospitality.**

**We of Peace Lutheran Church welcome all people to
full participation in the life of the church regardless of race,
ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression,
or physical or mental disability.**

Children are welcome in any worship service at Peace Lutheran Church.

**It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this week
and we invite you to worship with us again soon.
If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher.**

P= Presider, A= Assisting Minister, C= Congregation



PRELUDE

Prelude

--William H. Harris (1883-1973)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT - THE NEED FOR CHANGE

Change isn't just an inevitability; it's a force for goodness and new life. Jesus' parable of the prodigal child gives us a test case for change: change over the long haul, change in an instant, change in momentum, change of heart, and more.

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Our forty-day journey through Lent recalls Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Three times, the devil coaxed Jesus to rely on himself instead of on God. Three times, Jesus resisted, trusting God to give him all he needed.

Friends, we are not Jesus. We don't recognize relying on ourselves instead of God as a temptation; we even extol self-reliance as a virtue. Join me in confessing this to God, and asking for compassion.

Silence for reflection.

P: God, I confess
C: that I struggle to confess.
 I want to delight you by doing all the right things.
 I don't want to admit that I can't.
 To receive your forgiveness,
 I must confront my failure.

P: God, I confess
C: that I struggle to confess:
 I'm afraid of being a burden to others.
 I don't want to need them too much,
 so I try not to need them at all.

P: God, I confess
C: that I struggle to confess:
 just like I turn away from my own vulnerability
 I turn away from the vulnerable.
 I have rejected my weakness
 and avoided those who are weak.
 I have denied my frailty
 and looked down on those who are frail.
 I have resisted my dependence
 and thought less of those who depend on others.

P: God, forgive us,
C: because we struggle to forgive ourselves.
 We build a wall of self-reliance
 that separates us from your love.

P: Jesus once said,
 "Those who are well have no need of a physician."
 Jesus didn't come for those who didn't need him:
 he came for me and for you and for everyone who has fallen short.
 Jesus' power is made perfect in our weakness.
 In Christ's name, you are completely and entirely forgiven.
 You are imperfect,
 and you are forgiven,
 and you are entirely loved.
C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Restore In Us, O God

ELW 328



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

*GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

*KYRIE

ELW 156

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Leader' and the second 'Assembly'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' for the first two staves, and 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' for the third staff. The notes are written in a simple, clear style, with the lyrics written below the notes.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Renewing Christ, in you, everything old has passed away, and new things come into being! Ease our suspicion of change and our growing pains; teach us to embrace the transitions that help us and this world reveal you more fully.
C: **Amen.**



FIRST READING

Joshua 5: 9-12

⁹ The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

- L: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Be Thou My Vision

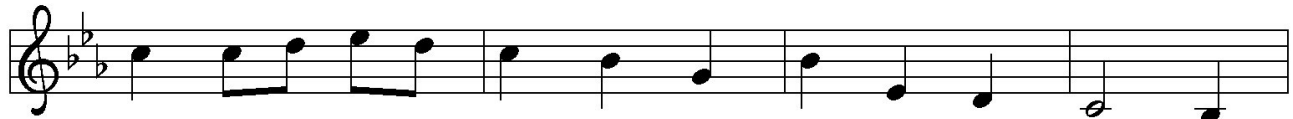
ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: God in your mercy,
C: **receive our prayer.**

Saints of Peace:
Burton Afness, Sibyl Moseley

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
C: **Amen.**

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

In-Building: Please share signs of peace in whatever way you are comfortable and is respectful of your neighbor's comfort level.

Online: You may share signs of peace in the chat .

