



PRINTS OF PEACE

April 2021

Sow the seed in Word and deed; lead and feed and give heed to human need.

An Easter prayer

From the grave's depths, Lord Jesus Christ, you emerged, breaking the hold of sin, death and hell, that those who trust in you might share in your righteousness, life and beloved community with God the Father and all God's children. We bow in awe before your majesty, giving thanks for your grace extended so bountifully to us. By the power of your Spirit who lives within us, may we share the astonishing news of your resurrection with others, that they also may know your saving grace. Amen.



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“Here I Stand”
500th Anniversary of
Martin Luther’s Speech
at the
Imperial Diet in Worms
(18 April 1521)

Most Serene Emperor, Illustrious Princes, Gracious Lords:

I this day appear before you in all humility, according to your command, and I implore your majesty and your august highnesses, by the mercies of God, to listen with favor to the defense of a cause which I am well assured is just and right. I ask pardon, if by reason of my ignorance, I am wanting in the manners that befit a court; for I have not been brought up in king’s palaces, but in the seclusion of a cloister; and I claim no other merit than that of having spoken and written with the simplicity of mind which regards nothing but the glory of God and the pure instruction of the people of Christ.

Two questions were yesterday put to me by his imperial majesty; the first, whether I was the author of the books whose titles were read; the second, whether I wished to revoke or defend the doctrine I have taught. I answered the first directly, and I adhere to that answer: that these books are mine and published by me, except so far as they may have been altered or interpolated by the craft or officiousness of opponents. As for the second question, I am now about to reply to it; and I must first entreat your Majesty and your Highnesses to deign to consider that I have composed writings on very different subjects. In some I have discussed Faith and Good Works, in a spirit at once so pure, clear, and Christian, that even my adversaries themselves, far from finding anything to censure, confess that these writings are profitable, and deserve to be perused by devout persons. The pope’s bull, violent as it is, acknowledges this. What, then, should I be doing if I were now to retract these writings? Wretched man! I alone, of all men living, should be abandoning truths approved by the unanimous voice of friends and enemies, and should be opposing doctrines that the whole world glories in confessing!

I have composed, secondly, certain works against the papacy, wherein I have attacked such as by false doctrines, irregular lives, and scandalous examples, afflict the Christian world, and ruin the bodies and souls of men. And is not this confirmed by the grief of all who fear God? Is it not manifest that the laws and human doctrines of the popes entangle, vex, and distress the consciences of the faithful, while the crying and endless extortions of Rome engulf the property and wealth of Christendom, and more particularly of this illustrious nation? Yet it is a perpetual statute that the laws and doctrines of the pope be held erroneous and reprobate when they are contrary to the Gospel and the opinions of the church fathers.

If I were to revoke what I have written on that subject, what should I do but strengthen this tyranny, and open a wider door to so many and flagrant impieties? Bearing down all resistance with fresh fury, we should behold these proud men swell, foam, and rage more than ever! And not merely would the yoke which now weighs down Christians be made more grinding by my retraction it would thereby become, so to speak, lawful, for, by my retraction, it would receive confirmation from your most serene majesty, and all the States of the Empire. Great God! I should thus be like to an infamous cloak, used to hide and cover over every kind of malice and tyranny.

In the third and last place, I have written some books against private individuals, who had undertaken to defend the tyranny of Rome by destroying the faith. I freely confess that I may have attacked such persons with more violence than was consistent with my profession as an ecclesiastic: I do not think of myself as a saint; but neither can I retract these books. Because I should, by so doing, sanction the impieties of my opponents, and they would thence take occasion to crush God's people with still more cruelty.

Yet, as I am a mere man, and not God, I will defend myself after the example of Jesus Christ, who said: "If I have spoken evil, bear witness against me; but if well, why doest thou strike me?" (John 18:23). How much more should I, who am but dust and ashes, and so prone to error, desire that everyone should bring forward what he can against my doctrine. Therefore, most serene emperor, and you illustrious princes, and all, whether high or low, who hear me, I implore you by the mercies of God to prove to me by the writings of the prophets and apostles that I am in error. As soon as I shall be convinced, I will instantly retract all my errors, and will myself be the first to seize my writings, and commit them to the flames.

