

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

April 2022

Spring Cleaning of the Church

We will have our annual spring cleaning of the church and grounds on Saturday, April 9th. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at 8:30am with work beginning at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome and needed!

Bring cleaning supplies and tools for inside or out – wherever you prefer to work. There will be a chart in the Narthex to check off when an area has been done.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Is Back!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 9th at 1:00pm on the church grounds.

Easter baskets are in the Narthex for those wishing to help out with donations of candy or cash.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak with Shirlee Adamson.360-807-4036 or her cell 360-890-8226.

Call For Help

We are going to have an EASTER Breakfast this year. However, we have a shortage of youth available to put it together. We are in need of help in all areas.

Set-Up on Saturday, April 16th

9AM until done (the more help the faster it will be done).

Cooking and Serving on Sunday, April 17th

7AM – 9AM (only need 7 to 10 people)

Clean-Up on Sunday, April 17th

As people finish eating until done (the more help the faster it will be done).

If you are at all interested in helping please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, talk to Michelle Schaefer, or talk to Pastor Freeman

Service Schedule Moving Forward

After receiving and considering input from the attendees of the 3:00pm Sunday Service, the board of elders has made the decision to discontinue that service after Palm Sunday.

On Palm Sunday, April 10, we will have the 9:00am service and the 3:00pm service. We will then follow our normal Holy Week schedule with Vespers at 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; Holy Thursday Divine Service at 7:00pm; Good Friday Divine Service at 7:00pm; and Easter Vigil Divine Service at 8:00pm on Saturday. Easter Sunday, April 17, we will have Divine Service at 8:00am and 10:30am with breakfast served between services. On Sunday, April 24, we will return to one Divine Service at 9:00am.

As we return to meeting as one family under one roof at one time, please do try to be mindful of the fact that not everyone is at the same level of comfort. While there is no mask mandate, those who desire to wear them are certainly free to do so. Please endeavor to be sensitive to the needs and the cues of your brothers and sisters in Christ. If someone seems to desire a little extra space or if he specifically asks for it, please be courteous and allow extra space. Some of the changes we've put in place are likely permanent, while others will be going away little by little. As the transition back to 'normal' continues, please extend to one another the grace which befits brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

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. 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.

Holy Week Services Explained

(adapted mostly from the notes on the various services in *Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book* © 2006 CPH)

Holy Week is the culmination the preparatory time of Lent. It is a week of reflective meditation on the events of Jesus’ life from His entrance into Jerusalem until His glorious resurrection from the dead.

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion**. The service of Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus which were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms which were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. Palms are an ancient symbol of victory. The acclamation of the people, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,” clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry “Crucify!” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The reading of the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week—the most important week of the entire Church Year.

On Holy Monday through Holy Wednesday, we gather nightly to pray and meditate on our Lord’s Passion using the ancient prayer office of Vespers.

On Holy Thursday (**Maundy Thursday**), the Church gives thanks for the institution of the Lord's Supper. This service occurring on the eve of our Lord's crucifixion, begins the celebration of the holy three days of Christ's Passover commonly known as the **Triduum**. The service on this day culminates the Lenten period of preparation for Christ's Passion and Resurrection and leads into His Sacrifice on our behalf. As such, the service, like that for Good Friday, exhibits a mood of restrained joy. The service for Holy Thursday consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution; the Service of the Word; the Service of the Sacrament; and the Stripping of the Altar. On Holy Thursday, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover from death to life and from captivity to freedom. Since Holy Thursday serves as a point of transition from the preparatory season of Lent to the Triduum, restrained joy is characteristic of this service. It is a simplified and reflective celebration of the Divine Service. As a result, various aspects of the Divine Service are omitted on this day. Because the **Triduum** is seen as **one service in three parts**, no Benediction is spoken at the conclusion of the Holy Thursday service. The Benediction spoken at the Easter Vigil concludes **all the services of the Three Days**.

Good Friday is the second part of the sacred **Triduum**, the **three-day observance of Christ's Passover**. Good Friday is the most solemn of all days in the Christian Church, yet a note of **joy** remains, as the title of the day indicates. Good Friday is **not** observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, music is kept to a minimum, though not silenced. Elaborate words of praise are omitted and the altar remains sparsely adorned having been stripped on Holy Thursday. On Good Friday, as we remember that on account of our sin, the Lord was crucified and died, we give joyful thanks to God that all sin and God's wrath over sin falls on Jesus and not on us, and that by His grace we receive the benefit of this most sacrificial act. Given the solemnity of the day, silence is observed at various times in order to reflect upon the Word of God. Because the service is part of the **Triduum**, it has neither entrance rite nor benediction. The concluding hymn ensures that the final note of the service is one of triumph, for God's faithful know the end of the story.

