

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell and Shawneen Schmitt

7:45 Elder: Jim Verage

Ushers: Dale Stratil, Paul Schneider,

Acolyte: Joseph Schneider

Marc Schneider

10:30 Elder: Alex Scheler

Ushers: Ted Dhein, Ed Lemke,

Acolyte: Hannah Hardenbrook

Erich Greschner

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Schneider

Treats are given by Joanne Smith

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, January 17 – 90 (7:45) 107 (10:30) Bible Study – 94

Wednesday, January 20 – 31 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 34

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$5,240.80

(Loose Plate: \$825.80; Gen. Env.: \$4,415.00)

Other Funds: \$295.50

(Seasonal: \$47.00; Mortgage: \$220.00;

Candle: \$3.50; Goehner Scholarship: \$25.00)

Last Week's Total: \$5,536.30

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JAN.:

Reduce the Debt in January:

Other Received in January: \$5,094.50

General Fund received in January: \$10,975.95

\$16,070.45

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 24, 2016

TODAY'S THEME: JESUS WAS ANOINTED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

The people of Nazareth, the town in which Jesus grew up, were honored by having Him preach in their synagogue, yet at the conclusion of His preaching they sought to throw Him off a cliff. Jesus preached on the text of Isaiah 61: 1-2: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor..." He told them that this very text from Isaiah was fulfilled in their hearing. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jesus. The Spirit anointed Him to preach the Gospel of God's salvation to the spiritually poor and to heal the broken hearted and to proclaim the freedom of the forgiveness of sins to those who were enslaved by sin. This wonderful message of hope and salvation in Jesus was rejected because He was a man with whom they had lived and grown up. As the brothers of Joseph hated him in the Old Testament because of the grace of God given to him, so the citizens of Nazareth hated Jesus and rejected Him because of their self-righteous faith in themselves. The glory of God is seen precisely in the willingness of Jesus to subject Himself to every human limitation that we face, to become one with our flesh, and then to take responsibility for our sin from which we could not save ourselves. It is only when we accept our own spiritual need that we can receive Jesus as the Redeemer and Savior of sinners.

Guests—Welcome to Our Divine Service! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Please sign our guest register in the narthex

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.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD—“*Hear, and your soul shall live*” (Isaiah 55:3b). 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 chapel when school is in session, or by appointment.*

Call pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189

Sunday Divine Service 7:45/10:30: Sunday's Gospel

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

Daily Chapel Monday through Friday 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Monday N.T. Youth Catechesis Lesson 18

Monday: Didache at 7:00 p.m. **Lesson 16: Holy Baptism**

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study - Christmas and Epiphany Gospels

We Welcome Rev. Professor Jason Lane from Concordia University, Wisconsin as our guest preacher and Sunday Bible Class teacher this Sunday. Professor Lane is a professor of theology at Concordia, teaching classes in Lutheran doctrine.

Coffee Break Bible Study: Christmas and Epiphany Gospels

Coffee Break Bible Study will explore the Gospel narratives chronicling the birth of our Savior and His epiphany to the nations. We will spend several weeks exploring the history of our Lord's nativity and how the Evangelists proclaim the Gospel for the comfort and strengthening of our faith in Christ.

Lenten Services on Wednesdays: Every Wednesday during Lent at 2:30 and 6:45. February 10 (Ash Wednesday), 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23.

Issues Etc. Lutheran Radio Broadcast on Contemporary Issues may be heard over the internet at www.issuesetc.org. This week's topics include: This week's topics include: Exorcism, The Diet of Worms, The Conversion of Paul, The Boy Jesus at the Temple and more.

News and Notes

Peace Lutheran Academy Potluck/Open House TODAY– January 24

Everyone is invited to our annual Academy Potluck Open House today at 12:00 p.m. The Open House will model a mini school day (not including preschool) and give an opportunity for our members and guests to visit classes and observe, first hand, the wonderful students, teachers, and curriculum of our Academy in action. Bring a dish to pass and join us for the noon luncheon. There is a signup sheet located on the bulletin board next to the church kitchen. Students will be dismissed at 3:00pm. There **will be**

NO school on Monday, January 25 for Preschool through eighth grade. This is a uniform event.

Parish Council— meets Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00pm. Pick up your packets today.

YOU ARE INVITED to a piano recital being held at Peace on Saturday, January 30, at 1:00pm. It will feature some of Mrs. May's piano students, most of whom are students from our Academy.

Congregational Assembly— will be Sunday, January 31 at 9:15am.

Ash Wednesday Divine Service February 10. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 10. Once again we will have midweek services every Wednesday at 2:30 and 6:45. Lent is a penitential season in which the Lord prepares us to celebrate His victory over our sin, death, and the power of Satan.

Christians Generously Give as a Confession of Their Faith in Christ

We give thanks to God for His generosity to us in the Gospel of His Son by confessing our faith in Christ in the offerings we give to support our local congregation. As you look forward to 2016, consider regular auto-withdrawals from your checking account. It's simple and helps our congregation meet its regular monthly expenses throughout the year. “Simply Giving” pamphlets are available in the track rack on the wall by the narthex doors. If you have questions, contact Randy Kirk, our financial secretary, 414-405-7475.

Upcoming Auction. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Goods and Services Auction on Sunday, February 28, 2016. Please sign up to donate an item or service for the auction. Auction donation forms are located in the Narthex at the SCRIP counter. **The deadline for auction items is February 12, 2016.** Bringing guests and friends to bid on items is a tremendous benefit to the academy. To make reservations, please pick up a reservation form at the SCRIP counter in the Narthex or in the office. Thank you.

PLA Thought of the Week: Do you know the answer to one of the National Geographic Bee's Championship tiebreaker questions? Earth's coldest place, with an annual average temperature of -94 degrees, is located at Ridge A on which continent?

ANSWER: Antarctica.

Scrip Update for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2015)

Year to Date Profit: \$5,442.68

Last Week's Profit: \$218.14

Participating families last week: 20

Sunday Order of Service

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2016

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“And also with you” 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 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation **333**
“Once He Came in Blessing”

Introit *sung responsively with the soloist*

Antiphon *(Ps. 102:13)*
You will arise and have mercy on | Zion; *
for the time to favor her,
yes, the set | time, has come.

Psalm *(Ps. 102:18-22)*
This will be written for the genera- | tion to come, *
that a people yet to be created may | praise the LORD.
For He looked down from the height of His sanctu- | ary; *
from heaven the LORD | viewed the earth,
to hear the groaning of the | prisoner, *
to release those appoint- | ed to death,
to declare the name of the LORD in | Zion, *
and His praise in Je- | rusalem,
when the peoples are gathered to- | gether, *
and the kingdoms, to | serve the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**
Ezra reads the Law

Gradual *Sung by the soloist* *(Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8)*
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!

Epistle **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**
Unity in the body of Christ

Alleluia Verse *sung by the soloist* *(Luke 4:18a)*
Alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
because He has anointed Me to preach the
gospel to the poor.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel **Luke 4:16-30**
Jesus is rejected at Nazareth

Hymn of the Day **839**
“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

Distribution Hymn **523**
“O Word of God Incarnate”

Distribution Hymn **658**
“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

Hymn to Depart **849**
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”