

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Shirley Weber

Communion Committee: Sherry Prowatzke and Joanne Smith

7:45 Elder: Mark Schneider
Acolyte: Sarah Meyle

Ushers: Rev. Bob Johnson, Erich Greschner,
Fritz Theilacker

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Acolyte: Autumn Walentoski

Ushers: Mike and Chris Clark,
Steve LaSage

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg

Flowers are given by Florence Schmidt in celebration of her birthday.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 28 – 108 (7:45) 94 (10:30) Bible Study – 76

Wednesday, March 2 – 79 (2:30) 46 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 41

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$5,098.00

(Loose Plate: \$263.00; Gen. Env.: \$4,835.00)

Other Funds: \$1,061.00

(Seasonal: \$941.00; Mortgage: \$20.00;

Candle \$100.00)

Last Week's Total: \$6,159.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEB.:

Reduce the Debt in February:

Other Received in February: \$3,922.00

General Fund received in February: \$21,521.19
\$25,443.19

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

Year to Date Profit: \$5,974.59

Last Week's Profit: \$91.15

Participating families last week: 20

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 6, 2016

TODAY'S THEME: THE LOST IS FOUND!

THE DEAD IS ALIVE AGAIN!

The Parable of the Prodigal Son teaches us about the nature of God's love and grace to us in Christ. The son who demanded his inheritance and left his father's home, not only wasted his possessions in self-centered prodigal living, but he also sinned against the father who loved him and by whom he was brought into the world. The son's sin, though evil and wicked, could not diminish the father's love for him. When this prodigal son is left with nothing, when he experienced no true fulfillment from pursuing the appetites of his flesh, then "he came to himself" and realized that he was still his father's son. While he was in a far off country feeding the unclean swine, the father's love stirred in his heart and called him home to repentance and renewed faith. While he was still a great way off the father came to him, forgave him, restored him to the family and gave him nothing less than the status of son. We receive this status in our Baptism. It is the status of the Son of God Himself, for we are joined to Him in Baptism. Even though we so often wander from our heavenly father, nevertheless the promise of our Baptism means that He remains constant in His love for us that we might repent of our sin and return to Him.


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 Passion according to St. Luke—Part 4*

"Father, Forgive Them, They Know Not What They Do"



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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 22

Monday: Didache at 7:00 p.m. **Lesson 22: The Sacrament of the Altar**

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**

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

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.**

Upcoming Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, March 20, 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services

Holy Monday, March 21, 7:00pm

Holy Tuesday, March 22, 7:00pm

Holy Wednesday, March 23, 2:30 and 6:45 Final Midweek Service

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7:00 Service of Corporate Confession and Individual Absolution—The Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday Tenebrae, March 25, 9:00 a.m. (No Communion)

Good Friday Divine Services, March 25, 1:00 and 7:00

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 26, 7:00, with reception of new members and confirmation of Academy eighth graders.

Easter Sunday, March 27, 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services

Issues Etc. Lutheran Radio Broadcast on Contemporary Issues may be heard over the internet at www.issuesetc.org. This week's topics include: The Devil's Defeat, Jesus Teaches Us to Trust, Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, Christ in the Old Testament, Martin Luther on Liturgy & Hymns and more.

To Everyone An Answer Study— Today, 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.

News and Notes

A Thank You— Thank you to Pastor Bender and everyone for your prayers and cards. Bernice Lemke.

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, Friday, March 18 at 7:00pm.

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 Friday, March 18 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: Do you know any parents who are struggling with their children's current educational experience? The blessings of a classical education presented from a Christ focused view of the world are enormous. If you know anyone who may benefit from knowing more about what our Academy has to offer, please let Headmaster Hughes know and we will gladly share our story.

Sunday Order of Service

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 6, 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

“I Will Sing My Maker’s Praises”
*Women and children sing stanza 2
Men sing stanza 5*

Insert

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *(Ps. 51:1)*
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Psalm *(Ps. 51:2-6)*
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your | judgment.
Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

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

The Lord Is My Strength and My Song

Isaiah 12:1-6

Choral Response

Setting by Carl Schalk
“In Adam We Have All Been One”
(see LSB 569 for text)

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16-21
The ministry of reconciliation

Verse *sung by the choir*

(Luke 15:22a, 24a)

The father said to his servants, “This my son was dead,
and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.”

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Hymn of the Day

“In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord”

Insert

Distribution Hymn

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

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Distribution Hymn

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

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Hymn to Depart

“If Your Beloved Son, O God”

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