

*"Make a snake and put
it up on a pole; anyone
who is bitten can
look
at it
and
live."*

NUMBERS 21:8, NIV



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church

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We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety. If you have any questions, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

Children are welcome at our worship services. If you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger. The room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

Holy Communion is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. If you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to partake. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

Offering. Peace Lutheran Church understands and teaches that Offerings are voluntary and to be from the heart. Whether we give or do not give does not determine our salvation. Whether we give much or little does not determine our standing before God. Sharing an Offering is an opportunity to quietly practice generosity with our neighbors.

Serving You

Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School	Brandy Stokes & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
Webmaster	Jim Holroyd
Audio-Visual	Johnathon Holroyd, George Abele, Nicholas Abele, Merv Munster, Callie Santora, Caleb Santora, Joyce Long, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Debbi Weiler, Daniel Dusek
Praise Team	Rick Durling, Patrick Kamins, Karyn Stanley, Nora Stanley, Diane Crocker, Kaia Lucke, Sarah Grassel, Caleb Santora

Today, March 10, 2024

Musician
Reader
Flowers

Colleen Schulze
Audrey Bond
Lenna Corbaley

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: If you were to conduct a survey of our member's favorite Bible passages, both today's Epistle and Gospel would likely end up among the most loved, and rightly so. Both of these sets of verses get to the heart of what the Christian faith is all about. They get to the heart of what it is that makes Christianity different from all other world religions. Today we receive a clear picture of grace, love and perfect sacrifice!

RINGING OF THE BELL.....After the ringing of the bell, we prepare our hearts *in silence* for today's worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHORAL ANTHEM “You Are Precious, Lord, To Me”

Words and Music by Douglas Nolan and Jimbo Stevens; Copyright 1993, GlorySound and Malcom Music.

More than silver, more than diamonds,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
More than riches, more than power,
You are precious, Lord, to me.

More than kingdoms, more than honor,
Lord, You're ev'rything I need.
More than silver, more than diamonds,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
If the riches of earth were mine to hold,
All the silver and all the gold,
I'd rather have treasure in heaven above.
Nothing compares, nothing compares,
nothing compares, nothing compares
with Your precious love.

More than silver, more than diamonds,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
More than riches, more than power,
You are precious, Lord, to me.

More than kingdoms, more than honor,
Lord, You're ev'rything I need.
More than silver, more than diamonds,
You are precious, Lord, to me.
You are precious, Lord, to me.

A WORD ABOUT OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Psalms 27

Leader: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: *One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:*

People: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Leader: *Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.*

People: Teach me Your paths.

