

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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GOOD FRIDAY NOON WORSHIP SERVICE April 7, 2023

As we gather As the most somber day of the Church Year, Good Friday provides us with an opportunity to walk with Jesus in a world that we could only imagine. From our Passion readings in John’s Gospel, we learn that this world is culturally Jewish but is ruled by Rome. This world prosecutes religious offenses through the state. This world releases a murderer and crucifies the innocent Jesus. Faithful and chosen disciples engage in betrayal, deception, and denial. This is a world that will never be the same for the very Redeemer of Life dies upon the cross so that all may forgiven and live. (*Acts 3:15*)

+PREPARATION+

(The congregation is invited to meditate on the following poem.)

This darkened hour, gather we to hear
The story how our Jesus held us near.
Arrested, tried, so steadily He went,
The sentences, death, though He was innocent.

Now turn your gaze to where you hear His cries,
And watch our Savior hoisted to the skies
Upon an instrument to torture men,
Our Jesus suffered, died, to cancel sin.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

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READING.....John 18:12-18

(Jesus is arrested)

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest’s courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door.

The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the girl on duty there and brought Peter in. “You aren’t one of this man’s disciples too, are you?” she asked Peter. He replied, “I am not.” It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: So often we are confronted with an opportunity, like Peter, to declare to the people around us our relationship with Jesus Christ. So often we offer something less than a clear, “Yes, I am one of His disciples.” Let us take a silent moment to confess these and other sins to God, our Father.

(Silence for confession.)

Pastor; O Lord, Jesus Christ,

People: There are times when we respond just like Peter, publicly denying our relationship with You. In humble repentance, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, placing our temporal welfare ahead of Your eternal Lordship. Look upon us with mercy, and through the blood You shed upon the cross, forgive us our sins, so that we may declare to the world with confidence that we are Your disciples.

Pastor: Your Lord Jesus Christ died so that He could take Your sins with Him to the grave. Your sins died with Jesus and are never to be remembered again. Therefore, be assured that as you believe you are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

RESPONSE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

3 What language shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
 For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
 O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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READING John 18:19-27
(Jesus speaks truth; Peter lies!)

Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said." When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby struck him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded. "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" Then Annas sent him, still bound, to Caiaphas the high priest. Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

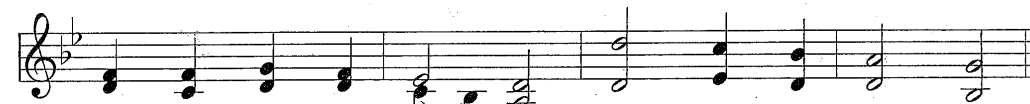
HYMN "Ah, Holy Jesus"



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed That man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,
O Lord, Your innocent suffering and death is beyond our comprehension. You have become flesh, blood, and bone knowing the intensity of human anguish and pain. In love and grace You have borne the enormity of our sin and guilt, securing for us life eternal. By faith, may we confidently know that Your great sacrifice is sufficient to sustain us in this life and the next. Grant us Your peace, Lord, as we remember this day the ultimate price You paid for our salvation.

People: Amen

READING John 18:28-40
(Jesus faces interrogation before Pilate.)

Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

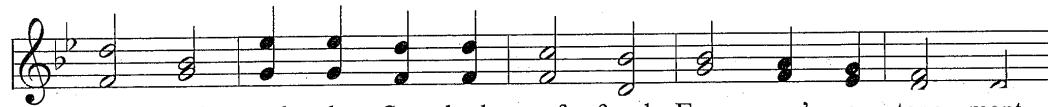
They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

HYMN

"Ah, Holy Jesus"



3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of-fered; The slave hath
4 For me, kind Je-sus, was thine in-car-na-tion, Thy mor-tal



sin-ned, and the Son hath suf-fered; For man's a-tone-ment,
sor-row, and thy life's ob-la-tion; Thy death of an-guish



while he noth-ing heed-eth, God in-ter-ced-eth.
and thy bit-ter Pas-sion, For my sal-va-tion.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

READING John 19:1-7
(Jesus' Lordship is mocked with a crown of thorns.)

Pastor: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted,

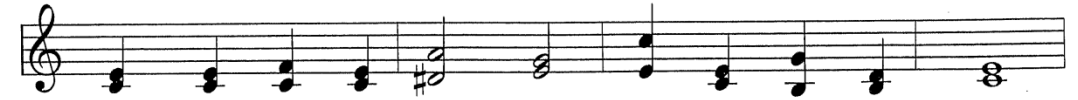
People: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Pastor: But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."



