

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Nancy Woods

Communion Committee: Nancy Woods, Del Duwe and Judi Smith

7:45 Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg  
Acolyte: Tommy Haga

Ushers: Larry, Tyler and Steven Haga

10:30 Elder: Mike Ferguson  
Acolyte: Dane Petersen

Ushers: Jeff and Luke Dubnicka,  
Bob Corso

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

**Treats** are given by Joanne Smith

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 21 – 107 (7:45) 96 (10:30) Bible Study – 98

Wednesday, February 24 – 82 (2:30) 52 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 43

### OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

**General Fund:** \$4,612.00

(Loose Plate: \$457.00; Gen. Env.: \$4,155.00)

**Other Funds:** \$833.00

(Seasonal: \$628.00; Mortgage: \$205.00)

**Last Week's Total:** \$5,445.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEB.:

Reduce the Debt in February:

Other Received in February: \$2,861.00

General Fund received in February: \$16,423.19

\$19,284.19

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

Year to Date Profit: \$5,883.44

Last Week's Profit: \$72.15

Participating families last week: 20

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 28, 2016

### TODAY'S THEME: CHRIST TOOK THE WORLD'S EVIL AND SUFFERING UPON HIMSELF

We have all witnessed tragedies, "natural disasters," terrorist attacks, and other calamities. Why do these things happen? Is it because God has abandoned us? Is it because God is not good? Is it because there is no God? By no means! The things through which we suffer, like the Galileans whom Pilate slaughtered or the eighteen innocent people upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, are signs to us of the fallen world in which we live. God uses these things to teach us the reality of human rebellion against God and the havoc that this rebellion has brought upon the world. Finally and ultimately, God wishes to use such tragedies as occasions to call us to repentance and renewed faith in the only One who can save us from our sin and the evil of the world in which we live: Jesus Christ our Savior. He took all the evil and suffering upon Himself to redeem us.

**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

### This Wednesday's Lenten Service:

At 2:30 and 6:45

***"The Son of Man Will Sit on the Right Hand of the Power"***  
***The Passion according to St. Luke—Part 3***



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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**—“*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*” (Matthew 4:4). 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:** Penitential Psalms

**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 21**

**Monday: Didache** at 7:00 p.m. **Lesson 21: The Office of the Keys**

**Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – St. Luke's Passion**

**Sunday Bible Class in Lent: The Penitential Psalms of Comfort**  
Throughout Lent we will study the penitential psalms of comfort. This morning **Psalm 51**

**Coffee Break Bible Study: St. Luke's Passion**

Coffee Break Bible Study will explore the Passion of Our Lord According to St. Luke throughout Lent, even as we meditate upon the Passion at our midweek services. On Thursday's we will be able to expand upon what we have heard and meditated upon during the midweek services.

**Lenten Services on Wednesdays: St. Luke Passion:** Every Wednesday during Lent at 2:30 and 6:45.

Mar. 2: “The Son of Man Will Sit on the Right Hand of the Power”

Mar. 9: “Father, Forgive Them, They Know Not What They Do”

Mar. 16: “Father, into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit”

**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.

**Private Prayer Vigil** The church will be open for prayer from 8:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday till 10:00 p.m. Good Friday. Devotional material and prayer books will be on hand in the narthex. **Sign up if you are interested in serving as a host or hostess during the vigil.**

**Issues Etc. Lutheran Radio Broadcast on Contemporary Issues** may be heard over the internet at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org). This week's topics include: The Movie "Risen," The Sermon on the Mount, Martin Luther's "Invocavit" Sermons, The Bread of Life and more.

**To Everyone An Answer Study— Sunday, March 6 at 5:30pm**

**The Mark of the Holy Cross:**

**The Church Bears Witness to the World through Persecution**

The presentation by Rev. Dr. Karl Fabrizio of Our Father's Lutheran Church in Greenfield and a Panel Discussion with Rev. Eric Skovgaard of Elm Grove Lutheran and Rev. Peter Bender will follow a chili and soup supper, served at 5:30pm. Sign up today to bring a dish.

**News and Notes**

**AUCTION – TODAY AT SILVER SPRING COUNTRY CLUB.**

Even if you have not registered, there is still time to attend the **auction only (no buffet lunch)** for just \$5. You can come to Silver Spring and pay at the door to participate in the raffles, the silent auction and the live auction. It is a fun day with opportunities to bid on fantastic items, all in support of Peace Lutheran Academy. We greatly appreciate all who have helped with planning, who have donated goods and services and those who are coming to participate in this year's event. We couldn't do it without you.

**Boards of Elders, Education, and Properties**—will meet Tuesday, March 15. The study is at 6:30, business meeting at 7:00pm.

**Family Fish Fry**—Friday, March 18 from 4:30-7pm.

**Documentary: The First Rosa** The name of civil-rights champion Dr. Rosa Parks is well known to history. But there was another Rosa, “a black teacher with liberating dreams,” with an inspiring story of her own. See this compelling documentary on Dr. Rosa J. Young, pioneer Lutheran educator and missionary who, alongside the Rev. Nils J. Bakke, planted dozens of historically black Lutheran schools and chapels in the American South. See the long odds they faced—struggles with strident critics, the Ku Klux Klan, even an invasion of boll weevils—before emerging with a glorious victory. Join us in the Nave after the fish fry at 7pm.

**Sign up to help with Easter Breakfast**— Sunday, March 27, after the 7:45 service. The sign-up sheets for staff help and food donations are in the hall on the bulletin board next to the church kitchen. Thank you for your help!

**PLA Thought of the Week: An Eternal Education** – on Sunday, February 21, all three members of the fourth grade class (Margit Rhode, Jake Mussomelli and Cole Petersen) received their first communion at the 7:45 Divine Service. While the classical education of PLA prepares our students for the academic world, the ongoing catechesis, daily chapel and focus on a Christ centered view of the God's creation prepares them for things of much greater and lasting importance. Congratulations and God's blessings to Margit, Jake and Cole.

## Sunday Order of Service

The Third Sunday in Lent  
February 28, 2016

### 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 614

“As Surely as I Live,’ God Said”  
*Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4*

#### Introit *sung by the choir*

**Antiphon** (Ps. 1:6)

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**Psalm** (Ps. 5:4-8)

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
evil may not dwell with you.  
The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;  
you hate all evildoers.  
You destroy those who speak lies;  
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.  
But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,  
will enter your house.  
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.  
Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;  
make your way straight before me.

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

*Antiphon is repeated*

#### Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 33:7-20

The Lord’s Watchman: I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

#### Choral Response

*Setting by S. Drummond Wolff*

O perfect life of love! All, all is finished now,  
All that He left His throne above to do for us below.

No pain that we can share but He has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care have pierced that tender heart.

And on His thorn-crowned head, and on His sinless soul,  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid that He might make us whole.

#### Epistle 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Old Testament People Serve as Our Example and Warning.

#### Verse *sung by the choir* (2 Peter 3:9b, c)

[The Lord] is patient toward you,  
not willing that any should perish,  
but that all should come to repentance.

#### Holy Gospel Luke 13:1-9

World suffering as a call to repentance.

#### Hymn of the Day 823

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”  
*Choir sings stanza 2*

#### Distribution Hymn 628

“Your Table I Approach”

#### Distribution Hymn 918

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

#### Distribution Hymn 758

“The Will of God Is Always Best”

#### Hymn to Depart 718

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”