# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin May 18, 2025



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## 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

Prélude from Unaccompanied Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major -- J.S. Bach Hyerim Mapp, cello

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness. and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one. C:

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

#### I Come with Joy

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#### \*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: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

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FIRST READING Acts 11: 1-18

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 read responsively

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
- <sup>6</sup> who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.
- <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars:

<sup>10</sup> wild beasts and all cattle,

creeping things and flying birds:

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

young men and maidens, old and young together.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

#### SECOND READING

#### Revelation 21: 1-6

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples.

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more:

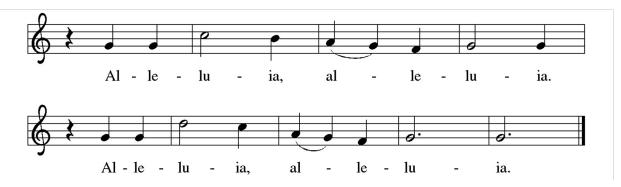
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

- <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."
  - The Word of the Lord. L:
  - C: Thanks be to God.

#### FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- P: The Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### \*GOSPEL

#### John 13: 31-35

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

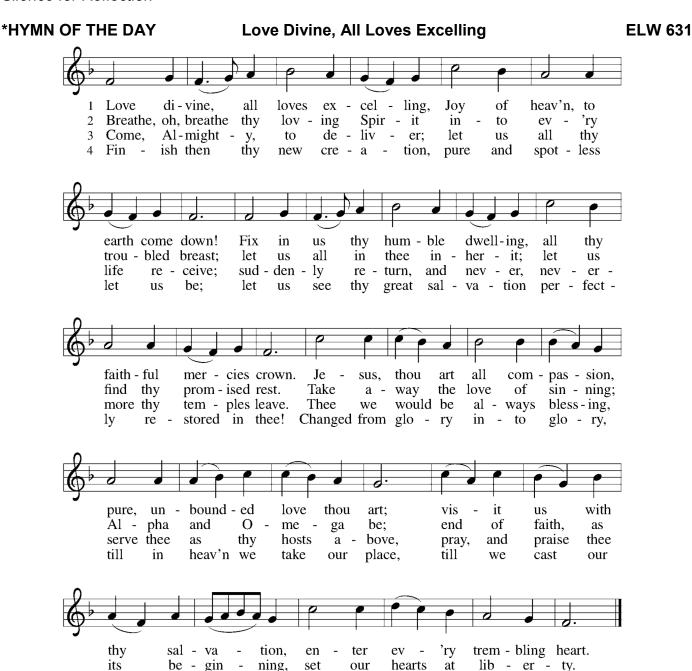
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#### \*NICENE CREED

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:

Clara Hoffer, Lenora Lee Blair, Nett Clint Welch

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.

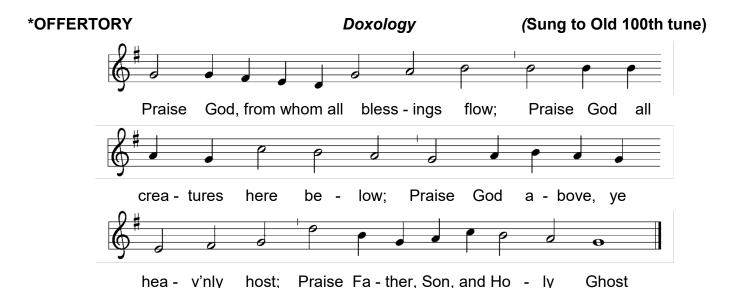


#### **OFFERING ANTHEM**

## The Sacrifice of Praise Hyerim Mapp, cello

-- Taylor Davis

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 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.

#### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

**P:** Lift up your hearts!

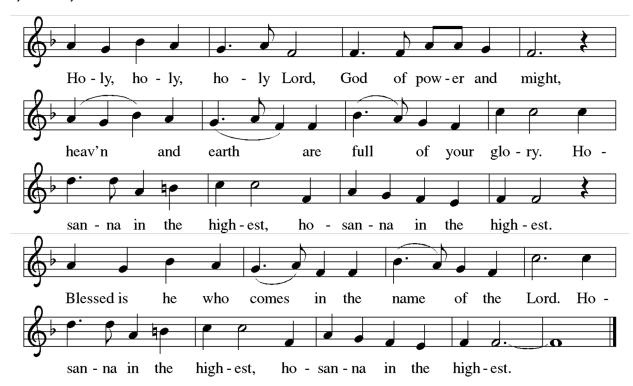
C: We lift them to the Lord!

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

P: It is indeed right...

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:



#### \*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 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.

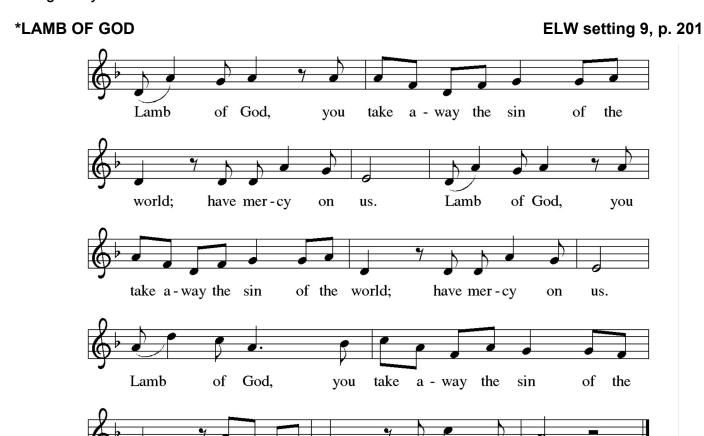
Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder, y tuya la Gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén.

