

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
April 6, 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

Worship Assistants - TODAY

Assisting Minister: Kathie Rich
Lector: Jeanne Brown
Greeter:
Communion Server: Susan Yarne
Ushers: Marv & Penny Smith

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

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

Worship Assistants - APRIL 13

Assisting Minister: Ron Odegaard
Lector: Geri Ayers
Greeter: Deb Pendleton
Communion Server: Diane Powell
Ushers: Donna & Glenn Kuehn

Technology: Bob Treulich, Lisa Bates,
Kathie Rich

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



PRELUDE

Choral Prelude on 'Abridge'

--C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT -- THE NEED FOR BEAUTY

We all need consumable resources like food, clothing, and shelter, but beauty feeds the human spirit. Every culture develops elaborate expressions of beauty, and humans experience beauty across our senses. The scriptures point to the central importance of beauty in our devotion to God, too. God gives us the means to experience and produce beautiful things, and we, in turn, use beauty when we worship.

*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.



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son, for - gives all
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

*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

Leader	Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy.	Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.	Lord, have mer - cy.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Beautiful Savior, your extravagant grace waters our parched souls like rivers in the wilderness. Lead us by Mary's example to turn and offer your grace to beautify and dignify the poor, the ignored, and the oppressed.
- C: **Amen.**



FIRST READING

Isaiah 43: 16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for
myself
so that they might declare my praise.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3: 4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

P: The Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter

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

*GOSPEL

John 12: 1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume

not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Spirit All-Embracing

ACS 944



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

*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:

Pat McCoy, Robert Mummaw, Lois McClellan, Elizabeth Benson, Irene Ubaldo

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 ANTHEM

Be Not be Afraid

--Taylor Davis

*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 wheat.

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

Meditation on 'Love Unknown'

--Francis Jackson (b.1917)

***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**

P: Now may God,
who brings the wilderness into blossom,
who basks in the fragrance of extravagant love,
who blesses those in mourning with a promise of joy,
bless you and sustain you.

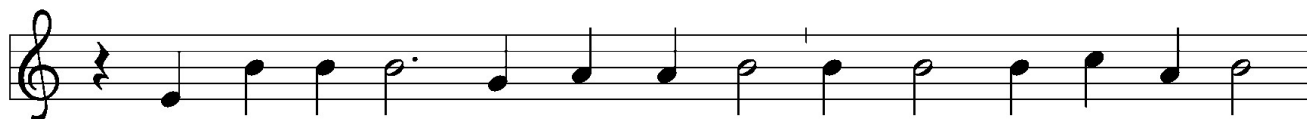
Today God has answered your need,
and now the Spirit sends you out
to answer the world's need.

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

C: **Amen**



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

*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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 **Green Team Tip**  Turn your hot water heater down to 120. If you still have a tank, you are keeping the water hot needlessly (up to a third of the household energy goes to heating water}. In any case there is the danger of scalding unwary house guests or small children if it is turned too high.

Thank you to the congregation for approving the Solar Initiative! We are **95.85%** toward our goal with **\$21,825** 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 yours by Good Friday and take them home on Easter Sunday

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.

SCHEDULE - April 6-13

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
Tues., Apr. 8	10:30 a.m.	Lenten Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Peace Council
Wed., Apr. 9	5:00 p.m.	Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Lent Evening Prayer
Thurs., Apr. 10	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
	4:00 p.m.	Bells
Fri., Apr. 11	4:00 p.m.	Ana's Place Afterschool Program
Sat., Apr. 12	10:00 a.m.	Really, Really Free Market
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

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 - April 6

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!

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.

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/>

Weekly Lenten Study from ELCA Sumud: "For Justice in Palestine & Israel." Join Pastor Hannah on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in Lent for a special time of study and prayer.

Final Midweek Lent Soup Supper & Evening Prayer, this Wednesday. 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 out. The Groups are designated so set up and clean up are organized.

FINAL LENTEN EVENING PRAYER THIS WEDNESDAY - After soup 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 is 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! Next 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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship with a Palm Processional. *We'll gather outside (weather permitting.)*

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.