⊕ -----MEAL----- ⊕

OFFERING

Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the Church Office or sent through on-line giving on our website.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Nimrod

--Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
arr. William H. Harris

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: O God,
C: **you gave us what we needed to love you today.**
Now we offer you a portion of these gifts,
a harvest of the love you planted.
We have supplied the gifts, and you have supplied the purpose.
Now bless our gifts and use them in your service. Amen.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

P: It is not only right...And so we join the echoing song:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 7, p. 181

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on
earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: On the night of his arrest,
he gathered his friends for a simple meal
and set a feast of love.
He took bread, gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us
and on this bread and cup.
Let the fragrance of your love fill this house.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Let it fill our noses with the sweetness of grapes
and the earthiness of grain.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Let it fill our hearts as lavish compassion
for the little, the lost, and the least.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Let this bread and cup magnify your prodigal love,
mirroring the heavenly feast that has no end.
Bring us at last to the infinite table
where you have gathered all your holy ones
in the new creation where every tear is wiped away,
and every need has been met in you.

All honor and glory is yours, O God,
who is both Giver and Gift,
with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in Heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive
those who sin against us.

Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu Reino,
hágase tu voluntad
en la Tierra como en el Cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

No nos dejes caer en tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder,
y tuya la Gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the bread minister). There are two Wine Ministers. The first pouring chalice offers wine and the second chalice is grape juice.

If you choose not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing from the Bread Minister. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you would prefer a blessing.

If you have difficulty coming to the front, please notify an usher and communion will gladly be brought to you.

Prayer stations are available. You are invited to stop and pray with a minister anytime during communion.

*LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 182

O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.

O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prelude

--Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

***BLESSING FROM THE TABLE**

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

A: O Jesus,

C: **you have fed us**

with the bread that has no price,

the precious gift of your own self.

Now send us out like Mary with her perfume,

prepared to give the best we have

to dignify the world you so loved.

Amen.

⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

***THE BENEDICTION**

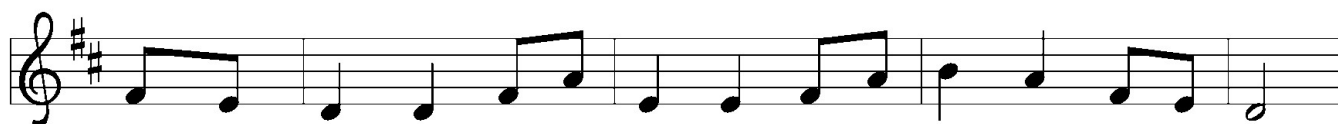
D: Now may God,
who revivifies the earth each spring,
who creates us anew in every act of reconciliation,
who changes us from glory into glory,
bless you and sustain you.
Today God has answered your need,
and now the Spirit sends you out
to answer the world's need.

In the name of God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,

C: **Amen**



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*DISMISSAL

- A: Go in peace. Share your bread.
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude is Omitted during Lent

All are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! See the open slots on the podium in the narthex.

Anyone is welcome to sign up to help! If you need training, see the bulletin board as you enter the Fellowship Hall, or ask Pr. Hannah.

Worship Assistants - TODAY

Assisting Minister: David Parr, Jr.
Lector: Geri Ayers
Greeters: Ron & Lyn Bussian
Communion Server: Sue Ann Collins
Ushers: _____, _____

Technology: Bob Treulich, Karen Harvey,
Kathie Rich

Altar Care: Judy Tofte
Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

Worship Assistants - April 6

Assisting Minister: Kathie Rich
Lector: _____
Greeter: _____
Communion Server: _____
Ushers: _____, _____

Technology (3): Mary Luckie, Sandy Johnson,
Clare Scheffer

Altar Care: Susan Yarne
Bulletins: Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton

SCHEDULE - March 30-April 6

Sun., Mar. 30	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 a.m.	Inclusive Evangelical Group
Tues., Apr. 1	10:30 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study
Wed., Apr. 2	5:00 p.m.	Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lent Evening Prayer
Thurs., Apr. 3	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
	4:00 p.m.	Bells
Fri., Apr. 4	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
Sat., Apr. 5	10:00 a.m.	Mary Adams Memorial Service
Sun., Apr. 6	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:00 a.m.	Home Visitors Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Inclusive Evangelical Group

Alzheimer's Women's Support Group 1:00 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Thursdays