What I have just said will, I think, clearly show that I have well considered and weighed, not only the dangers to which I am exposing myself, but also the parties and dissensions excited in the world by means of my doctrine, of which I was yesterday so gravely admonished. But far from being dismayed by them, I rejoice exceedingly to see the Gospel this day, as of old, a cause of disturbance and disagreement; for such is the character and destiny of God's word. "I came not to send peace unto the earth, but a sword," said Jesus Christ. "For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes shall be those of his own household." (Matthew 10:34-36)

God is wonderful and terrible in His counsels. Let us have a care, lest in our endeavors to arrest discords, we be bound to fight against the holy word of God and bring down upon our heads a frightful deluge of inextricable dangers, present disaster, and everlasting desolations. Let us have a care that the reign of the young and noble prince, the Emperor Charles, on whom, next to God, we build so many hopes, should not only commence, but continue and terminate its course, under the most favorable auspices.

I might cite examples drawn from the oracles of God. I might speak of Pharaohs, of kings of Babylon, or of Israel, who were never more contributing to their own ruin than when, by measures in appearances most prudent, they thought to establish their authority! God removeth the mountains and they know not (Job 9:5). In speaking thus, I do not suppose that such noble princes have need of my poor judgment; but I wish to acquit myself of a duty whose fulfillment my native Germany has a right to expect from her children. And so commending myself to your august majesty, and your most serene highnesses, I beseech you in all humility, not to permit the hatred of my enemies to rain upon me an indignation I have not deserved. I have done.

[Having delivered this speech in German, Luther was now asked to repeat it in Latin. After some hesitation, he did so. He was then reminded that he should answer a simple question: whether he would recant or not. Thus he continued:

Since your most serene majesty and your lordships require of me a simple, clear and direct answer, I will give one, and it is this: Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures and by clear reason (for I do not trust in the pope or councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted. My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.

Cultivating kindness

Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.
Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine, kind words and kind deeds.
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



A fitting tribute

When Christ entered into Jerusalem, the people spread garments in the way. When he enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ's feet but even trample upon it ourselves.—Augustus Toplady (1740–1778)

PLEASE HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED. Although we no longer have a food pantry here at the church, food donations are needed more than ever. Peace Lutheran will continue to accept **non-perishable** food items. We will take all food donations collected to Bidwell Riverside Center at 1203 S.E. Hartford for distribution to people in need. The food donation baskets are located in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. **Any non-perishable food item.** Your gifts are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support, The Board of Human Care Ministry.

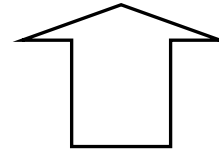


Tying together the Testaments

In most non-English-speaking nations, the holy day of Easter is known by a word derived from the Hebrew word for Passover: Pesach. In Greek, it’s Pasch; in Latin, Pascha; in Spanish, Pascua; and in French, Paques. Each spring, Jewish people observe the Passover festival to commemorate how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt. The Christian observance of the Lord’s Supper (the Eucharist, Holy Communion or the Lord’s Table) originated with Jesus sharing the Passover Seder meal with his disciples the night Judas betrayed him. Jesus connected the exodus story with his own mission: becoming a “Paschal Lamb” to save his people from the slavery of sin and its consequences.

“Easter is very important to me. It’s a second chance.” — Reba McEntire

The Board of Lay Ministry has decided to have only one service on Saturdays. It will be at 4:00pm. Effective March 20 there will be no 5:00pm service. The 4:00pm service will be a masked, non-singing service until the Covid issue is past.



Peace Roof - The Board of Church Properties has approved the contract with Duane’s Quality Roofing to replace the church roof. The agreed price is \$21,231 plus extra for replacing any weak or damaged sheathing. Work will be scheduled as the weather improves.

BLOOD DRIVE FEBRUARY 26, 2021

We had 10 registered donors. 7 units were collected for whole blood, 1 unit was collected for double red and there was one Convalescent Plasma donation. That resulted in 31 lives saved or sustained. We also had one first time donor.

Life Serve is pausing their Convalescent Plasma program due to hospital need going down which is great news! They also have a sufficient supply for those in need in the coming months.

Thanks to all those that registered for our current blood drive. Please mark your calendar for our next drive which will be on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. The remainder of our drives for 2021 will be on August 10th and December 14th.


Remember contact your friends, neighbors and family members to come and donate as the need for blood continues.

