

# Peace Lutheran Church News and Notes

April 26, 2020

## Today's Worship Service Readings

Acts 2:36-41  
1 Peter 1:17-25  
Luke 24:13-35



**Crisis and Fear**  
Pastor Courson's  
Message today

## Daily Bible Readings for the Week

April 26	John 17:1-26
April 27	Matthew 26:36-75
April 28	Matthew 27:1-31
April 29	Mark 15:21-47
April 30	Matthew 27:62-28:15
May 1	John 20:1-31
May 2	Luke 24:13-49

**Concordia Publishing House** offers many free resources for families to download during this difficult time. Visit their website and find something for your family! <https://www.cph.org/>

**All Worship Services at Peace are cancelled through April.** A determination of when we are able to gather at Peace will be made after that date. Pastor Courson is available at Peace Sunday Mornings from 9:00—11:00 am if you would like to come in and pray, mediate or talk with him. Pastor Courson is in the office Monday through Thursday and Saturday mornings.

**You may access our Worship services in a variety of ways from the Peace website:**

<https://www.peaceaa.net/>. Click on the Messages tab then Sermons tab.

- 1) Audio Podcast
- 2) A pre-recorded YouTube Video recording with music will be available on Peace's YouTube page Sunday mornings at 11:00 am. Peace's YouTube link: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmCQzE\\_oS\\_HGy6Yy5eSv7Kw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmCQzE_oS_HGy6Yy5eSv7Kw), or go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Peace Lutheran Church Ann Arbor.

**Update on Peace's Livestreaming from Matt Burr:** *We made great progress this week towards a more permanent solution for streaming our church services. As it appears the Governor will again announce an extension of the lock down today, this need continues to grow more urgent. Again, thank you for being adaptive to the changes and providing feedback as we work through this challenging issue. We are working on purchasing new equipment to substantially improve our ability to stream our services. The goal is still to have the new system set up and working by the 17th of May, at the latest. Once the system is in place for Sunday morning we will begin looking for other ways to use it to allow for more digital interaction with the church.*

*The format for this weekend will be as it was last weekend. A service will go live at 11am on Sunday morning on our [YouTube channel](#). Once the service is over you will be able to rewatch it at any time you like. If you have any questions or difficulties accessing it please contact the church for help.*

**New Message Series "Living In a Changing World"** Pastor Courson continues the message series "Living In a Changing World." The Corona Virus is changing our world. Jesus' resurrection changes everything. This Sunday we will be taking a look at Crisis and Fear. COVID has created a lot of fear throughout the world. The religious authorities in Israel were afraid of the Resurrection story. God's love overcomes fear. Next Sunday, May 3rd, the message topic is "Faith in the Face of Unwanted Change"

**What are you going to do with your Government Stimulus money?** Jesus said the greatest commands are to love the Lord God and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Some of you need this infusion of cash. Some others are still doing ok financially. Would you consider giving some of that money out of love for God to support the work of the church, giving some to help others in need and keeping some if you need it for yourself?

**Pastor Courson continues a daily blog (Monday-Friday).** He delivers a scriptural message of hope during the COVID outbreak.

**We are sending out a weekly survey of those who worship with us** to make sure that they are ok, to find out what needs they may have and how we can assist them.

**We Remember in Our Prayers:** Elly, Evan, Cindy, Amy, Meggan, Sheryl, Stephanie, Lonnie, Jonah, family of Jessica Towers on the passing of Jessica's mother; Peace's Call Committee; our Nation in the midst of COVID-19 concerns; medical personnel, including: Stephen, Rebecca, Becky, Karen, Erik, Lindsey, Stephanie, Todd & Heidi

**Prayers for our Men and Women in the Military:** Matt Heuser, John Brosch, Joe Bauer, Connor Harmon, Eustace Mlrgan, Eric Wood

**Chelsea-Dexter Emergency Fund (CDEF)** The Christian Churches in the Dexter and Chelsea Communities are working together with Faith In Action to raise funds to assist those who have lost jobs, have dramatically reduced hours or are facing COVID 19 related medical bills. We are encouraging those who have not lost income to donate out of their own financial resources or using money they receive from the Federal Government Stimulus package.

You may donate to this fund by going to <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/Peac9999957> Select Chelsea Dexter Emergency Fund. To apply for help go to [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSmt0nlndt2Ui7HgR8kvRkydDSmU68ijHPSptAaUyum\\_1Cg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSmt0nlndt2Ui7HgR8kvRkydDSmU68ijHPSptAaUyum_1Cg/viewform)

**Call Committee Update.** An update on the Calling process was emailed this past week. The Call Committee is working on holding a Congregational Voter's meeting on May 3rd. We will be collecting votes electronically. If you prefer to receive a paper ballot, please contact the Church office.

**Pastor Courson's retirement date has been extended to June 28th.**

**Confirmation Class** The 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation students will have a final review session today. They will give their statements of faith and personal Bible verses to the Elders and their families on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Confirmation is May 17<sup>th</sup>. If we are not able to hold public services, a private confirmation service will be held with each confirmand and their families. In that case there will be a public recognition and celebration for the confirmands later in the year.

**Parents! Are you looking for ways to support faith formation at home?** Sparkhouse is excited to announce Family Sunday School, a free 8-week lesson series for families! Click on this link to find more information and download material: [https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/promos/family-sunday-school/?utm\\_campaign=SHC%20Children&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz--aoWAsPF0T2Kcn\\_S3uJp8SjVxgo79\\_0hcA8Ku76zkqwICH2nKjKt4w\\_0g\\_cx3Kq8DRhaRXpi81gfzQMrr-htFcvBMtZQ&\\_hsmi=86257487&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_content=86257487&hsCtaTracking=c3d6eabc-1fb2-440a-b463-40df04a40b77%7Cf0cee152-f0d2-42c0-8115-9e284545c423](https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/promos/family-sunday-school/?utm_campaign=SHC%20Children&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--aoWAsPF0T2Kcn_S3uJp8SjVxgo79_0hcA8Ku76zkqwICH2nKjKt4w_0g_cx3Kq8DRhaRXpi81gfzQMrr-htFcvBMtZQ&_hsmi=86257487&utm_source=hs_email&utm_content=86257487&hsCtaTracking=c3d6eabc-1fb2-440a-b463-40df04a40b77%7Cf0cee152-f0d2-42c0-8115-9e284545c423)

**Join the 75,000 Face Mask Challenge!** COVID-19 is threatening vulnerable communities and Lutheran World Relief urgently needs cloth face masks to distribute. The cloth masks you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world. How many will you make to help stop the spread? [Click here](#) for more information.

**Spiritual Relief for the Unemployed.** Click on: "This is Your Race" from the Michigan District. It is an excerpt from a devotional book written for the unemployed and those who love them. "Your life may be changing, but God isn't. He's there to love you and help you through the changes along this journey." The blog includes a link to a podcast.

**Are you looking for an opportunity to stay engaged?** Please consider participating in World Vision's Virtual 6K for Water. Why a 6K? That is the average distance a person in the developing world must walk to find water. Peace has put together a team to support World Vision's clean water program, and you can register through this link. If you'd rather support the clean water program through donations, you can also use this link to do so. The date is May 16th, and this is a virtual 6K that you can run anywhere! Click on this link: [Team Peace](#)



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