

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Shirley Weber

Communion Committee: Sherry Prowatzke and Joanne Smith

7:45 Elder: Mark Schneider

Ushers: Rev. Bob Johnson, Erich Greschner,

Acolyte: Sarah Meyle

Fritz Theilacker

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

Ushers: Mike and Chris Clark,

Acolyte: Autumn Walentoski

Steve LaSage

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg

Treats are given by the Carus family

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 13 – 85 (7:45) 115 (10:30) Bible Study – 84

Wednesday, March 16 –67 (2:30) 64 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 39

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$7,624.83

(Loose Plate: \$231.83; Gen. Env.: \$7,393.00)

Other Funds: \$1,799.00

(Seasonal: \$512.00; Mortgage: \$335.00

Initial: \$25.00; 50/50 Fund: \$150.00;

Retire the Debt: \$150.00; Candles: \$5.00;

Flowers: \$22.00; Memorials: \$600.00)

Last Week's Total: \$9,423.83

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAR.:

Reduce the Debt in March:

Other Received in March: \$2,678.00

General Fund received in March: \$12,712.89

\$15,390.89

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20, 2016

TODAY'S THEME: ST. LUKE PASSION

This year's Palm Sunday Passion reading is from St. Luke's Gospel. The Passion according to St. Luke records for us several sayings of Jesus which are found only in Luke's Passion. Each of these sayings highlights the brilliance of His saving work which was wrought for us by grace alone. When Jesus was nailed to the cross, He prayed: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). He prayed for the soldiers who crucified Him, for the chief priests and elders of the people who delivered Him up to Pontius Pilate, for the crowds who hurled insults at Him as He hung from the cross, and He prayed for the world and for us. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." None of us knows the full extent of our sins. If we did, we could not stand up under the weight of them all. His prayer reflects the undeserved grace of God in Christ who desires and has won salvation for all. To the penitent thief on the cross He declared, "Today you will be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). The thief was a murderer and an insurrectionist. He had lived in wickedness and unbelief, and was now in the final moments of his life. He had no time to amend his life or make up for what he had done. He could only pray the prayer of faith: "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom" and Jesus spoke an absolution to him and promised him eternal life. And Jesus' final words were words of faith, "Father, 'into your hands I commend My spirit'" (Luke 23:46). They are actually the words of Psalm 31:5. He prayed the psalms while He suffered for us upon the cross. He had finished His work. He had done all for us. Now He offered His atoning sacrifice to God the Father on our behalf. Because of His work, we can pray the same prayer to our heavenly Father every day. Through faith in Christ we are prepared to commend ourselves to God with the full confidence of His salvation. Meditate upon these words in the Passion. They were spoken to strengthen your faith in His forgiveness and the all sufficiency of His work for your salvation.

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

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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.



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

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 24

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 we conclude our study of **Psalm 51**.

Private Confession and Absolution during Holy Week will be available on Wednesday 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. This week's topics include: Handel's Messiah on Jesus' Suffering & Death, The Movie "The Young Messiah," Evangelical Style & Lutheran Substance, Martin Luther's Marriage and more.

Upcoming Holy Week and Easter Week Services:

Palm Sunday, March 20, 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services
Holy Monday, March 21, 7:00pm Rev. Wolf Knappe, Preacher
Holy Tuesday, March 22, 7:00pm Rev. Robert Johnson, Preacher
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
Easter Monday, March 28, 7:00, Rev. Christopher Seifferlein, Preacher
Easter Tuesday, March 29, 7:00, Rev. Karl Fabrizius, Preacher
Easter Wednesday, March 30, Rev. Gary Gehlbach, Preacher

News and Notes

Due to the presentation on Religious Freedom by Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, on April 10, at the Marriott Milwaukee West Hotel in Waukesha, we are cancelling the next To Everyone An Answer which is also on April 10. See enclosed flyer for more information. R.S.V.P for the Harrison event is needed by March 26. This is a great opportunity and we hope that many can attend the event.

Parish Council— will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00pm.

PLA Thought of the Week: Thank you Kimberly Hughes and Pastor Gehlbach for representing Peace Lutheran Church & Academy at the Sussex Spring Fest last Saturday at Hamilton High School. This was a wonderful way to share the many blessings of Peace Lutheran with those in our community. Thanks also to Nancy Woods for her thoughts on booth design and to Pam Perry who showed up early on a Saturday morning to create the best looking booth at the event.

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

Year to Date Profit: \$6,333.37

Last Week's Profit: \$206.89

Participating families last week: 26