The **Vigil of Easter**, celebrated at the end of Holy Saturday is the conclusion of the sacred **Triduum**. This service ushers in the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday. The Easter Vigil connects the days of Holy Week, especially Holy Thursday and Good Friday, with the culminating celebration of the resurrection of Christ from the dead. It takes its name from the ancient practice of holding vigil, "keeping watch" through the night in expectation of Christ's return. As a service of watching which ushers in the resurrection, the Vigil of Easter is comprised of several parts: the Service of Light (including a fire and procession with candles); the Service

of Readings; the Service of Holy Baptism; the Service of Prayer; and the Service of the Word. Because the Vigil of Easter marks the final day in the sacred **Triduum**, the service ends with the Benediction, which has not been heard since the beginning of the **Triduum**, and the **Easter Acclamation: "Christ is Risen!"**

Easter is the richest and most lavishly celebrated festival of the Church Year. Easter is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious Savior! Easter is not merely one day. It is a whole season which also includes the celebration of Jesus' ascension. The fifty-day celebration from Easter to Pentecost is a week of weeks. The season's length is fitting because we dedicate one seventh of the year to celebration the Lord's resurrection.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 10th
Divine Service
9:00am and 3:00pm

Vespers

April 11th, 12th,
and 13th
7:00pm



April 14th
Divine Service
7:00pm



April 15th
Divine Service
7:00pm

Easter Vigil

April 16th
Divine Service
8:00pm



Easter Sunday April 17th

Early Divine Service 8 AM,
Late Divine Service 10:30 AM.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be returning to pre-COVID-19 days. What does this mean to you? You can come by the church or call on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning from 8:00am-11:30am and someone will be in to speak with or help you if needed.



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

We have changed the way to sign-up for coffee hour. Next to the kitchen door you will find a sign-up sheet for coffee hour help. Please sign up for a Sunday morning which is convenient for you to serve. Coffee hour volunteers make coffee, supply 2 dozen cookies (home-baked or store-bought) and, if you stay for bible study, help clean up.

Flower Chart and Flower Fund

Would you like to help provide beautiful flowers which grace our Lord's altar? Here are the two ways in which you can participate.

On the flower chart, at the head of the hall by the restrooms, you just sign your name to the date you would like to provide flowers. If there is an event like a birthday, anniversary or memory of someone dear to you, just jot that next to your name.

In case you don't want to be responsible for a Sunday all by yourself, but still want to help provide flowers, there is a way to do that too. A fund has been established to use to purchase flowers for the altar on the Sundays when no one has signed up. If you would like to contribute to that fund, please *mark your offering envelope and your check "Flower Fund"*.

You may use any florist you like, or provide from your own garden. Currently we have been using Safeway (no deliver) or Bennie's Florist (delivery).



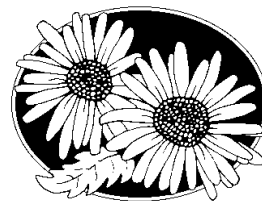
Margaret Will Celebrate Her 102nd Birthday, May 2nd



Margaret's hearing and eye sight are failing her, but her mind is still sharp as ever. Let's send her some birthday wishes and let her know that she is still loved and remembered. You are welcome to bring a card to the church office (without postage) and we'll put them in one big mailing envelope. Or you can send a card directly to her at:

Margaraet Schwarzkopf
Alderwood Manor – Rm. 27B
3600 E. Hartson Ave.
Spokane, WA 99202

Please have your cards for the church office mailing into the office by Sunday, April 24th.



<p>April Elder: Tom DeTray</p> <p>April Ushers: <i>Not available at time of printing</i></p> <p>Acolyte: Jonah Freeman</p>	<p>Altar Guild: 03-06) Cherie Hill & Abigail Freeman 15) All Ladies 10) Sandy Lupo & Rita Nay 16) Teri Bryant & Chris Pfaff 11-13) Marlene Farrell (check candles) 17) Cherie Hill & Karen Howsden 14) Mary McHenry & Marlene Farrell 24) Abigail Freeman & Mary McHenry</p> <p>Counters: 03) Doench 10) Falb & Farrell 17) Dries 24) Bryant</p> <p>Flowers: 03) Lent 10) Lent 17) Easter 24) Open</p>	<p>April Birthdays</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Sophia DeTray 3. Breanna McHenry Clarence Lupo Ron Stocker 4. Ella Hughes 7. Lyle Heimbigner Rod Fenstermaker 8. Ruth McNiel 9. Edith Gibson Dawn Wonderly Shirlee Adamson 10. Hannah Dwyer LuNell Eriksen Clinton Lupo 13. Eren Millam 15. Jonathan Eriksen 17. Roland Falb 21. Tom Howsden Brynlee Larsen 26. Allen Klapel 28. Cody Sipp
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30am Matins 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study 3:00pm Divine Service	4	5	6 10:00 Bible Study Noon Lenten Service 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Service	7 6:00pm Church Council	8	9 9:00am Spring Clean-up 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt
10 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study 3:00pm Divine Service	11 HOLY WEEK 7:00pm Vespers	12 HOLY WEEK 7:00pm Vespers	13 HOLY WEEK 7:00pm Vespers	14 HOLY WEEK 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Divine Service	15 HOLY WEEK 7:00pm Good Friday Divine Service	16 HOLY WEEK 8:00pm Easter Vigil
17 EASTER 8:00am Divine Service 9:00am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Divine Service	18	19	20 10:00 Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study	25	26 6:30pm Lutheran Confession Study @ Peace	27 10:00 Bible Study	28 7:00pm Elders Meeting	29	30

- April Anniversaries**
19. Fred & Linda Boetsch 1969
 22. Tom & Jodie DeTray 1989
 22. Steve & Kathleen Hughes 1966

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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.