HYMN

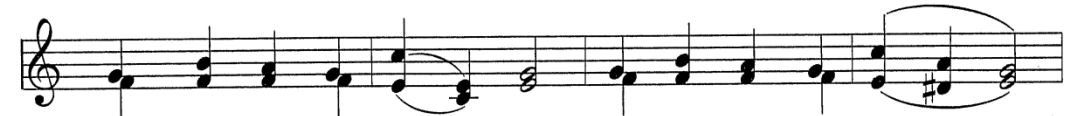
"In the Hour of Trial"



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm,
3 Should thy mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,



Lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.
Or its sor - did trea - sures Spread to work me harm,
Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,



When thou seest me wa - ver, With a look re - call;
Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne,
Grant that I may nev - er Fail thy hand to see;



Nor from fear or fa - vor Suf - fer me to fall.
Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.
Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on thee.

READING John 19:8-15

(Pilate is persuaded by an angry mob.)

Pastor: When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting,

People: **“If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”**

Pastor: When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge’s seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. “Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted,

People: **“Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!”**

Pastor: “Shall I crucify your king?” Pilate asked. “We have no king but Caesar,” the chief priests answered.

HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, in the words of Isaiah the prophet. O Lord, Jesus Christ, surely You have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed You stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

People: **Lord, we give You heartfelt thanks for knowing our griefs and sorrows.**

Pastor: You were wounded for our transgressions; You were crushed for our iniquities; upon You was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with Your stripes we are healed.

People: **Lord, we ask that You would continually forgive our sins and be our physician in the face of all illness and injury.**

(Cont'd)

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to our own way; and the Lord has laid on You the iniquity of us all.

People: Lord, when we stray from Your Word of grace and wisdom, restore us to Your eternal fold.

Pastor: You were oppressed, and You were afflicted, yet You opened not Your mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so You opened not Your mouth.

People: Lord, we praise You for being the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Pastor: By oppression and judgment You were taken away; and as for Your generation, who considered that You were cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of His people?

People: Lord, we give You thanks for confronting and conquering grim death, descending into hell, and forever vanquishing the powers of Satan.

Pastor: They made Your grave with the wicked and with a rich man in Your death, although You had done no violence, and there was no deceit in Your Mouth.

People: Lord, keep us mindful of Your pure innocence, and by Your Spirit may we be emissaries of Your peace and truth.

Pastor: Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush You; He has put You to grief; when Your soul made an offering for sin, He saw His offspring; He shall prolong Your days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in Your hand.

People: Lord, You have forsaken Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that we may prosper in this life. Increase our joy, knowing that our redemption is secure in the life and death of Jesus.

Pastor: Out of the anguish of Your soul He saw and was satisfied; by Your knowledge the righteous one, my servant, made many to be accounted righteous, and You bore their iniquities.

People: Lord, may Your righteousness be made known through our actions and our speech. Cleanse us from all iniquity that we may purposely seek to do Your will among all people.

Pastor: Therefore, He will divide You a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because You poured out Your soul to death and were numbered with the transgressors; yet You bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. *Isaiah 53:4-12 adapted*

People: Lord, continue to intercede on our behalf that our unknown transgression, and unmet needs may be embraced by the care and compassion of God our Father, in Your holy, precious name. Amen

HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”



3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

READING John 19:16-22

Pastor: Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
 tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar-raigned; Oh, the worm-wood and the gall!
 Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

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READING John 19:23-27

(Soldiers gamble for Jesus' garments)

Pastor: When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did. Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I
 see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.

READING John 19:28-30

(Jesus' thirst is quenched with a bitter drink.)

Pastor: Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

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READING John 19:31-37

(Jesus' body is speared to fulfill Holy Scripture.)

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

HYMN "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.

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READING John 19:38-42

(Jesus' lifeless body is cared for.)

Pastor: Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.

Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

HYMN "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

GOOD FRIDAY MESSAGE

Deacon Bob Hutchison

HYMN "Were You There?"

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you
there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

All: 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**

*Please leave in silence, pondering the mystery of the cross and
Christ's atoning death and anticipating the victory of the
resurrection.*

The offering will be collected as you leave.

Please join us for:

Holy Week

April 7, 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday April 9

9:00 am Traditional Worship Service

10:15AM Easter Brunch

10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am Praise Worship Service

You are invited to worship with us
at our regular worship times
on Sundays at:

9:00 am Traditional Services

11:00 am Praise Service

9:20 am Sunday School

(3 yrs. – 6th grade) -
dismissed before the sermon
during the Hymn of the Day

10:20 am Adult Bible Class (Overflow)

Please call the church office (482-3313) for a
complete list of Bible Studies, and other activities