OA - Overeaters Anon: 9:30 a.m. - Sa

AA - Downtown Group: 5:30 p.m. - Su, M, Tu, Th, F, Sa

7:00 p.m. - W

8:00 p.m. - Sa

AA - Primary Purpose: 7:00 p.m. - F

Ministers and Staff

The Congregation Members of Peace Lutheran Church
Rev. Hannah DiPasquale, Pastor
Deacon Anna Dykeman, Minister of Word and Service
Sandy Johnson, Office Administrator (office@peacelutheranlc.com)
Jieun Newland, Music Minister
Tommy Grimes & Phil Lingle, Custodians

ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 30

If you have Prayer Requests to be included in the Prayers of the Day, please write them before the service on the Prayer Request sheet found on the stand in the narthex.

There are now only 2 coats hanging on the rack just outside the sanctuary: 1 red jacket and 1 long black wool coat. Please claim them if they're yours!

Weekly Lenten Study from ELCA *Sumud*: "For Justice in Palestine & Israel." Join Pastor Hannah on Tuesdays in Lent for a special time of study and prayer. *Sumud* is the ELCA's ministry in response to occupation and injustice in Palestine and Israel. The *Sumud* leadership has released a Lenten resource for group study, featuring videos from the Holy Land and devotions from Palestinian theologians. Each week we will watch a video together, read a devotion, have discussion and pray together. No prep is needed; come as you are. Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 AM in Room 107.

Midweek Lent Soup Suppers & Evening Prayer, Wednesdays in Lent. Sign-up sheets for soup, bread, & set-up/clean-up are in the Narthex. **ANYONE, whether they're in a group or not, can sign up to bring Soup** or help in other ways. The Groups are designated so set up and clean up are organized.



LENTEN EVENING PRAYER ON WEDNESDAYS - After soup each Wednesday, we will gather at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for a simple service called *A Refuge for the Heart: Midweek Worship with Healing Prayer*. During this worship, prayer stations will be offered, inviting participants to pray in a certain way: with a prayer minister, writing down prayers, lighting a candle, using other objects/icons/images/water, etc. Each week will follow the same rhythm but be a little different. Come for some stillness, song, and healing during this season.

Join us for a BABY SHOWER in honor of Amanda & Clark's baby girl arriving soon! On Sunday, April 13, during coffee hour after worship, we will have cake and refreshments to celebrate. You are welcome to bring gifts, money, or gift cards to support the family. Gift registry: www.DreamList.com/for/amandaandclarksbabygirl

Bread for the World has a weekly Lenten devotion that will lead us towards our letter writing campaign after Easter. Find the full devotion at <https://www.bread.org/article/come-to-the-table-lenten-devotional/>

Attention Thrivent members who may have available "thrivent choice" from 2024!

March 31st is the deadline to designate 2024 thrivent choice dollars to a church or charity of your choosing. You can designate by contacting Susan Hernandez locally at 915-565-1010, online at thrivent.com (generosity tab, thrivent choice), or by phone during business hours at 1-800-847-4836 (say "thrivent choice" to get to a person to help you).

 **Green Team Tip**  Use the other, unprinted, side of greeting cards, printouts, begging letters, envelopes for your shopping/to-do lists. Unsightly pile of paper? Find an attractive container to hide it. And recycle after second use..

Thanks to the congregation for approving the Solar Initiative! We are **97.17%** toward our goal with **\$22,125** pledged for solar panels. If you haven't yet made a pledge to support environmental stewardship, you can fill out a pledge card and put it in the box in the narthex or the offering plate.

EASTER FLOWERS: Help us decorate with your spring flowering plants. Bring your best potted plant or bouquet to share for Easter Sunday. We want to spread a variety of colors and shapes in the sanctuary as we celebrate Easter. Bring your plants by Good Friday; you should take them home again on Easter Sunday.

Easter Brunch Potluck after Worship in the fellowship hall. There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex; please come to the potluck and bring a favorite dish to share.

Inclusive Evangelicals Book Study: Sundays thru May 25 (excluding Palm Sunday and Easter). 10:30, Room 107. Reading: *The Kingdom, The Power, The Glory* by Tim Albert.