PALM SUNDAY In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin April 13, 2025





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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



We gather outside.

*ACCLAMATION

- P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- C: Hosanna in the highest!

*BLESSING OF PALMS

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,

so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ.

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God. now and forever.

C: Amen.

*PROCESSION

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344







- 1 You are the king of Is rael and Da vid's roy al Son,
- 2 The com pa ny of an gels are prais ing you on high;
- 3 The mul ti tude of pil grims with palms be fore you went;
- 4 To you, be fore your pas sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais es you ac cept ed; ac cept the prayers we bring,



*CONCLUSION OF PROCESSION

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

JESUS NEEDS OUR HELP -- PALM SUNDAY

While we know that Jesus must eat and drink and sleep, Jesus only expresses something he needs once: an animal to ride into Jerusalem. Here we consider how Jesus invites us to participate in the work of God.

*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,

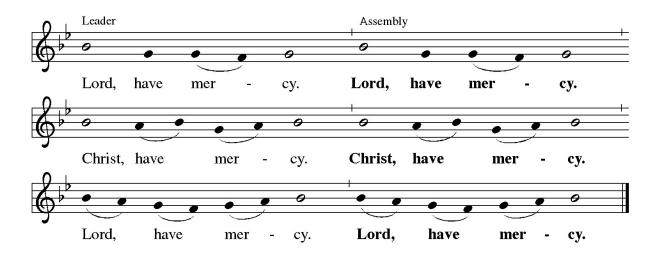
and you are entirely loved.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GREETING

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

*KYRIE **ELW 156**



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Holy Jesus, you sent your disciples to ask for a colt with no reason other than that you needed it. Increase in us the willingness to go where you send us, even when we don't understand the needs you call us to answer or the value of what we can offer.
- C: Amen.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Morning by morning he wakens wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GoD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious. I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard:

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord Gop helps me: therefore I have not been disgraced: therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me quilty?

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

⁴ The Lord Gop has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

8 he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL Luke 19: 28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

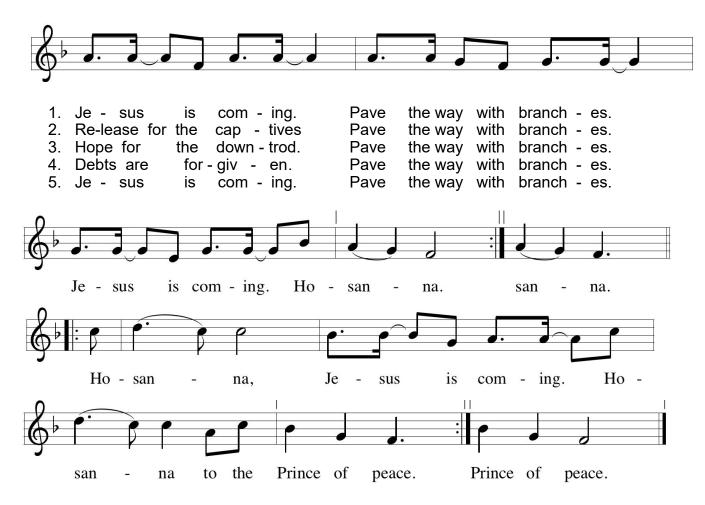
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

Silence for Reflection



*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:

Mason S. Brown, Arthur Lange, Torun Engstrom, Jason Allen, Ed Stori, Brainerd Tallyn

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.



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 ANTHEM

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

--Evelyn R. Larter

*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.

*EUCHARISTIC 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:



*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.

- P: 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

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.

you.

*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. 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.

Padre nuestro que estás enel 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.

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



COMMUNION MUSIC Chorale and Variation, *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*--Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

*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.

\$ -----\$ ENDING -----\$

*THE BENEDICTION

P: Now may God,

who makes a way in the wilderness, who walks the path to the cross, who passes into our very hearts, 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

*SENDING HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

ELW 343

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
 Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

- We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.
- In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

*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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ANNOUNCEMENTS - April 13

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.

Join us for a BABY SHOWER TODAY in honor of Amanda & Clark's baby girl arriving soon, After worship today, 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

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 yours by Good Friday and take them home on Easter Sunday

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Thursday, April 17 - 6:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service

Holy Communion, Foot/Hand Washing & Stripping the Altar

You are invited to come and participate as fully as you feel comfortable.

We will have stations available for foot or hand washing; although you can do both!

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday Hike & Self-guided Prayer Service

- 7:00 AM Mt Cristo Rey Hike

Meet at Peace to carpool. See below for more details.

- 9:00-1:00 Self-Guided Prayer Stations in the sanctuary

Come and go on your own for a self-guided prayer service

- Anytime: prayer booklets available to take home to use on your own

Saturday, April 19 - 5:00 PM - Saturday Vigil Service

Fire Pit, Candle Procession, Word & Sacrament Service

An ecumenical service with our Episcopalian neighbors here at Peace.

Stay after for fellowship and s'mores around the fire pit.

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday Worship & Potluck

Sign up to bring something or to help on the sheets in the narthex.

Mt. Cristo Rey, which is located at 1 Cristo Rey Rd in Sunland Park, New Mexico, is open to the public on Good Friday. It is a 4.4 mile hike and takes about 2 and ½ hours. The elevation gain is 820 feet. The trail is marked by the Stations of the Cross. Carpooling sign up sheet is in the narthex for both drivers and passengers. We will meet in the parking lot of Peace Lutheran at 7:00 am on Friday, April 18 Bring water, sunscreen, hat, snacks, and good walking shoes.

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/

Green Team Tip Halfway across the supermarket parking lot you remember your shopping bags (in the back seat). You can a) retrace your steps, b) give up and buy another paper bag to add to your collection, or c) keep your shopping bags in the front seat of the car from now on.

Thanks to the congregation for approving the Solar Initiative! We have reached our goal with \$22,875 pledged for solar panels If possible, please fulfill your pledge by May 1st by placing a check in the offering plate with "Solar Initiative" in the memo. Cash in a similarly marked envelope is also acceptable.

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.

Ana's Place After School Program is in need of a few more volunteers! Regular positions needed are for kitchen and hallway monitors, as well as an outdoor supervisor. Additionally, we are in need of a few "on call" volunteers, who would not need to be there every Thursday/Friday but could come if a regular volunteer can't make it one afternoon. If you're interested, please email Susanna Odegaard at anasplacelc@gmail.com.

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 - PALM SUNDAY

Assisting Minister: Ron Odegaard Lector: Geri Ayers Deb Pendleton Communion Server: Diane Powell

Ushers: _____, _____

Technology: Bob Treulich, Lisa Bates,

Kathie Rich

Altar Care: Susan Yarne

Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

Worship Assistants - EASTER

Assisting Minister: Lynette Schurdevin

Lector: Deb Sweem

Greeter:
Communion Server:

Ushers: _____, _____

Technology (3): Lisa Bates, Betty Lindsey,

Clare Scheffer

Altar Care: Susan Yarne

Bulletins: Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton

SCHEDULE - April 13-20

Sun., Apr. 13 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. Baby Shower For Amanda & Clark

5:00 p.m. Yeshua's Place

Wed., Apr. 16 1:00 p.m. AARP Meeting

5:00 p.m. Choir

Thurs.. Apr. 17 7:00 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry

4:00 p.m. Bells 5:00 p.m. Choir

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship

Fri.. Apr. 18 7:00 a.m. Hike Mt. Cristo Rey

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Sat.. Apr. 19 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service

Sun., Apr. 20 9:00 a.m. EASTER Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. Easter Brunch

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

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