

Announcements

SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin and Melody Ruhbusch

7:45 Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg

Ushers: Larry, Tyler, Steven Haga

Acolyte: Thomas Haga

10:30 Elder: Eric Krueger

Ushers: Jeff and Luke Dubnicka,

Acolyte: Mackenzie Dhein

Bob Corso

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

Treats are given by the Kaminski family.

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

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 12 – 114 (7:45) 86 (10:30) Bible Class – 77

Wednesday, February 15 – 24

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$4,893.75

(Loose Plate \$40.75; Gen. Env. \$4853)

Other Funds: Mortgage \$55; Mercy Fund: \$10;

Goehner Scholarship Fund: \$25

\$90.00

Last Week's Total:

\$4,983.75

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY:

Other Funds Received in February: \$240.00

General Fund received in February: \$12,498.75

\$12,738.75

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Sexagesima Sunday

Sunday, February 19, 2017

TODAY'S THEME: THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SEED OF FAITH AND SALVATION

The seed that is planted in the ground appears so lifeless and insignificant, yet from the seed there springs forth new life. The Word of God is life-giving seed. It is planted into the soil of the human heart. It is the source of the new life of faith in Christ. Apart from the Word there is no faith, life, or salvation. Observe the way in which God sows the seed of the Word which is so different from the common human sower. He sows the Seed of the Word everywhere! It falls on the wayside, among the rocks, and among the thorns and thistles. This is not the way of the so-called "skilled sower." To sow seed in this way would be such a waste by the world's standards. But that is the way God operates. He preaches His Word, even where it might appear to be wasteful and useless, so great is His desire to shed the love of Christ abroad in the hearts of sinners. This parable teaches us that the miracle of faith is dependent upon the Word of God. It teaches us that the enemies of faith are Satan, persecution, and the riches of this world. With man it is impossible to overcome these threats to faith, but not with God with God all things are possible, even deliverance from these enemies.


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

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.

Bible Class Today: Congregational Assembly Meeting

Devotions for Lent – You are encouraged to pick up a booklet from the table in the narthex for use in your prayers. Our theme for Lenten meditations will be *The Lord's Supper: The Salutary Gift*. The daily devotional guide will supplement the catechesis of our midweek Lent services.

Contacting Pastor Gehlbach during Pastor Bender's absence: During office hours, call the church office. Evenings and weekends, call the home phone – (262) 372-4353.



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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—“*Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever.*” (Psalm 93:5). 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.*

Sunday Divine Service 7:45/10:30 The Sower and the Seed

Sunday School 9:15 The Bread from Heaven

Bible class 9:15 Congregational Assembly Meeting

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

Monday Youth Catechesis 4:30 O.T. Catechesis

Monday Didache 7:00 class resumes March 6

Wednesday Divine Service at 6:45 – The Sower and Seed

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study resumes March 2

Ash Wednesday Divine Service March 1. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 1. 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.

Lutheranism in the Public Square ...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: Alpha Females & Marriage, The Drive to Abolish Differences Between Men & Women, Contraception & the Future of the Family, First Century Pastor & Martyr Polycarp, Jesus & Zacchaeus, and more You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

News and Notes

Joint board meetings – Elders, Properties, and Education are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 21. Study is at 6:30; business meetings at 7:00. Packets are ready to be picked up.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, February 28 at 7pm.

2017 Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Charts are on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Sign up today.

Hymn Festival Today at St. John's Lutheran, Glendale with organist Ben Culli – February 19, 4pm. Taking part in the hymn festival will be the adult choirs from St. John's and Our Savior, Whitefish Bay as well as a brass ensemble. Admission is free. A light supper will follow the program.

Pastor Bender Teaching in Africa

During February, Pastor will be teaching at the seminaries of our partner Lutheran churches in Ghana and Nigeria. Please pray for Pastor and the Lord's blessing upon the spread of the Gospel in Africa. During Pastor's absence, there will be substitute pastors preaching and teaching on Sunday mornings. Pastor Gehlbach (cell phone 262-325-3032) and Pastor Anderson (cell phone 309-830-3322) will attend to hospital and shut-in visitation and emergency pastoral care. Please lend your support and prayers to those pastors who will minister the Lord's Word and Sacraments to you in my absence. In Christ, Pastor Bender

AUCTION UPDATE – NEXT SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 26

If you are unable to attend or donate an item, you can STILL support the Academy by filling out a sponsorship form and making a donation toward expenses for the event. If you cannot make the lunch, you are still welcome to attend the auction for only \$5. Bringing guests and friends to bid on items is a tremendous benefit to the academy. Please contact the church office at 262-246-3200 to make reservations. Thank you.

Baked goods for the Bake Sale should be dropped off Friday, February 24th during office hours or Saturday, February 25th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please mark them “Auction Bake Sale.” Please package each item to be sold for \$3.00 or price larger items accordingly. Baked goods are appreciated and are a great way to help with the fundraiser.

PLA Thought of the Week: The Bard is coming! This week the fifth through eighth graders start their study of William Shakespeare's *The Tragedy of Macbeth*. This will be followed by our annual Medieval Feast where the upper grade students will enter a medieval hall (our Loehe Hall decorated), eat medieval food, and watch a movie version of the play. Shakespeare comes alive!

College Scholarships – Church Mutual is offering \$5000 scholarships for church-work students. Deadline to apply is April 15. LCEF offers \$1000 scholarships to Lutherans; deadline is end of February. See the hallway bulletin board for more information.

Script Update for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2016)

Year to Date Profit: \$4,817.25

Last Week's Profit: \$151.65

Participating families last week: 19

Sunday Order of Service
Sexagesima Sunday
February 19, 2017
Divine Service Setting Four
Lutheran Service Book p. 203

“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 203. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation 586
“Preach You the Word”
Choir sings st. 1

Psalm 84 *sung responsively with the congregation. The antiphon is sung by the choir only.*

Antiphon: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

Psalm:

How lovely is your / dwelling place, *
O / LORD of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts / of the LORD; *
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the / living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may / lay her young, *

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King / and my God. *Antiphon*

Blessed are those whose strength / is in you, *
in whose heart are the highways to / Zion.

**As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a / place of springs; *
the early rain also covers / it with pools.**

They go from / strength to strength ;*
each one appears before God in / Zion.

**O LORD God of hosts, / hear my prayer; *
give ear, O God of / Jacob!**

Behold our shield, / O God; *

look on the face of your A- / noint-ed! *Antiphon*

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand / elsewhere. *
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of / wickedness.

**For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and / honor. *
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk up- / rightly.**

O / LORD of hosts, *

blessed is the one who / trusts in you!

**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*

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 55:10-13**
The Word of God will not return to Him void.

Gradual *sung by the choir* *(Ps.83:18, 13)*
[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name is the LORD,
are the Most High over all the earth.
O my God, make them like whirling dust,*
like chaff before the wind.

Epistle **2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9**
“My grace is sufficient for you in your weakness.”

Tract *sung by the choir* *(Ps. 60:1-2, 5)*
O God, You have rejected us, broken our defenses:
You have been angry: oh, restore us.
You have made this land to quake; you have torn it open:
repair its breaches, for it totters.
That Your beloved ones may be delivered,
Give salvation by Your right hand and answer us!

Holy Gospel **Luke 8:4-15**
The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Hymn of the Day 823
“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”
Choir sings st. 2

Distribution Hymns
“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” 584
“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me” 756
“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” 585

Hymn to Depart 577
“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”