

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
April 27, 2025



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

***Cantigas de Santa Maria 72*
- Quem diz mal da Reynna Espirital
CSM 100 - Santa Maria, Strela do dia
--Alfonso X, c. 13th century, Galicia**

**Members of Fellowship of Melody,
Andrea Aguirre: recorders and drum
Angie Montalvo: recorders
Benjamin Newland: citole and gittern
Jieun Newland: organetto
Ricky Vilardel: bagpipes, recorders, tabor pipes, and drum**

CALL TO WORSHIP

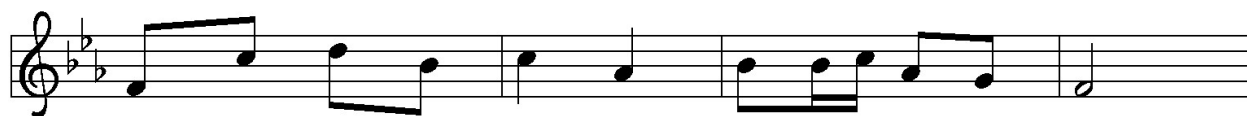
**P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING REFLECTION**

Will We Be Quiet?

by Pastor Rick Green



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

*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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Jesus, you have called us to
 courageously bridge the gap
 between our knowledge of injustice
 and our actions to overcome it.

Open our hearts to this challenge!
 Help us to not only advocate
 in solidarity with those facing injustice,
 but to equip ourselves with the tools
 to be builders of God's kingdom of justice.

Empower us with your Spirit,
 O God, that we may help build
 a society that liberates the poor,
 welcomes all migrants,
 and cares for the earth.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 5: 27-32

27 When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

PSALM

PSALM 118: 14-29

read responsively

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works of the LORD.
¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."
²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**
and you have become my salvation.
²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ **By the LORD has this been done;**
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us!**
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!
²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light.**
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.
²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;**
God's mercy endures forever.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1: 4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

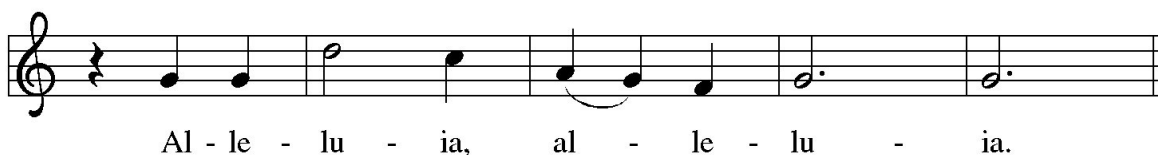
8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL

Mark 8: 27-38

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is Living

ACS 934



¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!
 1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.
 2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.
 3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.
 Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.
 Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."
 Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.
 Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?
 Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.
 For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.
 Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.
 Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!
 Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

***NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Saints of Peace:

**Evelyn Angell, Evelyn Henke, Enula Meinen, Margaret Miller, Henry Heuer,
Mendell Beattie, Marzella Gay, Ron Eiserling**

**P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always
with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.**

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 & ADVOCACY TESTIMONY

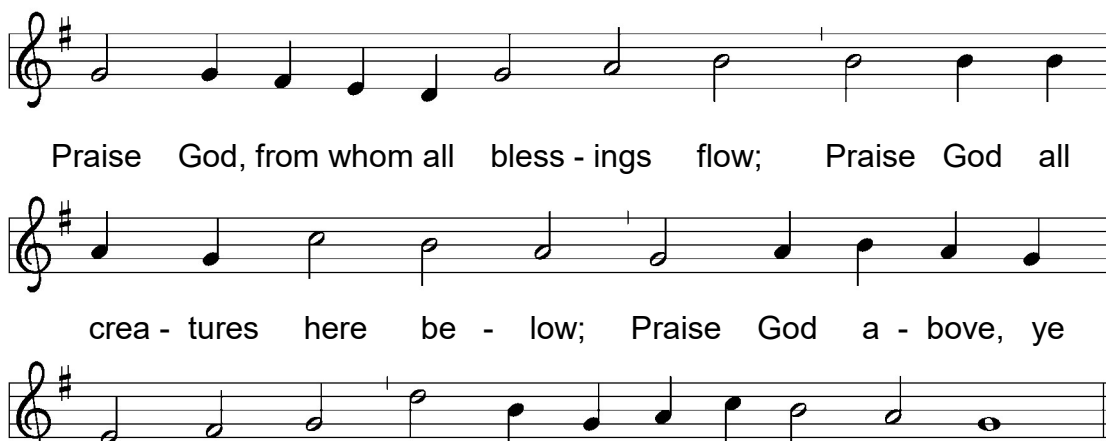
Mary Green

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

Doxology

(Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye
hea - v'nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Risen One,
C: **you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.**
**Come among us again, breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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 our thanks and praise!**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW 192

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

*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 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.
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.

