

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Shirley Weber
Communion Committee: Sharon Martin and Melody Ruhbusch

7:45 Elder: Paul Woehrmann Ushers: Rich Burger, Ed Lemke
Acolyte: Sarah Meyle

10:30 Elder: Michael Ferguson Ushers: Jeff and Mitchell Dubnicka
Acolyte: Evan Hertzberg

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Steve Lueck

Flowers are given by Todd and Dawn Fredrich in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary.

Treats are given by the Smith and Dubnicka families

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 12 – 141 (7:45) 94 (10:30) Bible Study – 127

Wednesday, February 15 – 26 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 48

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

Reduce the Debt:

General Fund: \$5,076.61

(Loose: \$298.61; Gen Env: \$4,595.00;

Mortgage: \$75.00; 50/50 Fund: \$86.00;

Initial: \$12.00; Seasonal: \$10.00)

Goehner Fund: \$10.00 \$10.00

Last Week's Total: \$5,086.61

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEB.:

Reduce the Debt Fund received in February: \$50.00

Other Received in February: \$10.00

General Fund received in February: \$14,710.62

\$14,770.62

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday, February 19, 2012


TODAY'S THEME: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Epiphany season begins and ends with the Father's Word concerning Jesus: "This is My beloved Son!" Jesus' Baptism at the beginning of Epiphany proclaimed Him the Lamb of God and the anointed Christ. The Transfiguration of Our Lord proclaims Him to be the eternal Son of the Father and the fulfillment of the entire Old Testament Scriptures. The glory of God shown through Jesus' flesh in the miracle of the transfiguration, showing that the humble servant of God is none other than God Himself. By the appearance of Moses and Elijah the prophetic word is confirmed in Jesus. Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration, that they might later proclaim the hope of glory in Jesus' salvation that awaits us all. In the meantime, we who believe in Jesus are given the very simple word: "Hear Him!" Our entrance into Jesus' glory is only through His life-giving Word.

The Ascension of the prophet Elijah into heaven is the appointed Old Testament reading for the Transfiguration because in it we see the glory of God and the ministry of His Word being passed on to Elisha, even as the Apostles would share in the glory of God as they continued Jesus' ministry of the Word. Elijah represents the latter prophets in the Old Testament. When Elijah appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration he bore witness that the latter prophets as well as the books of Moses testified of Jesus and His death and resurrection for the salvation of the world.

In today's epistle, Moses had to veil his face because of the glory of God. In Jesus the veil is lifted and we have full access to the glory of God in heaven. In Jesus we have boldness to approach the Lord because He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. In His suffering and death the wrath of God and all that Israel feared at Mount Sinai was taken away. In Jesus we actually become partakers of the glory of God and understand the mystery of God's love in the salvation of the world. At the heart of the mystery of God's glory is that He has actually taken the responsibility for the world's salvation upon Himself. The veil is lifted by the Gospel which teaches us that we have a gracious God, not by our own works, but by the merits of Jesus.

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender



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Divine Service: Sunday - 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday - 6:45 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday - 9:15 a.m.

Guest Register in the Narthex There is a guest register in the narthex. All guests are asked to sign this register either before or after the service.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD—"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord. Ongoing catechesis—passing on the Lord's Word by which faith lives—is the way of life for all the baptized.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. (After daily chapel or by appointment, call pastor at 246-3200 or 628-4976)
Sunday Divine Service 7:45/10:30: Transfiguration of Our Lord
Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. Why Does the Christian Strive for Excellence?
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Daily Chapel Monday through Friday 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Monday Public School Catechesis at 4:15: Lesson 21
Monday Didache- Adult/Youth at 7: Lesson 22
ASH Wednesday Service at 2:30 and 6:45 p.m.
Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00: The Prophet Isaiah

