

# 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 2020



### Daylight Saving Time

It's that time of year again!  
Turn your clocks AHEAD  
one hour on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00am.

### Service Time Change

With the change of our clocks comes the change  
of our Sunday Worship Services as well. We will  
begin at 9:00am starting Sunday, March 8th.

## Lent Services

Lent services are held each Wednesday at noon and  
7:00pm.

## Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers will continue to be served in the  
Parish Hall each Wednesday of Lent at 6:00pm.

The Wednesday morning Bible study will set up for  
the suppers but volunteers will be needed to come  
early and start the coffee. Cleanup will be a "group"  
effort!

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

## Holy Week in April

During Holy Week, Vespers will be held at 7:00pm  
on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Divine Service  
will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday, and Friday,  
with the Easter Vigil Divine Service at 8:00pm on  
Saturday.



## Preschool News

**Preschool registration for  
2020/2021:** We will begin to take  
registrations for the  
2020/2021 preschool school  
year on April 1st. This gives us

the chance to review and give recommendations to  
parents of the current class. You may pick up a  
registration form in the church office after March  
2nd. We require a \$25.00 registration fee and  
completed form to hold a child's place in class.  
(Please note that we will not accept an incomplete  
form.)

Easter Vacation this year is March 29th through  
April 11th. Class will resume on Tuesday April  
14th.

May everyone have a wonderful Easter.  
Ms. Libby

## Installation of Officers

Installation of new officers and appointed  
committee members will take place during the  
service on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.



Benjamin Millam

February 9<sup>th</sup>



## From The Treasurer

There is no longer an inbox tray for treasurer items, there is now a bank of folders marked with various categories. Please file the document you're dropping off in the appropriate folder. If you don't know which one it should be, the catchall folder is called "I don't have a clue".

Please do not leave items on the secretary's desk for the treasurer.

Please use the new budget line numbers when filling out a reimbursement form or turning in a bill. There is a budget sheet in front of the forms and it maps the old numbers to the new for your convenience.

Thank you!

## From Your Board of Properties:

The Board of Properties is seeking someone from the congregation to assume the cleaning duties of the church. The position is approximately 8 hours per week. If you are interested please contact Roland Falb by phone or text at 360-219-8184, or by email at [rolandfalb@gmail.com](mailto:rolandfalb@gmail.com).

Spring clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 4. Please plan on spending some time with us to clean up and prepare our Lord's house for Easter Sunday. A list of tasks will be posted in the Parish Hall and refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## March Coffee Hour

- 01) \*Giti Burger/Melinda McHenry/  
Jodie DeTray(c)
- 08) \*Cherie Hill/Peter Lahmann/  
Sommer Engelbertson(c)
- 15)\*Sharon Harris/Barbara Jolly/  
Carol Heimbigner(c)
- 22)\*Rita Nay/Julie Liseth/Edith Gibson(c)
- 29)\*Sandy Lupo/Debbie Olson/Donna Lyon(c)



## Youth Group News

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#### Spring Basket Auction

Starting Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, the youth are offering Spring Baskets, put together by the youth and their families. They will be available for viewing and bidding March 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please make sure to put your phone number, which you want to be contacted at, on the bid sheet so if you have the winning bid we can contact you.

#### Easter Breakfast

Easter is coming up on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. We are looking forward to providing breakfast again this year; however, we do not have that many youth available to help with breakfast. **We have the man power for the cooking, we think, but we will need help with the clean-up.**

We will be offering eggs, ham, hash brown patties, French toast, fruit, orange juice, and coffee.

# Rejoice

## Gaudete, Laetare, and Rose- Colored Paraments/Vestments

Jesus said “when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites...when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face” (Matthew 6:16, 17). The custom of fasting has long been a part of religious life.

The Christian Church has two seasons in particular where fasting is a presumed part of the observance of the season. The Church Year has two supreme feasts: the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas) and the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord (Easter). Each of these high holy feasts has a season of preparation: Advent in preparation for Christmas and Lent in preparation for Easter. These preparatory seasons are penitential in nature—that is, a major part of their focus is on repentance and our unworthiness to receive our Lord’s gifts which He gives in and through the major events of our Savior’s life and ministry which we celebrate on the feasts of Christmas and Easter. Part of the observance of the penitential nature of the seasons is the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. (The focus on prayer is why we add ‘extra’ midweek services to our life together during Advent and Lent. Likewise, the more



recent custom of having soup-suppers is tied to fasting; the simple meal of soup is a way for us to fast together.)

The historic Church realized that four weeks (Advent) and six weeks (Lent) is a long time for a rigorous fast, and so, there are built into each of the penitential seasons a ‘break’ a ‘lightening’ of the fast. The third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete) and the fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare) are days which are set aside as a ‘lightening’ of the fast—a sort of ‘break’ or ‘breather’ before returning to the final push of rigorous fasting leading up to the high, holy feasts. Their names (Gaudete and Laetare) come from the Latin words which begin the introits for the day. In English, we render both words “rejoice.” So Gaudete and Laetare are each a day of subdued (it is still a penitential season, after all) rejoicing in the midst of the preparatory, penitential fast.