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Bible Quiz

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)



- 4/3 Lindsey Wyckoff
- 4/4 Olivia Adamovicz
- 4/6 Carol Barber
- 4/9 Kathy Ott
- 4/9 Chase Shumaker
- 4/10 Danika Janic
- 4/12 Daniel McReynolds
- 4/13 Lexie Bingham
- 4/13 Steve Kannenberg
- 4/16 Brad Helmuth
- 4/18 Emmett Campbell
- 4/18 Kae Wittich
- 4/20 Nicole Irons
- 4/21 Scott Page
- 4/22 Dorothy Curtis
- 4/23 Kristina Johnson
- 4/25 Ron Gutuskie
- 4/26 Nancy Roberts
- 4/27 Rose Nesheim
- 4/30 Laurie Delmott
- 4/30 Tanya Janic



Peace internet service and conference phone - Cable was placed in the church to extend better internet service to the fellowship area and the basement below it on March 15. For now, the fellowship hall cable is connected to an internet extender to try to improve service for Pastor Barnes. Peace is waiting for word on whether a technology grant from LCMS will be awarded to help pay for wifi access devices recommended by our computer support people, Digital Stew. The cable installation cost will be paid by undesignated memorial funds. A cable was also installed that places a phone connection in the fellowship hall. This will allow use of a conference call phone. Possible uses are for remote attendance at Bible classes. It may also be possible for listeners to hear worship services through the conference call connection. More to come when the conference call numbers are determined.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

- 4/2 Mike & Judy Kannenberg
- 4/11 Neil & Kathleen Martin
- 4/15 Eric and Elizabeth Goyke
- 4/17 Merle & Sue Schneider
- 4/27 Michael & Debra Feller
- 4/28 David & Candy Schrader



- 4/1 Eilene Baber
- 4/1 Jack Callahan
- 4/1 Mike Callahan
- 4/1 Tim Hagge
- 4/2 Adam Urlis
- 4/4 Lukas Johnson
- 4/5 Taylor Baber
- 4/6 Darren Jochims
- 4/8 Barb Drewes
- 4/8 John Williams
- 4/8 Katie Wood
- 4/8 Lailah Wood
- 4/9 David Pool
- 4/9 Makaela Valdez
- 4/11 Liam Campbell
- 4/11 Jesse Moehle
- 4/13 Michael Feller
- 4/13 Gerald Heuer
- 4/14 Ron Harder
- 4/16 Randy Friend
- 4/17 Diana Hamrick
- 4/17 Sue Schneider
- 4.19 Terri Martin
- 4/19 Brooke Waugaman
- 4/19 Lindsey Wyckoff
- 4/21 Janet Pool
- 4/21 Ron Schwebke
- 4/22 Toby Ghee
- 4/22 Jacob Goyke
- 4/22 Chase Shumaker
- 4/22 Wyatt Shumaker
- 4/27 Danielle Hein
- 4/30 Danika Janic

If you would like to include a friend, family member or yourself on the **PRAYER CHAIN** please contact Carol Long or the church office at 515-285-3769.

SERVING THE LORD THIS MONTH

LAY MINISTRY:

4/1 Joe Wyckoff
4/3 Troy Trevino
4/4 Chuck Helmuth
4/17 Ken Drewes
4/18 Steve Kannenberg
4/24 Ron Harder

USHERS:

Steve Kannenberg, Ken Drewes, Ron Hardy & Kathy Harder
Maundy Thursday: Roger Wheatley, Ken Drewes, Mike Grubb & Mike Sheets
Good Friday: Ron Harder, Kathy Harder, Don Clouse, & Denise Clouse

FINANCE COMMITTEE TEAM:

Roger Wheatley and Dick Wittich

ALTAR GUILD

Saturday: Denise Clouse
Sunday: Ron & Kathy Harder

GREETERS:

Lyn & Roger Wheatley and Mike Sheets

FLOWERS:

4/4 Joe Wyckoff
4/11 Steve Kannenberg
4/18 Open
4/25 Linda Healy

ETERNAL CANDLE:

4/4 Denise Clouse
4/11 Open
4/18 Open
4/25 Linda Healy

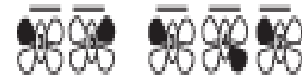
PLEASE LET US KNOW—When you are hospitalized or plan to be hospitalized - Pastor Barnes or the church office at 285-3769. Remember due to HIPPA Guidelines the hospital will not notify your church without your permission.

Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him."



SUNRISE SURPRISE

The hidden surprise in these sweet rolls hints at the reason behind Easter's joy.

