

# 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

May 2023



*Ascension Day Divine Service  
Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm*

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### From Your Board of Properties

To everyone who came out and worked hard on our annual church clean-up day, a big THANK YOU! Our Lord's house is sparkling and in good order.

### Easter Breakfast

We had another successful Easter Breakfast this year, bringing in \$455.00 from generous donations. However, we had a lot of food leftovers because of low attendance.

### 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**. These funds are then available to organizations within Peace. So far in 2023 the LWML has received \$250 of Thrivent Choice Dollars for their Spring Zone Rally, and another \$89.50 of Choice Dollars was donated to Lutherans For Life and \$89.50 was donated to the Possibilities Women's Center. 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!!!

### Council Position Need

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, our church has a need that has gone unfulfilled since last January with no end in sight. You and I are still in need of a Chairperson for the Evangelism Committee. This position is a voting member of your Church Council. Without it, our Council is always one person short of full representation. That means our operation decisions are always short one voice; your voice. For anyone thinking "someone more qualified will step up", I'm here to tell you that has not happened, so there's nobody more qualified to be a part of our Council than you. If you are even remotely interested, ask Pastor Freeman or President Falb what the position entails. Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering for this position of service.

Yours in Christ, Vice President Clarence C. Lupo.

### New Directory Coming Soon!

Please let us know of any changes to your address, phone number, or email as soon as possible. Also if you have had someone in your family who has married or moved, please let the office know. The new directory will be out the end of May or beginning of June.

# From the Church Office

## DEADLINES:

If you have a phone number, address or email address change, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thanks!

**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.

## “Amen” A word of faith; A word of God’s people.

In his Small Catechism, at the end of his instruction on the Lord’s Prayer, Martin Luther asks, “What is meant by the word ‘Amen’?” He answers: “This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen, means ‘yes, yes, it shall be so.’”

In his Large Catechism, Luther writes: “All depends on this, that we learn also to say ‘Amen.’ This means that we do not doubt that our prayer is surely heard and that what we pray shall be done. This is nothing else than the word of undoubting faith, which does not pray on a dare but knows that God does not lie to him.” (Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 422:119-120, Concordia Publishing House: St. Louis, 2006)

“Amen” is really just the Hebrew word (which was transliterated into Greek and then transliterated into English) meaning “true” or “truly.”

It is no wonder, then, that for centuries upon centuries, the Church has been inspired to use this word the way she does in her worship life.

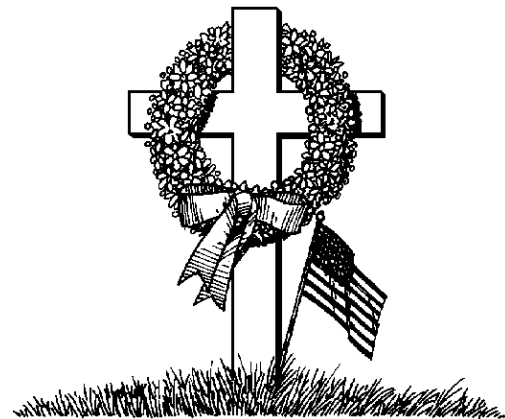
Faith trusts in the promises of God in Christ Jesus—that He and His Word are true. When Psalm 51 prays, “Lord, you desire truth in the inward being,” that is Amen: truth in the heart—faith saying, “Yes, Yes, it shall be so!”

As royal priests of God, every Christian prays and participates in Christian worship. Saying a hearty, “Amen!”—joining its “Amen” (its faith!) to the Words and promises of God declared in the service—is one of the chief ways the congregation is given to participate in the Divine Service. It is as if with a hearty “Amen!” the congregation says, “Yeah, what he just said!”

“Amen” makes everything your pastor has just said or chanted your own prayer to our Lord. When you are hearing God’s Word in church, be sure to let your faith have its “Amen.” Young children love to join their “Amen” too! Here are some places where you can voice your “Amen” together:

1. After “...in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” at:
  - The Invocation
  - The Absolution
  - Before the Sermon
  - After the Sermon
  - A Baptism
  - Any other Blessing
2. After prayers which the pastor prays for everyone, which usually end with:
  - “...through Jesus Christ our Lord.” [Amen!]
  - “...one God, now and forever.” [Amen!]
3. Before/After the Sermon:
  - “Grace, mercy, and peace be to you...Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ” [Amen!]
  - “The peace of God which passes...hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” [Amen!]
4. During Holy Communion when the pastor says:
  - “The body/blood of Christ” [Amen!]
  - “given/shed for you.”
  - “Depart in Peace.” [Amen!]

In fact, every “Amen” in the liturgy belongs to God’s people. The pastor has no “Amens” to say in the service. They are all yours. If no one says “Amen,” sometimes pastors get nervous and say it for everyone. Don’t let your pastor steal your “Amen!” Confess them with all boldness and confidence. Nothing confesses, praises, and thanks God for His goodness more than a hearty “Amen!” Whether we sing it or speak it, let’s hear it. The worship of the New Testament is faith which receives the forgiveness of sins for Christ’s sake. And faith says, “Amen!”



**Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Remember those who served**

**May Elder:** Peter Lahmann

**May Ushers:** *Not available at time of printing*

**Acolyte:** **07)**Jonah Freeman **14)** Landon Engelbertson  
**21)** Weston Engelbertson **28)** Jack Millam

**Counters:** **07)** Poppe & Falb **14)** Doench **21)** Bryant  
**28)** Doench

**Flowers:** **07)** OPEN **14)** OPEN **21)**Poppe **28)** OPEN

**Altar Guild:**

- 07)** Karen Howsden &Teri Bryant
- 14)** Cherie Hill & Chris Pfaff
- 18)** Jodie DeTray & Abigail Freeman
- 21)** Karen Howsden & Rita Nay
- 28)** Mary McHenry

**Coffee Hour:**

- 07)\***Cherie Hill/Lauren Dumoulin/Deborah Ringen(c)
- 14)\***Karen Howsden/Julie Liseth/Lorelei Hood(c)
- 21)\***Ashley Milliam/Dick Piesch/Sharon Kilbourn(c)
- 28)\***Dawn Freeman/Shelly Stocker/Rita Nay(c)

**May Birthdays**

1. Dick Piesch
2. Chris Pfaff  
Margaret  
Schwarzkopf
3. Sydney Gronert
7. Rachel Torres
10. Maximus  
Turner
12. Tom Angell  
Rev. Larry  
Bergman
14. Lena Ackerson
15. Samantha  
Turner
16. Andrew Sipp
19. Rachel Freeman
21. Marilyn Hepola
24. Moni Poppe
25. Jacob Turner
26. Teri Bryant  
Gabriel Burger  
Amelia Helman
27. Bruce Hood
31. Chris Riley

**May 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00am Quilters	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis
<b>7</b> 8:30 Matins 9:00am Divine Service 10:45am Sunday School Adult Bible Study	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Jr. Catechesis	<b>9</b> 10:00am Quilters 6:30pm Lutheran Confession Study @ Olympia	<b>10</b> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Church Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Didache Divine Service for Catechesis
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**May Anniversaries**

3. Erik & Alicia  
Wingren  
2008
7. Greg & Lori Pulver  
1994
14. Loren & Myrna  
Davidson  
1960
20. Mark & Jennie Hays  
1988
21. Kevin & Sommer  
Engelbertson  
2005
24. John & Katie Foss  
1980

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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.