

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023

As We Gather Death stinks. We are reminded that death literally stinks in today’s Gospel when Martha objects to opening her brother Lazarus’s tomb because there would be an odor. Death also “stinks,” however, in another very real way. Death “stinks” because our Lord did not intend for us, His creation, to die. Yet, since the time of Adam and Eve’s first sin, death is a rotten part of living in this fallen world. That is why Jesus’ proclamation of Himself as “the resurrection and the life” is so important. Death could not hold Lazarus. Death could not hold Jesus. Death cannot hold you. On the Last Day, Jesus will call you out from the nasty grave to enter eternal life. We sing of that great release from our tomb saying,

Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence. *LSB 490:1*

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

A special welcome to those with young children. If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.

Lent & Easter Schedule

Soup Suppers (6:00 pm) ~

Lenten Services (7:00 pm)

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 - Pastor Mike Schultze

Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Contemporary Praise Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 6

7:00 pm

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 7

12:00 noon Service of Reflection and Remembrance

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness

**The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday, April 9**



9:00am Traditional Service (Communion)

10:30-11:30 Brunch/Egg Hunt

11:00am Contemporary Service (Communion)

HERE COMES EASTER! Plastic Easter eggs and Easter candy (individually wrapped) donations are now being accepted for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. You can put donations in the kitchen (with a tag designating Easter use). Old eggs & candy from the pandemic and before were cleaned out. So, thank you, for helping us build up a supply!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 26, 2023

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS- begins at 10:20am and concludes at 10:55am in the *Sanctuary*. (This will allow an opportunity for **all** members to attend a Bible class regardless of which service they choose for worship.) Join us!

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of Luke. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- This study is held on Thursdays 7:30-8:30am with a continental breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY will begin a new study on Bible Feasts on Thursday April 13th at 10 AM via Zoom. Bible Feasts provides an in-depth study of the sacred festivals God commanded the people of Israel to observe, as well as festivals observed by Jewish people during Jesus' earthly ministry. Participants learn about Jewish food customs, the meaning of each feast, and the promises about the eternal feast in heaven. Please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke if you would like to join this study. 805-490-8212.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the "Gospel of John." If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt at: 805-482-3867.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: footstepps@verizon.net.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP is posted in the Narthex. Sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. 2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each. Check or cash can be placed in the offering plate. (note on the check/ envelope it's for "Flowers".) After service, you may take your arrangement. If you don't take them home, they'll be donated to one of our shut-ins.

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex.

ALTAR CARE VOLUNTEERS: The Altar Committee is looking for volunteers for 2023. The signup sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room.

VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP IS POSTED ON THE WHITE BOARD!- Join the Babylon fun 6/19-23rd from 9-noon. See Linda La Jeunesse for more info.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE


WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +


OPENING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"


Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Refrain

Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 136:1–9*

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who alone does great wonders,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who by understanding made the heavens,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: to him who made the great lights,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: the sun to rule over the day,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Pastor: the moon and stars to rule over the night,
People: for his steadfast love endures forever;

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
People: O Lord, who could stand?

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness,
People: That You may be feared. *Psalm 130:3–4*

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023

9:00

Elder: Blaine Wanke
Greeters: Donna Pickler
Readers: Bob Hutchison
Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick
Ushers: Blaine Wanke
Henry Andermann
Todd Harter

11:00

Tom Waddell
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Altar Care: Linda Young Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici
Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Krumdieck, Darlene Tegt, Anne Bongiorno
Organist: Karen Foote



Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann and Avery Chapman.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE March 26, 2023

Today: 9:00 am Traditional Service
 9:20 am Sunday School
 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)
 11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)
 1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
 4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Proverbs House)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers
 6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group
 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 pm Lenten Service

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
 10:00 am Lifelight Bible Study
 5:45 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Friday: 6:00 pm Confirmation

Saturday : ++++++

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY MARCH 26, 2023

	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Elder:	Bob Hutchison	Dave Hutter
Greeters:	Charlo Stuart	
Readers:	Steve Herman	Richard Bongiorno
Acolyte:	Shane Muller	
Ushers:	Scott Klittich Steve Rusch	
Altar Care:	Linda Young	Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici
Cookie & Coffee Service:	S. McCracken, L. Pommers, S. Frasier, J. Morici	
Organist:	Cathi Peterson	
Choir Accompanist:	Sandy Haven	
Choir Director:	Linda La Jeunesse	

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Gracious Heavenly Father, in Your Word You warn, “Those who are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 8:8). We confess that we have lived in the flesh and have set our minds and hearts on the things of the flesh. In living in the flesh, we have done the opposite of what pleases You. We have put ourselves and our own sinful desires ahead of You. We have become occupied with satisfying our wants and have ignored the needs of others. For this, forgive us. Renew us so that we may not live according to the flesh, but in the Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: “You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.” (Romans 8:9) Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, you have the gift of the Holy Spirit, life, and salvation. It is by grace through faith we are saved. Therefore by your sincere confession and for Jesus’ sake, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Through Jesus' Blood and Merit”



1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
 2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;
 3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour
 4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
 No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
 Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
 This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
 Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,
 Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
 This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
 They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
 Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom
 And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

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Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by **Steve & Karen Rusch** in Celebration of their 5 grandchildren's birthdays: Ellie, Ben, Sam, Hannah & Sarah.

Attendance on 3/19/23: 9:00 am - **93** 11:00 am - **16** Total - **109**

Sunday School - **10**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
People: and in His word I hope;

Pastor: My soul waits for the Lord
People: more than watchmen for the morning,

All: more than watchmen for the morning. *Psalm 130:5–6*

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious To you. The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 37:1–14*

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

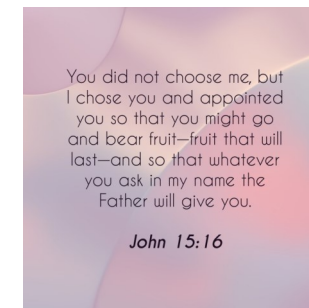
EPISTLE *Romans 8:1–11*

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

“I Choose You”
Saxophonist: David Hudnell



HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:1-45*

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord!
(After the Gospel is Read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord
People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

MESSAGE

“Who Is This Whom Death, Itself, Is Bound To Obey?”

(John 11)

Pastor Mike Schultze

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

**From thence he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Christian Church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins,**

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)