

PRINTS OF PEACE

MAY 2025

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP & SPECIAL EVENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS



SUNDAYS

In-Building and Online Worship (9 a.m.)
Coffee Hour (10:15 a.m.)
Inclusive Evangelicals Group (10:30 a.m.)

WEDNESDAYS

Choir (5:00 p.m.) May 7, 14

THURSDAYS

Bells (4:00 p.m.)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS

Ana's Place Afterschool Program (4:00 p.m.)
(unless cancelled for school vacation days)

Sat., May 3

Really, Really Free Market (10:00-2:00)
Singing Out Reception (1:00-4:00)

Sun., May 4

Congregational Meeting with Elections (10 a.m.)

Tues., May 13

Council (6:30 p.m.)

Thurs., May 15

Mobile Food Pantry (7 a.m.)
Women in Motion (11:30 a.m.)

Sat., May 17

Clean-up Day at Peace (8:30 a.m.)

Wed., May 21

AARP (2:00 p.m.)

May 21-24

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly &
Immigration Summit in Albuquerque

Wed., May 28

Laudato Si' Mass
at the Holy Cross Retreat Center (6:30 p.m.)

May 4

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 11

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 18

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 25

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10,
21:22 - 22:5
John 14:23-29
John 5:1-9 (alternate)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING May 4 after worship

***Election of Committee and
Council Members**

Updates from Standing Committees

PLC STAFF

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Pastor's Message

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

After a very long Lent, it almost feels like a relief to air our “Alleluias!” again. There definitely is something meaningful about the discipline that we practice in Lent, drawing near to God-with-us as we walk with Jesus toward the cross through extra prayer and fasting, remembering our mortality, serving one another in our full humanity. And, there is meaning in the freedom that Easter offers—reminding us that God’s grace abounds and new life wins the day. Alleluia!

As I shared in my Easter sermon, we still find Jesus on the cross—in cages, on the street, in other places of oppression and violence that still exist today. AND, we find Jesus in moments of resurrection that constantly surround us as well.

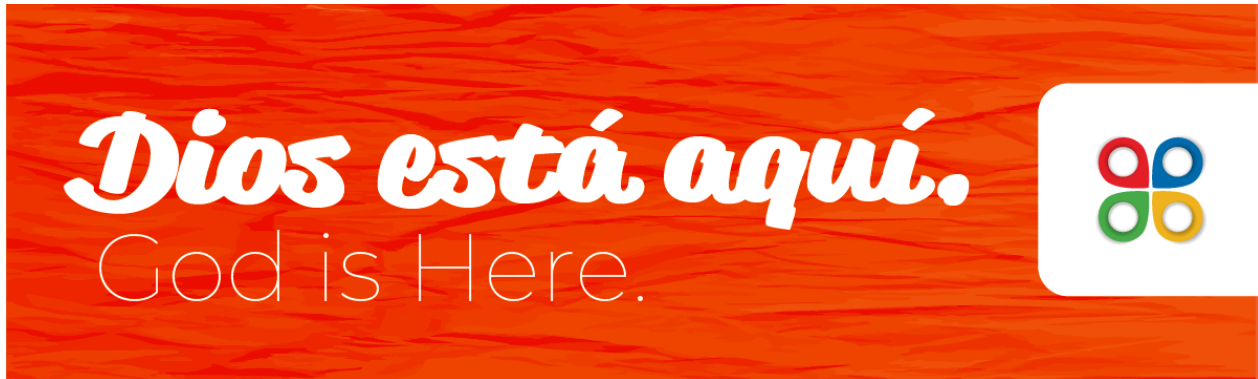
I find Jesus in gratitude. Giving thanks is one way to resist powers of sin, death, and evil—making space for gratitude helps us lean into the resurrection joy revealed in the Easter promise. And gratitude reminds us just how connected to one another we are.

And so, especially after this season, I am grateful...