CONFESSING TO GOD

Leader: *The paths of God begin with an honest evaluation of ourselves. God is our light, but often it has been the dark paths of sin that we have chosen to travel. During this moment of silence we reflect upon our need for God's help.*

~~~~~ Silent Reflection ~~~~~

Leader: *We confess,*

**People: We have sinned against You and against our neighbors. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our enemies. Forgive us, renew our love, on account of Jesus. Amen.**

## RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

Leader: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son." God is rich in mercy and is always generous with forgiveness. Receive God's light today through the forgiveness of your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by Jesus' authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: *We pray.....*

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, You have loved us with an everlasting love that grants us eternal life. Burn Your love ever stronger within our hearts, Lord, so that we may love others as You have loved us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Leader: *Amen.*

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## HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

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### Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

*Moses and the bronze serpent.*

**4** From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.

**5** And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."

**6** Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

**7** And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

**8** And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live."

**9** So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

*The Son of Man must be lifted up.*

**14** And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

**19** And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

**20** For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. **21** But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Leader: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children's  
Message



## **SERMON HYMN**

## **“You are My All in All”**

Dennis Jernigan; 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc. (Admin. by PraiseCharts Publishing, Inc.)

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the Treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my All in All.

.  
*Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.*  
*Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.*  
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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
rising again I bless Your name.  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down, You pick me up;  
When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You my All in All

*Chorus*

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**SERMON**  
**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**

**[Part 1](#)**

**[Part 2](#)**

**[Part 3](#)**

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## OFFERING

*We give our offerings as a sign of our lives offered to God.*

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## OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Leader: Almighty Creator, You give new life to Your people. We pray today that You would renew us this Lenten season. We acknowledge that apart from Christ, we are dead in our trespasses and sins. Receiving Christ today, we desire to now live as Your workmanship as we live our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Almighty Creator, You provide our daily bread. We pray for a heart of contentment and thanksgiving. Keep us from grumbling, complaining and being impatient. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, give us hearts to care for the people You have placed in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Almighty Creator, Your people Israel humbled themselves by looking to the snake on a pole when they realized that they had sinned. We ask that You would do the same for us. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us to see our frailty and faults so that we can then look to Jesus for health and restoration. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Almighty Creator and Preserver, we uplift those who are sick, sorrowing and struggling from the challenges that come in life, (including.....). Give them certainty today that You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son. Bring them peace and patience. And we do pray that you would, at the right time in the way You know best, deliver them from their suffering. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Gracious Father, You are rich in mercy, so we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray into Your loving hands; through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

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### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen**

### **A CLOSING BLESSING**

Leader: *Go with us today, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from the dangers that may come this week. Open our eyes to Your work done in and around us this week.*

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

### *“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”*

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. composite, alt. © Tune: John Hughes, 1873-1932

Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
Hold me with your pow’rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more,  
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain  
Where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,  
Shield me with your mighty arm,  
Shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell’s destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forever more,  
I will raise forever more.

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: *Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES.** The midweek services start this Wednesday which is also Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day. Soup supper will start at 5:00pm and the service will start at 6:00pm.

**SOUP SIGN UP.** Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring soup and other food to the soup suppers during Lent. This week the following people will provide the meal:

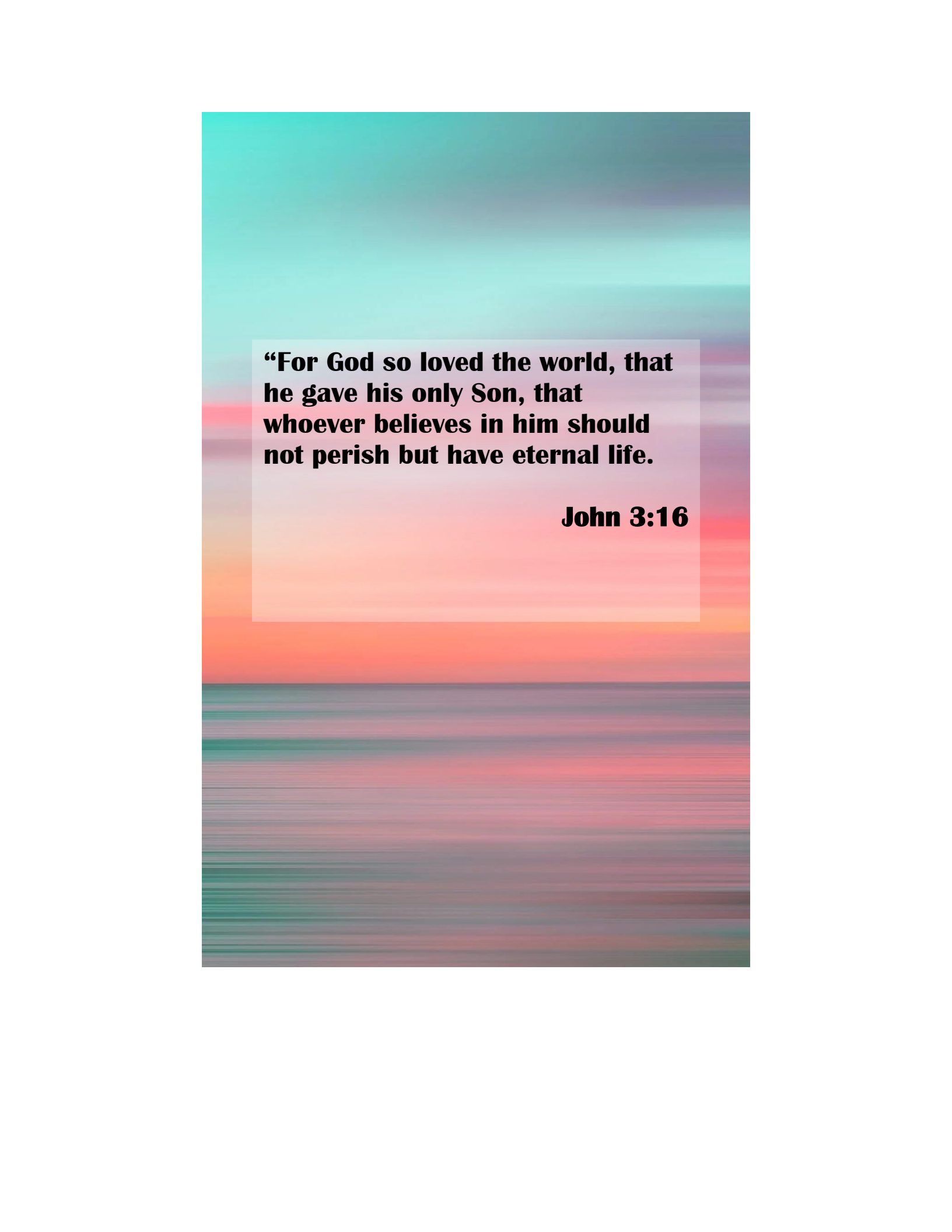
- Soup: Lou Ann Mergl, Ellen Holroyd, Pastor & Alicia Lucke
- Bread & Butter: Karyn Stanley & Kay Glathar
- Cookies: Elaine Schwartz

**SEDER MEAL CELEBRATION AND SIGN-UP.** Our celebration of the Seder Meal will be Thursday, March 28 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is not a meal rather a remembrance of the foods that the Jewish people used to remind them of their exodus from slavery from the Egyptian pharaohs. We encourage you to eat before you come. After the Seder, we will join Pastor in going to the Sanctuary for Holy Communion.

To provide adequate seating and food samples, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board located in the hall to the Fellowship room. Please take a reminder ticket if you like. We also need participants to provide items for the Seder meal. Please sign up for the items you can provide on the list posted on the bulletin board. All items are to be brought to the kitchen and labeled for the Seder service by March 21. Please let Peggy, Ellen or Janette know if you would like to help with the set-up, food preparations or clean-up for the Seder celebration; we will need you. Peggy Krueger, Ellen Holroyd, and Janette Payne.

**BOOK SWAP/AUTHOR TALK:** Mark your calendar - Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 am- 12:30pm. This is a free event for the ladies of Peace as well as any friends/community members or interested parties. See Diane for any questions.

**THANK YOU FROM DAN & CHONA.** Both Chona and I wanted to extend a very big thank you to our Peace family. Thank you so much, not only for the wonderful party, but also the very generous gifts. You truly made us feel exceptionally welcome, loved, and blessed to be a part of God's family.



**“For God so loved the world, that  
he gave his only Son, that  
whoever believes in him should  
not perish but have eternal life.**

**John 3:16**