So why rose? The liturgical color for Lent and—at various times and places—Advent (blue or violet for Advent is a discussion for another time) is violet. The color of violet is achieved by mixing black and red. When the black is removed



from the violet, the result is rose. (This is, of course, symbolism and not a strict physics of light and color.) So the rose paraments and vestments are a way to express visually the lightening of the

penitential fast on Gaudete and Laetare. (Even many churches which *don't* have rose paraments and vestments *do* have a rose candle in their Advent wreath for the third Sunday in Advent.)

All of these themes are more pronounced in the readings and various propers which are appointed in the older one-year lectionary, but vestiges of these themes remain even in the newer three-year lectionary.

In Advent, and Lent, when you see the rose-colored paraments and vestments, take a breather. Relax the fast. Know that the feast for which you are preparing is near. And most of all, rejoice. Rejoice that the incarnation and birth of Jesus and the death and resurrection of Jesus mean that you are forgiven for all your sins.

# The Ceremonies of 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. (See the explanation of *Laetare* and the rose color in another article in this newsletter.) 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 Patris, 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., only to be carried back in during the reproaches on Good Friday. 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.



If you have an address and/or phone number change, please let us know as soon as possible.

Deadlines:

**Sunday Bulletin:**

All information needs to be in by 11:30am the Wednesday before.

**Newsletter:**

Articles to be included need to be in by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**March Elder:** John Shea

**March Ushers:**  
**01)** Joe Hidalgo & Peter Lahmann 9:00am Matins &  
 9:30am Divine Service  
**04)** TBD 7:00pm Lenten Service  
**08)** Roland Falb & John Foss 9:00am Divine Service  
**11)**TBD 7:00pm Lenten Service  
**15)** Tom Howsden & Sam Howsden 9:00am Divine Service  
**18)**TBD 7:00pm Lenten Service  
**22)** Bruce Hood & Dick Piesch 9:00am Divine Service  
**25)**TBD 7:00pm Lenten Service  
**29)** Tom DeTray & Rod Fenstermaker 9:00am Divine Service  
 Joe Hidalgo **All Noon Lenten Services**

**Acolytes:** **01)** Jonah Freeman **08)** Sam Howsden **15)** Landon Engelbertson  
**22)** Colby Dwyer **29)** Landon Engelbertson **Midweek Services** Jonah Freeman  
**Altar Guild:** **01/04)** Mary McHenry & Alyssa Ackerson  
**08/11)** Jodie DeTray & Sophia DeTray **15/18)** Sandy Lupo & Cherie Hill  
**22/25)** Anna Lupo & Jodie DeTray **24/27)** Marlene Farrell & Rachel Freeman  
**29)** Jodie DeTray & Sophia DeTray  
**Coffee Hour:** **01)** \*Giti Burger/Melinda McHenry/Jodie DeTray(c)  
**08)** \*Cherie Hill/Peter Lahmann/Sommer Engelbertson(c)  
**15)\***Sharon Harris/Barbara Jolly/Carol Heimbigner(c)  
**22)\***Rita Nay/Julie Liseth/Edith Gibson(c)  
**29)\***Sandy Lupo/Debbie Olson/Donna Lyon(c)  
**Counters:** **01)** Klapel **08)** Stocker **15)** Doench **22)** Bryant **29)** Klapel  
**Flowers:** **03)** Lent **10)** Lent **17)** Lent **24)** Lent **31)** Lent

**March Birthdays**  
 4 Krista Heimbigner  
 7. Peter Holmstedt  
 Sandy Lupo  
 10. Ken Lyon  
 16. Brady McHenry  
 17. Tracy Haubrick  
 19. Michael Ervin  
 21. Karen May  
 24. Missy Angell  
 Lorelei Hood  
 30. Ray Olson

March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 Matins 9:30 Divine Service 11:15 Sunday School Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>3</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 10:00 Bible Study Noon Lenten Service 6:00Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 TIME CHANGE</b> 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Bible Study 12:15 Youth Group	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Choir Church Council	<b>10</b> 1:00pm LWML 6:30 Lutheran Confessions Study @ Olympia	<b>11</b> Noon Lenten Service 6:00Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service	<b>12</b> 1:30-2:30 Individual C & A	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00-10:00 Individual C & A
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<b>29</b> 9:00 Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Choir	<b>31</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study	<b>MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>CLOCKS ARE SET AN HOUR FORWARD</b> <b>SUNDAY SERVICE STARTS AT</b> <b>9:00AM</b>			

**March Anniversaries**  
 1. Pastor & Dawn  
 Freeman  
 1997  
 3. Brandon & Marie  
 McAllister  
 2007  
 10. Brian & Cherie Hill  
 1984  
 23. Aric & Sheryl  
 Ackerson  
 2019  
 25. Mike & Dawn  
 Wonderly  
 1989

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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.