... for colleagues who brave sun and wind together and joined me to remind people of their mortality
... for Deacon Anna and her thoughtful ways of setting up Wednesday night prayer stations and her already-steady leadership
... for willing lectors who passionately read scripture (some even very last-minute when I ask them as they walk in on a Wednesday evening)
... for Sandy who makes sure all is prepared for and greets church visitors with kindness in the midst of it all
... for delicious soup and warm bread!
... for smores, mints, and egg bake
... for a comfortable nursery and hospitable community for all ages
... for hardworking custodians and volunteers who care for our church property
... for Jieun and all our musicians and the amazing special music they offered this season
... for all the warm greetings and offers of food to our unhoused neighbors who popped in
... for all the food passed out on the morning of Maundy Thursday during our monthly mobile food pantry and the dedicated volunteers
... for brave teenagers who help younger friends asperge the congregation
... for Barn Geese Worship group and their meaningful Lenten resource guides and devotional booklet
... for genuine prayer requests and vulnerability and joy at the prayer stations
... for Susan Yarne and our altar care team for setting up the Table for us so many times
... for the promise of new life especially for Tanya and Mary who know that promise fully as they have joined God’s eternal communion of saints in Light
... for each and all of you who showed up this season—whether giving your time and talents to make something happen here in the church, or just showing up for worship or soup supper or other opportunities.

Thank you! Through your kindness, I am reminded that Christ is risen indeed.

Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly - May 22-24, 2025



Pastor Hannah, Deacon Anna, Bob Treulich and Susan Yarne will be attending this year's RMS Assembly 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!*

At this year's Assembly, we will experience Worship and Bible Study; Holy Stories from around the Synod; Interactive workshops on new ministry models, transitions, synod budget, multicultural ministries, and more; Special Guests & Plenaries (large group gatherings); and ABQ Adventure Opportunities. We will also vote on the business of the synod such as finances and electing a new Synod Vice-President and other committee members. We look forward to spending time with our siblings from all over the Rocky Mountain Synod (Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and El Paso) and with our new Bishop.

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. This summit is an optional pre-assembly conference with the goal to deepen our understanding of the immigration challenges as well as strategize how to faithfully accompany our immigrant siblings. Using the framework of *accompaniment*, we will learn from each other, share our knowledge, plan how to engage in this important issue and network across the synod for the flourishing and dignity of our immigrant siblings. Author and priest Cristina Rathbone will be our plenary speaker and we will hear from folks around the synod working on the border, in advocacy, and working directly with migrants.

Worship

Council Representative: Ginny Acosta

COMMUNAL WORSHIP - MAY 2025

Here we are in May, full of exciting activities such as high school and college graduations and upcoming vacations. It is a notable month too in the life of the church. I will refer you to our Christ in Our Home devotional booklet. May 1st is a day to remember the Apostles Philip and James as both of their relics were reportedly interred in the new Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome on that date in 560 A.D.

May 4th is noted for Monica, the mother of Augustine who will later become a saint in the Catholic Church. May 4th is a date for her feast as she was instrumental in his conversion on May 5th. Legend cites she cried each night for her son and prayed for him daily. His conversion to Christianity saw him become an important bishop, theologian and philosopher whose writings shaped Christian theology and doctrine, especially his writings on grace. Martin Luther saw Augustine as an important figure in his understanding of salvation and grace.

May 14th we commemorate the Apostle Matthias. He was the only Apostle not chosen by Jesus as he replaced Judas among the remaining eleven Apostles.

Another date of important is noted as May 31st, the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, her relative. We find the young, pregnant Virgin Mary making a journey to the hill country to visit the pregnant Elizabeth who had been barren for years. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognizes Mary as now being the mother of her Lord. One can only imagine the happiness these two women shared in such important times of their lives.

May is also a time for elections for church council and there will be a congregational meeting for that so please attend if possible.

For all those who have volunteered to help in various capacities of our worship experience, thank you! For those volunteers who helped make Holy Week and the Easter celebration so special, your efforts are very appreciated by many; thank you! We all are blessed to enjoy the beautiful music experiences from our talented Music Minister Jieun Newland.

My thanks too to those of you who made a point to speak with me such kind, encouraging words about my newsletter articles.

We remain in the Easter season of the life of the church through June 8, 2025 as we continue to love and serve Our Risen Lord and Redeemer.



Neighborhood Outreach

Council Representative.: Monica Hillmer

Really, Really Free Market

Las Cruces, see you Saturday, May 3rd, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, 1701 Missouri Ave.

What to expect: Really, Really Free Market, give what you can, take what you need

- Free bike repairs all day! Tell a friend.
- Bring gently used items, services, or skills to share and take whatever you need!
- Browse all kinds of stuff, from clothes and books to toys and household goods.
If you are looking for something that we don't have, let us know and we will keep an eye out!
- Grab a mug of hot coffee and meet others in our community; forming bonds is more important than ever.