*LAMB OF GOD

ELW setting 9, p. 201

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

CSM 104- *Nunca ja pod' aa Virgen*
CSM 159- *Non sofre Santa Maria*

*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A: Living One,
C: **in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.**

ADVOCACY PRESENTATION

Lynette Schurdevin

⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

*THE BENEDICTION

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
C: **Amen**

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1 Christ is a - ris - en from the grave's dark pris - on. So let our joy rise
full and free; Christ our com-fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, then death were still our
pris - on. Now, with him to life re - stored, we praise
the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

*DISMISSAL

- A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

CSM 1- *Des oge mais quer' eu trobar*
CSM 302- *A madre de Jesucristo/ que é Sennor de nobrezas*

All are welcome to gather in the Fellowship Hall for our coffee and conversation.
We will also be writing letters for Bread for the World.

SCHEDULE - April 27 - May 4

Sun., Apr. 27	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:30 a.m.	Bread for the World Letter Writing
	10:30 a.m.	Inclusive Evangelical Group
Wed., Apr.30	5:00 p.m.	Choir
Thurs.. May 1	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
	4:00 p.m.	Bells
Fri.. May 2	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
Sat., May 3	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Really, Really Free Market
	1:00 - 4: 00 p.m.	Singing Out Reception
Sun., May 4	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:15.a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	Inclusive Evangelical Group

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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

Worship Assistants - TODAY

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Diana Diemer
<i>Lector:</i>	Ron Odegaard
<i>Greeter:</i>	Dan & Diana Diemer
<i>Communion Server:</i>	Ron Odegaard
<i>Ushers:</i>	Sandy Johnson, _____

<i>Technology:</i>	_____, _____ Bob Treulich, Karen Harvey, Kathie Rich
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Altar Care:	Cindy Peterson
Bulletins:	Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

Worship Assistants - May 4

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Ron Odegaard
<i>Lector:</i>	_____
<i>Greeter:</i>	_____
<i>Communion Server:</i>	_____
<i>Ushers:</i>	_____, _____

<i>Technology (3):</i>	_____, _____ Lisa Bates, Betty Lindsey, Mary Luckie
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Altar Care:	Cindy Peterson
Bulletins:	Deb Sarabia, Barb Patton

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 - April 27

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. You are welcome to use the Prayer Request Cards in the pew for next week's prayers,

Flowers in the sanctuary are graciously given by David and Barbara Baron in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary,

There are 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!

This Sunday, April 27 – ADVOCACY SUNDAY at Peace

This year Bread for the World will be celebrating 50 years of advocating for legislation that will provide funding to support and protect nutrition programs for children. This ties into this year's theme: *Nourish our Future*. We will participate in offering letters to our members of Congress regarding legislation to support nutrition programs for women and children following worship. We are pleased to have Kurt Rager, the director of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico, joining us for worship and preaching. **There is also a special presentation for a Lifetime of Advocacy Award to one of our own Peace members.**

REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET – Saturday MAY 3

Everyone is welcome to donate and/or shop at the Really, Really Free Market.

SAVE THE DATE – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 4

After worship, we will elect new Church Council and standing committee members and hear several updates about the congregation. Plan to join us!

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE: APPLY by July 15

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

The Mason S Brown Scholarship has been made available through the generosity of Mike and Jennifer Brown more than 19 years ago after the death of their infant daughter, Mason. Peace Lutheran hopes to award the Mason S. Brown Scholarship to a graduating high school senior or person who is attending a college, university, community college, or vocational-technical school on a full-time or part-time basis, and who is an active member/participant in good standing at Peace Lutheran Church. Application forms are available in the office and must be submitted by July 15.

If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please place your donation in the offering plate or send it to the church office. We can continue to help students through your generosity.



Green Team Tip

Use gift bags instead of wrapping paper--whoever gets them will reuse them, especially Aunt Tillie!

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 Odegard at anasplacelc@gmail.com.

Thank you 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 (10:30 a.m., Room 107).
Reading: *The Kingdom, The Power, The Glory* by Tim Albert.

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.