

The Good News Of Peace

To live as God's family gathering around His Word and promises
to effectively share

The Good News of God's love in Christ with our neighbors.

Peace Lutheran Church and Preschool

Chehalis, Washington

March 2024

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Divine Service	9:00am Sunday, March 24 th
Holy Week Vespers	7:00pm Monday 25 th , Tuesday 26 th , Wednesday 27 th
Maundy Thursday Divine Service	7:00pm Thursday 28 th
Good Friday Divine Service	7:00pm Friday 29 th
Easter Vigil Divine Service	8:00pm Saturday 30 th
Easter Divine Service	8:00am and 10:30am Sunday 31 st

Summary of the Congregational Meeting

The following were elected at the January 2024
Congregational Meeting. They assumed office the
last Sunday of January:

President	Roland Falb (2 nd term)
Board of Evangelism	Shirlee Hall
Board of Education	Michelle Schaefer
Board of Property	Eren Millam
Board of Elders	Brian Hill (2 nd term) Tom DeTray (2 nd term)

The Board of Stewardship was not filled at the
meeting. However, Teri Bryant has agreed to
another term. In accordance with our bylaws, the
council will formally elect her in March for
another two-year term.

Installation of Officers

Installation of new officers and appointed
committee members will take place during the
9:00am service on Sunday, March 3rd.

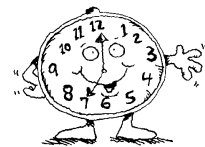
Soup Suppers

Every Wednesday evening of Lent there will be a soup
supper served in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm.

Please bring a favorite soup and/or bread. Coffee,
juice, crackers, and butter will be furnished.

Invite a friend to join you for these dinners and the
service which follows at 7:00pm.

It's That Time Of Year Again!



Daylight Saving Time

Turn your clocks **AHEAD**
one hour on March 10th at 2:00am

The Ceremonies of Lent and Passiontide

The final stage in our symbolic journey toward Easter (the journey which began back on *Septuagesima*) is Passiontide, which begins with *Judica*, the fifth Sunday in Lent. Passiontide is the 'home stretch,' the final push and most rigorous portion of the Lenten fast. This is why *Laetare*, the fourth Sunday in Lent has a slightly different character.

During Passiontide, the crucifixes and crosses are now covered, triptychs are closed (in churches which employ triptychs), and even the *Gloria Patri* disappears for a while.

A common question about Passiontide is "Why in the world would we drape and cover the crucifixes and crosses as we get closer to Good Friday, as our attention upon the last hours and the sufferings of our Lord increases?"

We do this because we don't deserve to look upon the crucifix. We are not worthy of the Sacrifice. Christ on the cross is our greatest and most cherished symbol. So it is partially taken away from us for a short time, that we might better appreciate it when it returns.

The crosses are not taken away completely. They are not removed. They are covered. We can see outlines of the crucifixes, but their beauty and details are fuzzy. This symbolizes the reality that our grief prevents us from seeing clearly until the Good Friday liturgy and, of course, Easter. This also reminds us of Our Lord's actions in response to the violence of the people in the *Judica* Gospel Lesson, the Lord "Jesus hid Himself." That is why the crosses and statues are veiled for *Judica*.

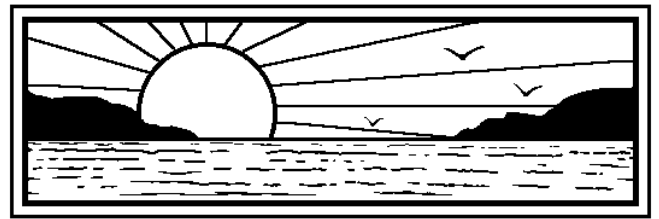
The idea of removing the *Gloria Patri* is much the same. The Triune Name given at the Ascension is the fullest revelation of God's Name given to men. To take away the *Gloria Patri* for two weeks is a bit jarring. It is particularly awkward not to sing it at the end of the *Nunc Dimittis*. Its short-term removal serves to draw our attention to it.

All of this is so that we would learn to mortify the flesh and to depend more and more upon the grace of God in Christ. For never, even in our most somber of ceremonies, is the Church in doubt about the end. Jesus died but is not dead. Jesus lives. Easter is coming. Our Hallelujahs,

Gloria Patri, crosses, fatty foods, and the like shall all return, but even better than that, we shall have them forever in eternal paradise when our own resurrections occur.

Passiontide extends through Holy Week and the *Triduum* ("three holy days"—which includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). At the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday Service the Altar will be stripped, the Sanctuary decorations, such as the candelabra, will be removed. Even the processional crucifix will be carried out. All that will be left in the Sanctuary are the immovable pieces of furniture, laid bare. On Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, while all is bare, the normal responses and introductions are removed from the readings.

The intensity builds from now until Holy Saturday when we finally arrive at the empty tomb but not at an empty Altar.



Easter Breakfast

We will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday, starting just before 9 am. We will be serving French toast, ham, scrambled eggs, hash browns, and fruit.

CALL FOR HELP

Easter is fast approaching once again, meaning it is time to start thinking about Easter breakfast. However, we still have a shortage of youth, so we need help in all areas.