Lent begins this Week with Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Once again we will have midweek services every Wednesday at 2:30 and 6:45. Lent is a time of intensified meditation upon God's Word. It is a penitential season in which, through confession and absolution, the Lord prepares us to celebrate His victory over our sin, death, and the power of Satan in His suffering and death upon the cross. Private Confession and Absolution will be available on the Wednesdays of Lent before both midweek services, from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m. and from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. This year's Lenten Sermons will focus on characters of the Passion

Lenten Midweek Schedule:

Ash Wednesday: Sackcloth and Ashes
February 29: The Prophet Moses
March 7: Peter and the Disciples
March 14: The Woman of Bethany
March 21: Pontius Pilate
March 28: The High Priest and the Council
April 4: The Soldiers of the Passion

News and Notes

Pastor Gehlbach— is preaching this morning at Messiah Lutheran Church in Kenosha. He will be installed as our part-time Assistant Pastor next Sunday, February 26, at the 7:45 service

AUCTION UPDATE – SUPPORT THE ACADEMY. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Goods and Services Auction on Sunday, February 26, 2011. If you cannot make the lunch, you are still welcome to attend the auction for only \$5. Please fill out a table reservation sheet and turn into the office with your payment. We need to get a count for auction only attendees to make sure we have enough table seating. Bringing guests and friends to bid on items is a tremendous benefit to the academy. Please contact the church office or Karen Frerking at 262-966-9978 to sign up for tickets. Thank you.

Boards of Properties and Elders— will meet Tuesday, February 21. Elders at 6:30pm and Properties at 7:00pm. Pick up your packets today.

Parish Council— will meet Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00pm.

Updated 2011 Contribution Statements— are available in the Narthex.

Our New Website Has Launched!

Check out our new website at www.peacesussex.org! The website has three faces or main pages: Peace Lutheran Church, Peace Lutheran Academy, and the Concordia Catechetical Academy. In addition to bulletins, Congregation at Prayer devotional guides, calendars, and newsletters, there is a plethora of additional information on our congregation, academy, and the CCA. Check it out for yourself today and bookmark our website for regular use.

LCMS President Harrison testifies before Congressional Committee

Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison testified last week before a congressional committee about the Health Care mandate that violates our religious freedom under the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. Video clips of his testimony can be seen at: www.lcms.org. Included in this week's bulletin are press releases from President Harrison on the subject.

Scrip Update for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2011)

Year to Date Profit: \$5,214.10
Last Week's Profit: \$184.50
Participating families last week: 24

Sunday Order of Service
 The Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Sunday, February 19, 2012

Divine Service Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book p. 184

“**And with thy spirit**” is the response in this service to the salutation, “The Lord be with you.”

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation **810**
 “O God of God, O Light of Light”

Introit *sung by the Choir, congregation sings the Gloria Patri from Setting 3*

Antiphon *(Ps. 99:9)*
 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
 for the LORD our God is holy!

Psalm *(Ps. 99:1-5)*
 The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
 He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
 The LORD is great in Zion;
 he is exalted over all the peoples.
 Let them praise your great and awesome name!
 Ho- | ly is he!
 The King in his might loves justice.
 You have established equity; you have executed justice and
 righteousness in Jacob.
 Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool!
 Holy is he!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
(antiphon is repeated)

Old Testament Reading **2 Kings 2:1-12**
 The Ascension of the Prophet Elijah

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!
 For great is His steadfast love toward us,
 And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
 Bring an offering, and come into His courts!

(Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8)

Epistle **2 Corinthians 3:12-18**
 Moses’ face is veiled

Alleluia Hymn **415**
 “Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

Holy Gospel **Mark 9:2-9**
 The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Hymn of the Day **Insert**
 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”
 St. 1 – Choir
 St. 2 – Women and children
 St. 3 – Men
 St. 4 – All
 St. 5 – All

Distribution Hymns **416**
 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

Distribution Hymns **583**
 “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

Distribution Hymn **414**
 “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

Hymn to Depart **417**
 “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”