What you need:

- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 10 uncooked frozen rolls, thawed
- 10 large marshmallows
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Grease a round baking dish. Sprinkle pecans on the bottom.
2. Flatten each roll. Place a marshmallow in the center, wrap dough around it and pinch edges together.
3. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each roll into melted butter and coat with cinnamon-sugar. Place in pan, seam side down.
4. Sprinkle brown sugar and remaining butter over rolls. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise 30 minutes.
5. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown, about 30 minutes. Cool in pan.
6. As you bite into a roll, you'll see the marshmallow has melted, leaving an empty center — just like Jesus' empty tomb!

Be a caremonger

At the start of the coronavirus pandemic, a mutual-aid movement dubbed as “caremongering” quickly spread throughout Canada. Within 72 hours, 35 Facebook groups were launched so people could request and offer assistance. This altruistic effort is essentially the opposite of fear-mongering. “We wanted to switch that around and get people to connect on a positive level,” says Mita Hans, who helped set up the first group. The movement, she adds, “spread the opposite of panic in people, brought out community and camaraderie, and allowed us to tackle the needs of those who are at-risk all the time — now more than ever.” One disabled man in Halifax who received aid through a caremongering group said it felt “like a hug.” That’s intentional, says participant Valentina Harper. “I think it is really showing people there is still hope for humanity.” When the pandemic is history,



“The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.”

—Kate McGahan

General Fund information as of February 28, 2021



General Fund Balance on 2/1/2021	-759.00	General Fund Balance on 1/1/2021	4,441.73
Receipts for February	14,918.47	Year-to-date receipts	26,301.84
Disbursements for February	13,169.02	Year-to-date disbursements	29,753.12
Balance 2/28/2021	990.45	Balance 2/28/2021	990.45

In November 2014 Voters authorized obtaining a line of credit to be used to prevent the General Fund from borrowing net new funds added to the Dedicated Funds since 9/1/2014. No funds have been borrowed on a line of credit through 6/30/2019.

Anticipating life's waves

Joni Eareckson Tada, who was paralyzed after a diving accident, described swimming in the ocean as a child. Because the waves looked so high, her first inclination was to swim away from them. That, however, just left her tossed about and sometimes held underwater. “The best thing,” she discovered, “was to swim fast toward [the waves] and dive under them before they had a chance to break on top of you.” That’s true with life’s “waves of crisis or difficulty” too, says Tada. “The best way to beat those waves of trials and tough challenges is to face them. Head-on. Almost anticipating them. Sometimes I find myself literally diving into the middle of a problem before it has a chance to crash on top of me.” When problems are about to break on top of you, what helps you face them and stand your ground?—adapted from *The Wired Word*.

Believing in

Sometimes we get caught up in thinking we need to understand God in order to have faith. But faith is more about trust than knowledge; it’s more about believing in someone than believing information. A child, for instance, doesn’t have to know the precise roads to Grandma’s house; he only needs to believe in his parents and their ability and desire to get him there safely. Similarly, we need not understand all the intricacies of how God works; we can take a cue from the disciples and let belief in the risen Christ transform and empower us. In the words of Madeleine L’Engle (*The Rock That Is Higher*): “The disciples did not bother to try to understand the resurrection body. They doubted, and then they believed. They believed something so wonderful that it changed this broken, fragmented, beaten-down little group of men and women in a moment from depression to enthusiasm, from despair to new life, vibrant and unafraid.”

Encourage wonder

For a new perspective on Bible accounts you’ve heard over and over, play “I Wonder” with children and adults alike. Similar to “I Spy,” it encourages a deeper dive into familiar passages. Simply explore ideas that aren’t detailed in the Bible, starting with the phrase “I wonder.” For example:

- I wonder if any Roman soldier was standing in the back not mocking Jesus (Matthew 27:27-31). If so, what was he thinking as others threw about insults?
- I wonder how long it took Joseph of Arimathea to cut his own tomb out of the rock (Matthew 27:57-60). What did he think about as he worked?
- The day after Jesus’ ascension, I wonder which disciple spoke first at breakfast — and what he said.

Scholars may have chimed in on some of these ponderings, but there’s likely no right answer. Playing “I Wonder” can help you slow down to really pay attention and experience more of a Bible passage — especially one you seem to know by rote. Add meaning to this year’s Easter celebration by letting your wonder wander during Holy Week. Then continue the practice whenever you’re eager to gain new insights on the “old, old story ... of Jesus and his love.”

—Janna Firestone