Guidelines:

1. Everything is Free - no money, bartering, or trading. Just take what you need!
2. Bring What You Can - If you have extra stuff laying around or bags of clothes in your trunk you've been meaning to donate, bring them to the Really, Really Free Market!
3. Be Kind - Treat all items and participants with respect and gratitude. Conflicts with community members over items will be solved with rock, paper, scissors

Service

Council Representative: Amanda Goodluck

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY of the release of Laudato Si'

Laudato Si', is a 184-page letter (encyclical) written by Pope Francis that was published in May of 2015. It focuses on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions of the relationship between God, humans, and the Earth.



Francis says that instead of viewing humanity as having "dominion" over the earth, we must see that everything is interconnected and that all of creation is a "kind of universal family." Nature cannot be seen as something apart from humanity, or merely the place where we live. He says that our social and environmental crises are thus one complex crisis that must be solved holistically.

Laudato Si' had a profound impact within and outside the Catholic Church, but eight years later in 2023, Pope Francis published Laudate Deum. In the 73 paragraphs of Laudate Deum, Francis calls for speedier action against the climate crisis and condemns climate change denial. Laudate Deum serves as proof that Francis feels his message has not been heard. "Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter Laudato Si', when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point."

Locally, the Laudato Si' steering committee met on Saturday, April 12, at Holy Cross Retreat Center. The committee agreed to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si' at the 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday, May 28, at the Holy Cross Retreat Center, 600 Holy Cross Road, Mesilla Park. Also, the Laudato Si' committee will also have a table at the Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts Labor Day weekend, August 30-31, at the Holy Cross Retreat Center and the committee will talk about and hand out a card with the seven goals of Laudato Si'.

Administration

Council Representative: Lisa Bates

SAVE THE DATE – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – SUNDAY MAY 4TH

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

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES - APRIL

The Church Council met on April 8th. The Council again welcomed Deacon Anna and spent some time introducing themselves and sharing why they said yes to serving on Council. We heard updates about the interviews the Vision Team is doing and how this summer the team will identify themes of what they are hearing from the neighborhood and the congregation. We discussed plans for hiring a new Music Minister following Jieun's resignation. We heard an update about the solar panel installation process and a few roadblocks including having two different, old electric systems. We discussed May 4th's congregational meeting agenda. We discussed how to support Border Servant Corps and Lutheran Family Services' request to use the church building for a summer youth program. We also approved two Towel Awards which will be awarded in worship in the coming months.

Maintenance & Stewardship

Council Representative: Ross Staffeldt

FINANCIAL REPORT



PEACE CLEAN-UP DAY - SATURDAY, MAY 17

It's time for a spring clean-up at Peace. There are many projects to keep all hands busy. You can help in whichever area you are drawn to -- from polishing the pews to scrubbing the garbage cans to cleaning windows to vacuuming air vents, to cleaning kitchen cupboards. . . .

We'll start at 8:30 a.m. There will be coffee and something to nibble on (donuts?).



Fellowship

Council Representative: Karen Harvey

WIM - WOMEN IN MOTION

WIM (Women In Motion) is a casual group of women from Peace and their guests that meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. We enjoy a meal and conversation. Everyone is welcome!

Our WIM (Women In Motion) May gathering for a potluck lunch will be on Thursday, May 15, at 11:30 a.m. at Peace. All women are welcome to come, even if you don't have time to make a dish to share! We always have enough food. We will celebrate the May birthday ladies with cards and a lovely rendition of the birthday song. We take a collection for our end of the year project - this year, we are working towards sending a complete farm to someone through ELCA Good Gifts.

To receive the WIM emails if you aren't already on our list or for more information, please contact Karen Harvey @ khpollype@gmail.com , 435.720.2520 or the Peace church office.

BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Heather Pendleton
 5/3 Diana Ayres
 5/7 Eileen Monahan
 5/10 Christina Little
 5/11 Tyler Stockberger
 5/13 Joseph Baumgarn
 5/22 Mark Pendleton
 5/23 Gene Quandt
 5/23 Tareesa Smith
 5/23 Brook Stockberger
 5/25 Don Lindsey
 5/25 Hue McCoy
 5/25 Susan Mitchell
 5/25 Luis Ortiz
 5/26 William Makepeace
 5/27 Kaitlyn Coyle
 5/27 Phillip Lingle
 5/31 Ernie Apodaca



ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 Jeanne & Marieka Brown
 5/26 Kathie & Dennis Rich
 5/27 Karen & Gene Quandt
 5/28 Diane & Ron Odegard

Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect or you have updated contact information.



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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 AM

Office Hours

M-T-W-F 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Thursdays 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

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