#### 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.



#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

The Swans Hyerim Mapp, cello

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-- Camille Saint-Saëns

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#### \*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

world;

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

peace,

#### \*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,

grant us

Sing of your glory,

And proclaim your risen life

To a wounded and weary world.

10 Amen.

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

#### \*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.

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C: Amen

#### \*SENDING HYMN **ELW 377** Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen! Al - le lu ia! Je - sus is ris en! Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen ter 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch es; 4 Weep-ing, be gone; be lent: sor - row, si God, Eas - ter 5 Cit - y of for ev er, Trum - pets re sound - ing light! in glo - ri ous tell - ing the sto - ry o - pen our eyes; to in the Spir - it fruit tree; life the of the sun - der, Eas - ter bright. death put a and is ru - sa -Je - sus Lamb, gold - en Je lem, the heav - en giv - ing Splen-dor, the Lamb. for er! break - ing our bread, us glo ry: heav - en earth, Christ to the peo ple, to Cher - u sing: O grave, be bim pen! $\mathbf{o}$ riv - er life, saints and arch of an gels, Oh, what a mir - a cle God has sight! bless - ing, Je sus our our con - stant sur prise. fu - ture gift of the now flow - ing me. to won - der, Clothe us in dorn light. a us in with cre a - tion to God the AM! Refrain Je - sus ris - en shall is and rise. we

#### \*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** 

Salut d'amour Hyerim Mapp, cello

--Edward Elgar

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

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS - May 18**

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 have been generously donated by Marie & Marty Avelsgaard celebrating 57 years of marriage.

**Join us after worship today to hear an update from Border Servant Corps** Executive Director Kari and BSC Staff. Grab your coffee and head to the Bethlehem Room shortly after worship ends. BSC began as a ministry of Peace in 1997, and we look forward to continued collaboration in these changing times.

We Are Hiring! If you know someone who would be a good fit for our Music Minister and/or Choir Director roles, please put them in touch with Pastor Hannah. Both are part-time positions and can be combined into one position. The hiring page on our website will have the most up-to-date information: <a href="https://peacelutheranlc.com/join-our-team">https://peacelutheranlc.com/join-our-team</a>. You can also speak with a member of our Hiring Committee: Ryan Cull, Dan Diemer, Diane Powell, Kathie Rich, and Pr Hannah.

Pastor Hannah, Deacon Anna, Bob Treulich and Susan Yarne will be attending this year's Synod Assembly this week, May 22-24, on behalf of Peace. Lynette Schurdevin will also be in attendance as a Synod Council Member. The event will take place at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque with the theme Dios Está Aquí - God Is Here!

Additionally, the two days before the Assembly, Deacon Anna and Pastor Hannah will also participate in an **Immigration Summit**, of which Pr Hannah is also a part of the planning committee. Please hold them all in prayer as they participate in the life of our larger church in this way.

We will be bidding Jieun farewell and Godspeed on June 15. We have been blessed with her incredible musical talents and charming presence for five years. She and her husband, Ben, will be continuing their ministries in Kentucky, where they will serve together at the same church, something they have been hoping for. We will have an enhanced coffee hour after service on that day. Yes, of course we will have cake! If you would like to bring a treat (we are thinking salads) or contribute to a gift expressing our gratitude, please contact Kathie Rich, Karen Harvey, Diana Diemer or Sandy Johnson (office).

Worship commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of Laudato Sí at the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, May 28, at the Holy Cross Retreat Center. The encyclical focuses on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions of the relationship between God, humans, and the Earth.

SAVE THE DATE: Deacon Anna Installation Service, Sun., June 29, @4:00 p.m.

Meal Train for Clark & Amanda as they welcomed Lyra Alves-Goodluck on May 14. They would appreciate meals twice a week. Details on the website <a href="https://mealtrain.com/n4w3zo">https://mealtrain.com/n4w3zo</a>

Green Team Tip

Buy and eat "ugly" produce with Misfits Market or Imperfect

Foods. Some items, like scuffed apples or scarred avocados, are often rejected by supermarkets because they don't live up to strict beauty standards. Subscribe MisfitsMarket.com or ImperfectFoods.com to save that food from going to waste.

Join **VeloCruces** on the <u>Ride of Silence</u> on **Wed, May 21**, at **6:15 p.m.** at the **Mesilla Plaza** to honor former Mayor Roman Aranda III and others who have been killed or injured while riding their bicycles. It will be 8-10 miles long, no faster than 12 mph, but some may do a silent 1-mile walk as well.

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 <a href="mailto:anasplacelc@gmail.com">anasplacelc@gmail.com</a>.

**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.

<b>SCHEDULE</b>	E - May	<b>v</b> 18-25
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**Sunday Worship** Sun., May 18 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. **Border Servant Corps Update** 10:30 a.m. Inclusive Evangelical Book Study

Wed., May 21 2:00 p.m. AARP meeting

Thurs-Sat SYNOD ASSEMBLY in Albuquerque

Thurs.. May 22 Ana's Place Afterschool Program 4:00 p.m.

> 4:00 p.m. Bells

Ana's Place Afterschool Program Fri.. May 23 4:00 p.m.

Sun., May 25 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.

> Inclusive Evangelical Book Study 10:30 a.m.

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**

Assisting Minister. Jeanne Brown Lector. Geri Ayers

Greeter.

Communion Server: Sue Ann Collins

Ushers:

Bob Treulich, Lisa Bates, Technology:

Betty Lindsey

Altar Care: Hilkka Byrd

**Bulletins:** Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

#### **Worship Assistants - May 25**

Assisting Minister: Kathie Rich

Lector:

Greeters:

Communion Server: Sue Ann Collins

Ushers:

Sandy Johnson, Mary Luckie, Technology (3):

Clare Scheffer

Altar Care: Judy Tofte

**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