



# The Voice of Peace

### PEACE MISSION STATEMENT . . .

To witness and live as followers of Christ; serving one another in Christian love, so that God's Holy Spirit may save the lost and strengthen the saved.



"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you PEACE." Numbers 6:24-26

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## **March 2021**



Dear friends in Christ,

March 2021

As 2021 begins, I think about beginning my 9th year in ministry here as Pastor of Peace. It seems hard to believe that time has gone by this fast. But we all know how that feels, don't we?

Our mission and ministry at Peace have continued, but many changes have occurred over the last year. I hope that we can make progress to restoring many of our traditional services and hope the Lent and Easter season bring hope in a better tomorrow and remind us all of what we missed last year.

Our District and Synod conventions are postponed one year due to the pandemic, and our District convention is at the end of June in 2022, with the Synod National Convention in the summer of 2023. We've all had to make adjustments over the last year as well.

During Lent, we will continue to hear the call of Return to the Lord as we follow Jesus to Jerusalem and the Cross. It is a time to look both inward at our brokenness and outward to our Lord and Redeemer as He restores the relationship between God and his children. We, too, look to Jesus as we pray, hope, and prepare for the restoration of our life in Christ here at Peace but also to the Lord's continued work in each one of us.

<sup>19</sup> "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:19-22).

May God by his Spirit continue to build you up in Christ!

God bless, Pastor Tkac In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.





EPHESIANS 2:22, ESV



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## Worship and Class Schedule:

Saturday Divine Worship ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday Divine Worship** ..... 10:30 a.m.

Note: Unless otherwise noted, no classes Memorial Day — Labor Day

No Sunday School until further notice.

### **Adult Bible Class**

Thursday ...... 2:00 p.m.

No Confirmation / High School Class





- 02 Sue Vogt
- 05 Luanne Susick
- 06 Shannon Squanda
- 10 Olaf Six
- 11 Dolores Moore
- 23 Marilyn Rappuhn
- 28 Skip Bushart



Years

12 Jonathan & Elizabeth Tkac26 Edward & Terry Rimatzki55



Portals of Prayer

## Paying it back — and forward

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.



In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who'd helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning "In each other's shadows the people live."

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus' Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

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#### **BIBLE QUIZ**

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

A. carrots and potatoes

- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

# **March 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m. Midweek III Worship Wednesday Worship III	4 2:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study	World Day  Of  PRAYER  World Day of Prayer	6 6:30 p.m. Worship / Holy Communion
7 Third Sunday in Lent 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion	8	9 9:00 a.m. Pastors' Virtual Circuit Meeting	7:00 p.m. Midweek IV Worship Wednesday Worship IV	2:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study	12	13 6:30 p.m. Worship / Holy Communion Turn clocks ahead 1 hour before retiring for the evening! Day- light Saving Time Begins
14 Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion  SPRING FORWARD  Daylight-Saving Time Begins	15	16	7:00 p.m. Midweek V Worship Wednesday Worship V	18 2:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study	19	20 6:30 p.m. Worship / Holy Communion  ARRIVES First Day of Spring
21 Fifth Sunday in Lent  10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion	22	23	7:00 p.m. Midweek VI Worship  Wednesday Worship VI	2:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study	26	27 6:30 p.m. Worship / Holy Communion
28 Palm Sunday  10:30 am Worship / Holy Communion  PalmSunday  Holy Week Begins!	29	30  February 2021  S M T W T F S  1 2 3 4 5 6  7 8 9 10 11 12 13  14 15 16 17 18 19 20  21 22 23 24 25 26 27  28	31  April 2021  S M T W T F S  1 2 3  4 5 6 7 8 9 10  11 12 13 14 15 16 17  18 19 20 21 22 23 24  25 26 27 28 29 30	April 01  Maundy Thursday  7:00 p.m. Worship / Holy Communion	April 02  Good Friday  7:00 a.m. Worship  No Communion	April 03 / April 04  Worship with Holy Communion  Easter Sunday  Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

# **Monthly Prayer Meeting**

Our monthly Prayer Meeting is Tuesday, **February 2, at** 7:00 p.m. Join us and bring your prayer requests, needs, and desires to the One who will answer in the time and way He knows best.

# **Adult Bible Study**



Come and be with us for Study on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. The

Lord will strengthen you in faith and life and bless you abundantly.

# **Daylight-Saving Time Begins**



Daylight-Saving time begins Sunday, March 14. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before retiring for the

evening on Saturday night, March 13.

## $\pm$ CHRISTIAN SYMBOL $\pm$

#### **CROSS OF TRIUMPH**

Also known as the Cross of Victory, this cross symbolizes Christ's final triumph and His reign throughout the earth. The Cross of Triumph is often depicted atop Jesus' scepter when He's shown in His kingly office.



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Lent Midweek III	Wednesday, March	03	7:00 p.m.
Lent Midweek IV	Wednesday, March	10	7:00 p.m.
Lent Midweek V	Wednesday, March	17	7:00 p.m.
Lent Midweek VI	Wednesday, March	24	7:00 p.m.



Palm Sunday	March 27/28	6:30 p.m. /10:30 a.m. / Communion
Maundy Thursday	April 1	7:00 p.m. / Communion
Good Friday	April 2	7:00 p.m. / Communion
Easter, Saturday	April 3	6:30 p.m. / Communion
Easter, Sunday	April 4	10:30 a.m. / Communion

# Laud & honor on Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday anthem "All Glory Laud and Honor" is one of Christendom's oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount John 12:13, NRSV Jerusalem, an event the

Laud and Honor! BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD - THE KING OF ISRAEL!"

medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin Gloria, laus et honor — and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer "because we know just what kind of King he was and is — an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor."

> All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.