

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

*Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA*

# WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

## MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

**In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.**

**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.**

**Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.**

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Lord God, We Praise You*

ELW #558



1 Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. composite  
Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

## GREETING

Alleluia. Christ is Risen  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*This is the Feast*

ELW P. 187

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of  
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60**

A reading from Acts.

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10**

A reading from 1 Peter.

*Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a

holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH**

ELW #172 (twice)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## **GOSPEL: John 14:1-14**

The holy gospel according to St. John.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**





1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



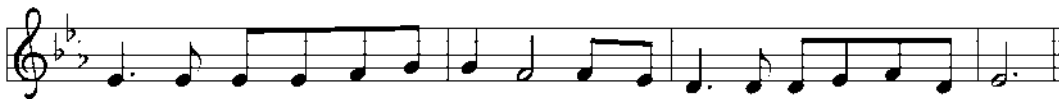
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers are offered for the church, the world, and all creation.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## + THE MEAL +

## OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

*Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church. We gladly accept your offerings via US Postal Service, Tithe.ly, or direct deposit from you bank.*

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all ere - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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## OFFERING PRAYER

*Let us pray. Generous God,*

**in this meal you offer your very self.**

**We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**

**In the breaking of this bread**

**reveal to us the Risen One.**

**In the pouring of this wine**

**pour us out in service to the world;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 190

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

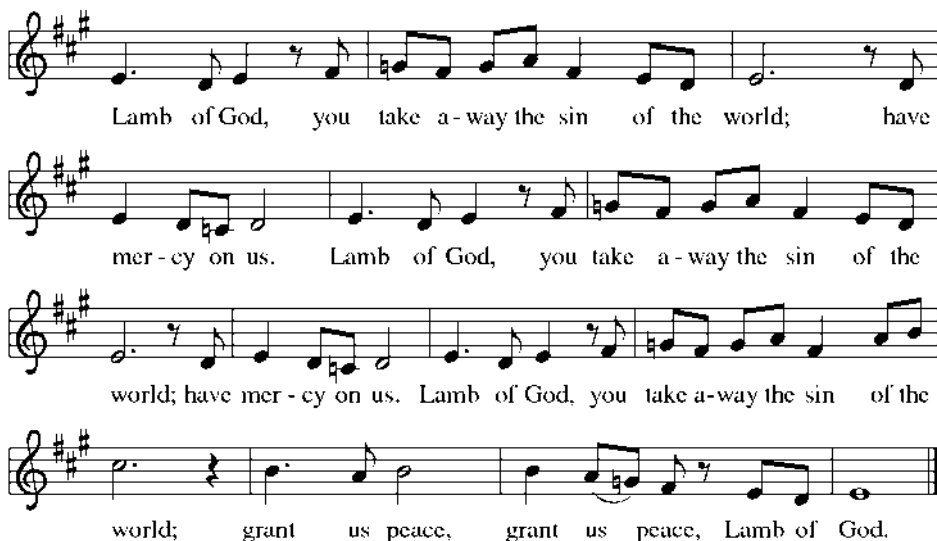
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### CONTEMPORARY/ COMMUNION HYMNS

*The Way*  
*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* ELW #494

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

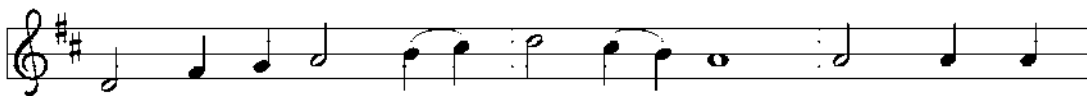
## BLESSING

The God of all,  
who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**

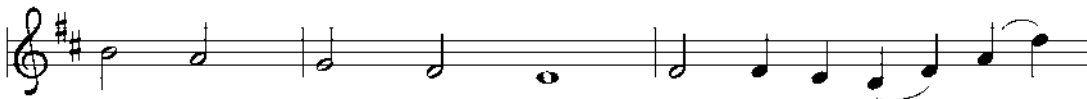
## SENDING HYMN

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* (vv. 1-4, 7-8)

ELW #619



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives c -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.



5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in Love.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## ABOUT THIS WEEKS TEXT

AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER, TODAY'S GOSPEL INCLUDES JESUS' PROMISE THAT HE GOES TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR HIS FOLLOWERS IN HIS FATHER'S HOUSE. OUR BAPTISM COMMISSIONS US TO SHARE JESUS' MISSION IN THE WORLD. AS 1 PETER REMINDS US, WE ARE A HOLY PEOPLE, CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE ONE WHO CALLED US OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT. IN WORDS AND DEEDS WE BEAR WITNESS TO THE RISEN CHRIST—OUR WAY, OUR TRUTH, OUR LIFE.

## THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, JUDY BARHOOVER, MICK BUCHLER,  
PAULA TONELLATO, NORM KOEFOED, TOM ZUPANSIC, NANCY KIEL,  
MARY LOKEN, JAY EDGEComb

*If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to [peace.lutheran@comcast.net](mailto:peace.lutheran@comcast.net) OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ASSISTING THE WEEK OF MAY 7:

**PRESIDING:** REV. MARY E. ZUPANSIC

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**CAMERA:** JANET KOCIS

**POWERPOINT:** LINDA RICE

**FELLOWSHIP:** NORM KOEFOED

**IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHERS, ERMA AND ALMA**

## ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM

**MONDAY, MAY 8**

PROPERTY COMMITTEE—6:00PM

QUILTERS—6:00PM

**TUESDAY, MAY 9**

COMMUNITY SERVICE—5:30PM ZOOM

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

FAITH FORMATION—5:30PM ZOOM

**THURSDAY, MAY 11**

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE—5:00PM

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM—9:30AM

FAITH FORMATION—10:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD—10:45AM



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ALTAR FLOWERS

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS FOR 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A PERSON OR EVENT IN THE COMING YEAR PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR FLOWERS ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE MEMBERS' SECTION. FLOWERS ARE \$35.00. MANY DATES STILL AVAILABLE!

## COOKIES FOR FELLOWSHIP

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE COOKIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP, THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU CAN HELP: CONTACT LINDA RICE AT 217-494-2658 OR [lrice10650@gmail.com](mailto:lrice10650@gmail.com) AND SIGN UP TO BRING COOKIES ON A CERTAIN DATE (BAKED OR BOUGHT) OR MAKE A DONATION AND COOKIES WILL BE BOUGHT IN YOUR NAME.



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PEACE WILL BE DOING A HIGHWAY CLEAN UP DAY ON SATURDAY, **MAY 20TH FROM 9AM-11AM**. GRABBERS AND TRASH BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING GLOVES IF YOU WOULD LIKE. IT IS A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY THE FRESH AIR AND KEEP OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT CLEAN. SEE ELIZABETH MITCHELL FOR MORE INFORMATION.