

**PEACE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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**Sunday Worship**  
9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Adult  
Bible Class**  
10:30 a.m.

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# Messenger of Peace

Dear Members and Friends

Easter is on April Fools' Day this year. Actually to the disciples and those who first heard about the resurrection of Jesus it probably sounded like a sick April Fools' joke. But as the day wore on it became clear that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead and the world would never be the same again for those who believe. In John, Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me will live even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Do you believe this?

Our Easter hymns are rich with theology and meaning as they explain the implications of the resurrection of Jesus and its meaning for our lives. I invite you to read and ponder Luther song "Christ Jesus Lay in Deaths Strong Bands."

## **Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands [LSB 458]**

- 1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands For our offenses given;  
But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life from heaven.  
Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 No son of man could conquer death, Such ruin sin had wrought us.  
No innocence was found on earth, And therefore death had brought us  
Into bondage from of old And ever grew more strong and bold  
And held us as its captive. Alleluia!
- 3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down, His people to deliver;  
Destroying sin, He took the crown From death's pale brow forever:  
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; An empty form alone remains;  
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!
- 4 It was a strange and dreadful strife When life and death contended;  
The victory remained with life, The reign of death was ended.  
Holy Scripture plainly saith, That death is swallowed up by death,  
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!
- 5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursed tree—So strong His love—to save us.  
See, His blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!
- 6 So let us keep the festival To which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is Himself the joy of all, The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now His grace to us imparts Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!
- 7 Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

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## Easter Sunday Schedule

April 1st

Sonrise Service @ 7:00 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast @ 8:15 a.m.  
Service II @ 9:30 a.m.

## Bible Study Classes...

**Sunday Adult Bible Study Class** - Steve Sinclair leads the class. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the adult classroom.

**Wednesday Bible Study Class** - Pastor Griesse's Wednesday evening Bible Classes will begin again on April 11th. The class at Peace will start at 6:30 p.m., and the class at Bethlehem Lutheran will start at 11:00 a.m.

**Women's Saturday Bible Study** - This class meets each Saturday (except the first Saturday of the month) from 11:00 to 12:30.

"Let's  
study  
God's  
Word"

## A Little Humor...



Question: What do you call a chicken that is crossing the road?

Answer: Poultry in motion

Question: Why did the room packed with married people seem empty?

Answer: Because there wasn't a single person there.

## On Vacation...

Pastor Griesse will be on vacation April 2nd through April 8th. If you need pastoral assistance during this time, please contact a Lay Minister. (If you need contact information call the Church Office during office hours.)

## Thank You...

*"Dear Friends at Peace,*

*Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, phone calls and cards. Jody's mother is doing well on her new medication, and Steve is doing great on his recovery. ~ Steve & Jody Hert*



The next **Men's Night Out** is scheduled for **April 23rd** (a week later than usual). All Peace Lutheran men are invited to meet at Tailgaters in Selah at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of relaxing and just shooting the breeze.

## April O.W.L.S. Lunch

O.W.L.S. will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 13th, at New York Teriyaki (Fruitvale & 40th Ave., Yakima). Please let Marcia Shotwell know if you plan to attend ([shotwell@elltel.net](mailto:shotwell@elltel.net) or 697-4543).



## "He is not here! He has RISEN!"

Luke 24:6



## L.E.R.T. - Lutheran Early Response Training

For those who have indicated an interest in participating, Peace Lutheran has scheduled the LERT Training. LERT is part of the LCMS Disaster Response program. At the training, we will address the nature of disasters and explore what our response should be to disasters as members of the LCMS. We will explore how Christ has shown mercy to us, and how we can show our community that same Christ-like mercy. The goal is to prepare congregations and individual members to be better prepared when a disaster strikes and to help them know how to respond within their congregations, and in word and deed, within the greater communities. Once certified, LERT members become part of the Synod's response. LERT teams have assisted after hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes, etc.

**When:** Saturday, May 5, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Peace Lutheran Church

**Cost:** No cost to Peace members

**\*Lunch will be provided\***

Please confirm with Pastor Griesse by [April 18th](#) that you will be attending.

## Welcome Peace Men's Choir!



Front row: Director, Ralph Miles, Pianist, Joan Stocker  
Back row: John Tierney, Bruce Peterson, Russell Hibdon,  
Bruce Williams, Steve Shotwell, John Cox and Glenn Stocker  
(not pictured: Lee Groth and Mike Phelps)

Peace Lutheran now has a Men's Choir! Ralph Miles called a group of men and ~~forced~~ asked them if they would be interested in singing in a men's choir; the results are in the picture on the left! They have performed at several services now and the congregation loves hearing them sing. Joan Stocker graciously agreed to be their accompanist.

We look forward to hearing more from them.