**Set-Up on Saturday, March 30th 9AM until done (the more help the faster it will be done).

**Cooking and Serving on Sunday, March 31st 7AM – 9AM (only need 7 to 10 people)

**Clean-Up on Sunday, March 31st as people finish eating until done (the more help the faster it will be done).

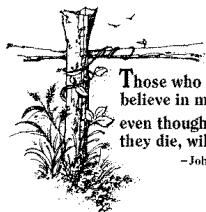
If you are at all interested in helping, please talk to Michelle Schaefer.

Easter Eggstravaganza



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 23rd on the church grounds. The time of this event will be announced.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak with Kari Lupo 360-520-6649.



Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.
— John 11:25

Obituaries

It pleased the Lord to call to His heavenly home:

Edith Gibson on January 7, 2024. Her funeral was held at Peace on February 3rd.



For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife...
Genesis 2:24

United in Marriage

Roland Falb & Syndi Dunshee were united in Holy Matrimony, Saturday January 26, 2024.

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Falb!

Lawn Mowing Season

Lawn mowing season is upon us. The Board of Properties is looking for a group of willing individuals to ensure our church looks its best each week. The more people that sign up, the less of a commitment it will be. Aiming for 1 hour per week or less! See Eren Millam for details.

LWML

LWML is meeting on March 12th

This month Marilyn Hepola will give the devotion and Sharon Harris will be our hostess.

Thank you to those who provided toothbrushes last month for the Seafarer's boxes. This month we are collecting toothpaste, no larger than 5.2 ounces.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member and are allotted Choice Dollars, you must direct them to an organization of your choice, or they are lost. If you select Peace Lutheran Church, Chehalis, these funds are then available for use by organizations within Peace.

So far this year, the LWML has received \$450 from our Thrivent Choice Dollars!

Donations are behind, so please direct those dollars today! If you have any questions, please speak with Katie Foss. Here's Thrivent's phone number and you can call them to ask if you have any Choice Dollars available and direct them to Peace Lutheran Church, Chehalis: 800-847-4836 Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm (central time). Please call them today!!!

Getting To Know A Newer Member!

John Byron was baptized at Peace and received into membership by adult instruction on July 15, 2023. John and his wife Jordan were married on June 25, 2022, and the couple lives in Chehalis. Jordan is the daughter of Rick and Teri Bryant and has been a member of Peace for several years. John is a merchandiser for a local beverage distributor and Jordan works for a chemical plant in Elma.

Welcome to the family!

New Member Potluck

Did you know there are several people in our congregation who have not been properly welcomed to our church? We can blame timing of their catechesis, transfers, and COVID. Well, we are correcting this on April 7th with a typical Lutheran Welcome Potluck. Let's all get together and rejoice for our membership and really get to know each other. Shirlee Adamson will be coordinating this potluck. Please be sure to contact her, 360-890-8226, with what dish you will be bringing. This will ensure we have a variety of foods to choose from.

March Ushers: Brian Hill *Mid-week services: Elders*

03) Kevin Engelbertson **10)** Sam Howsden **17)** Rick Bryant
24) Jesse Hardy **28)** Eren Millam **29)** Roland Falb
30) Tom Howsden **31st / 8:00am)** Eren Millam
31st / 10:30am) Jesse Hardy

Acolyte:
03) Landon Engelbertson **10)** Jonah Freeman **17)** Ronan Lupo
24) Jehan Shea **28)** Jack Millam **29)** Weston Engelbertson
30) Jonah Freeman **31st / 8:00am)** Jack Millam
31st / 10:30am) Ronan Lupo

Altar Guild:

03/06) Karen Howsden & Chris Pfaff **10/13)** Mary McHenry
17/20) Marlene Farrell & Teri Bryant **24-27)** Rita Nay & Chris Pfaff
28) Marlene Farrell & Mary McHenry **29)** All ladies
30) Jodie DeTray & Kern Howsden **31)** Cherie Hill & Teri Bryant

Coffee Hour:

03)*Marlene Farrell/Shelly Stocker/Mary McHenry(c)
10)*Sandy Lupo/Dick Piesch/Gitti Burger(c)
17)*Muariel Tosh/Lauren Dumoulin/Linda Huyck(c)
24)*Michelle Schaefer/Marilyn Hepola/Sara Ackerson(c)

March Birthdays

4 Krista Heimbigner
 7. Sandy Lupo
 16. Brady McHenry
 24. Lorelei Hood

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6:00pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis
3 8:30am Matins 9:00am Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Adult Bible Study	4	5 10:00am Quilters	6 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm Lenten Service 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service	7 7:00pm Church Council	8	9 6:00pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis
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March Anniversaries

1. Pastor & Dawn Freeman 1997
 3. Brandon & Marie McAllister 2007
 10. Brian & Cherie Hill 1984
 23. Aric & Sheryl Ackerson 2019

March Elder: Peter Lahmann

Counters: **03)** Dries **10)** Bryant **17)** Doench **24)** Falb & Farrell **31)** Dries

No flowers during Lent

31 EASTER
 8:00am Divine Service
 9:00am Easter Breakfast
 10:30am Divine Service

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Return Service Requested

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Sunday Worship at 9:00 am
First Sunday of Month, Matins at 8:30 am with Divine Service at 9:00 am
Sunday School – all ages – 10:45 am

We are located four miles south of Chehalis on the corner of Jackson Highway and Bishop Road.