

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 Goltermann

Sanctuary Candle is given by Jim and Mary Nitzsche in celebration of David and Lily's birthdays.

Treats are given by the Vogt family

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, January 24 – 75 (7:45) 129 (10:30) Bible Study – 70

Wednesday, January 20 – 21 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 38

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$4,103.00

(Loose Plate: \$128.00; Gen. Env.: \$3,975.00)

Other Funds: \$299.00

(50/50 Fund: \$25.00; Mortgage: \$185.00;

Mercy Fund: \$10.00; Initial: \$59.00;

Sacred Appointments: \$20.00)

Last Week's Total: \$4,402.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JAN.:

Reduce the Debt in January:

Other Received in January: \$5,393.50

General Fund received in January: \$15,078.95

\$20,472.45

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 31, 2016


TODAY'S THEME: JESUS SPEAKS WITH POWER AND AUTHORITY

It is so common for us to speak of Jesus as "the Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil" that we may take it for granted or fail to realize the greatness of the miracle of salvation. Jesus' ministry in Capernaum on the Sabbath showed Him to be the mighty Savior whom we confess. The people were "astonished" at His teaching because He taught with authority. Authority is power and Jesus' power was from God. The demons were no match for Jesus. They accused Him of wanting to destroy them, and they were quite correct. By a Word Jesus rebuked the demons, cast them out, and delivered the man from physical and spiritual harm. By a Word Jesus rebuked the fever in Peter's mother-in-law and immediately it left her and she rose up to serve them. By a Word He delivered all who were afflicted and oppressed. This is the power of the preaching of the Gospel that Jesus demonstrated in the synagogues of Galilee. This same power is at work today wherever the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached. It is the power at work in the Divine Service of the Lord that we enjoy each week.

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

Congregational Assembly meets TODAY during the Bible Class Hour at 9:15am.



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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 17: Holy Baptism**

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study - Christmas and Epiphany Gospels

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.

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.

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.

Private Confession and Absolution During Lent 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. Private Confession and Absolution is always available on Sunday mornings and/or by appointment.

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: : A Scientific Perspective on the Beginning of Life, Video Games, Lutheran Education, Baptists & God's Law, The Purification of Mary and more.

News and Notes

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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.

A Thank You— to all the members at Peace Lutheran Church for your cards, well wishes, and prayers. Pete Greschner

Pick up your 2015 offering statements in the Narthex.

Boards of Elders, Education and Properties— will meet Tuesday, February 16. The study is at 6:30, business meeting at 7:00pm.

Family Fish Fry and Old-Time Gospel Music with Mark Wayne and Pastor Bender Friday, February 19 from 4:30-7:00pm— Pastor Bender collaborates with North Woods Steel Guitar performer Mark Wayne for a Peace Lutheran Academy benefit concert during the Fish Fry featuring many old-time favorites from the American “Gospel Music” genre. Occasional commentary will be interspersed throughout the concert.

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.

PLA Thought of the Week: Congratulations to the Academy's National Geographic Bee Champion Dane Petersen!
Encourage Dane as he attempts to qualify for the state bee.

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

Year to Date Profit: \$5,527.17

Last Week's Profit: \$84.49

Participating families last week: 20

Sunday Order of Service

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2016

Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

“**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 533
“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”
Choir sings stanza 2

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *(Ps. 10:12)*
Arise, O LORD; O God, lift | up your hand;*
forget not the af- | flicted.

Psalms *(Ps. 10:16-18)*
The LORD is king forever and | ever;*
the nations perish | from his land.
O LORD, you hear the desire of the af- | flicted;*
you will streng- | then their heart;
you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and | the
oppressed,*
so that man who is of the earth may strike ter- | ror no more.

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

Jeremiah 1:4-19

The Call of the Prophet Jeremiah

Choral Response

Richard W. Gieseke

Now listen, you servants of God,
and take His words to heart,
for this is the Word of the Lord.
Hear it, receive it, and believe it.
How rich are the depths of God,
how deep His wisdom and knowledge!
To Him be glory forever,
our Source, our Guide, our Goal!

Epistle **1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13**
The love of God

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir* *(Luke 4:43b)*

Alleluia!
I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God
to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel **Luke 4:31-44**
Jesus authoritative ministry of the Word

Hymn of the Day 842
“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Distribution Hymn 394
“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Distribution Hymn 583
“God Has Spoken by His Prophets”

Distribution Hymn 643
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Hymn to Depart 922
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”