

Announcements

SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso and Sharon Murphy

7:45 Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg Ushers: Larry, Tyler and
Acolyte: Bryce Damato Steven Haga

10:30 Elder: Erik Krueger Ushers: Jeff and Lucas Dubnicka,
Acolyte: Micah Hardenbrook Bob Corso

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

Treats are given by the Petersen family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 4 – 94 (7:45) 72 (10:30) Bible Class 81

Wednesday, February 7 – 30 Coffee Break Bible Study – 35

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund: \$7,587.16

(Loose Plate \$127.16; Gen. Env. \$7460)

Nigeria: \$50 \$50.00

Last Week's Total: \$7,637.16

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY:

Nigeria Funds Received in February: \$50.00

General Fund received in February: \$7,587.16

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Quinquagesima Sunday

Sunday, February 11, 2018

TODAY'S THEME: JESUS SET HIS FACE TOWARD THE CROSS

Jesus spoke clearly about His passion, death, and resurrection, yet “these things were hidden” from the disciples, so that they did not understand His words. It was necessary that the Son of Man suffer and die alone, for salvation from sin, death, and hell is entirely the work of our Lord. It must be received by us as a gift alone or it cannot be received at all. For their benefit the disciples were prevented from knowing these words, lest anyone of them boast in his superior knowledge or understanding. The mysteries of the faith are revealed to the blind by the Spirit of God, and so Jesus has mercy upon blind Bartemaeus, opening his eyes, in token that the mysteries of salvation are revealed to us so that we might believe in the Lord and give all praise and glory to God.

Guests—Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us. 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. Before you leave this morning, 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

Seminarian Jacob Benson will be the guest preacher and Bible Class leader this morning. Jacob will graduate this spring with a Master of Divinity degree and will likely be continuing his education in the S.T.M. degree program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. We also rejoice that Jacob is engaged to Mary Ferguson, a daughter of our congregation, and they will be united in Holy Matrimony on Pentecost Sunday. Please welcome Seminarian Benson this morning!



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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—“*Beginning at Moses and the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself*” (Luke 24:27). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: *Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m.*

Sunday Service 7:45/10:30 a.m. A blind man receives his sight

Bible Class 9:15: Sunday's epistle reading

Daily chapel this week Monday to Thursday 8:00 – 8:30

Monday Youth Catechesis at 4:30: Lesson 20 - The Epiphany, the Holy Innocents, and the Flight to Egypt

Monday Didache 7:00pm resumes Monday, February 26, 2018

Wednesday Divine Service 6:45: Ash Wednesday

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study resumes March 1, 2018

Ash Wednesday Divine Service February 14. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 14. 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 at 2:30 and 6:45

The Passion of Mark

Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday

Feb. 21: The Anointing at Bethany

Feb. 28: Jesus Celebrates the Passover

Mar. 7: Prayer in Gethsemane

Mar. 14: Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

Mar. 21: Jesus before Pilate

Mar. 28: Jesus' Death and Burial

Please welcome Emmett Bartens who will be doing his music practicum at Peace this semester. He is a senior in the Parish Music program at Concordia Wisconsin, and he will be going to the seminary in the fall. He will be easy to identify as the person occasionally playing the organ and directing the choirs!

News and Notes

Family Fish Fry - Friday, February 16, from 4:30-7pm. Posters and flyers are available in the narthex on the scrip counter for anyone to take and post for public viewing. Please help yourself. If more are needed, please let the office staff know. **Volunteers are also needed to help during the fish fry. Please sign up today.**

Joint board meetings and Parish Council – Elders, Properties, Education, and Council are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00.

Congregational Assembly – Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm Packets are available to be picked up in the narthex.

Pastor Bender Teaching in Kenya

February 8 through the 25, Pastor will be teaching at the seminary of our partner Lutheran church in Kenya. Please pray for Pastor and the Lord's blessing upon the spread of the Gospel in Africa. During Pastor's absence, there will be substitutes 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 who will minister the Lord's Word and Sacraments to you in my absence. In Christ, Pastor Bender

PLA Thought of the Week: Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Champion, Bryce Damato and our National Geographic Bee Champion, Timothy Frerking!

Dear Academy Parents,

You are all invited to attend the February Board of Education meeting which is being held in Loehle Hall on Tuesday, February 20, beginning at 7:30pm. You are encouraged to come and express any concerns, questions, comments, or compliments to the members of the Board. Monthly, Board of Education meetings are always open to parents and members of the congregation but we are reserving the entirety of this meeting for your input. You are not required to let us know in advance if you plan to attend, but it would help us to know if you would like to address the Board. The PLA Board of Education cares deeply about the partnership with parents and is keen to hear your voices. If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Hughes or any Board of Education member (contact information is located in the Handbook).

Box tops news! “Boxtops for Education” will be submitted this week, so please drop off whatever you have today. Keep collecting your box tops for future submissions; put them in the box in the narthex or by the academy entrance. Thanks to those who have been saving these and thanks to those who are going to start!

Scrip Update for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2017)

Year to Date Profit: \$4,473.94

Last Week's Profit: \$70.13

Participating families last week: 14

STARTING FEBRUARY 15, 2018 we will no longer be accepting CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS for SCRIP Purchases. This is because the cost of processing credit-card payments greatly decreases the profit on SCRIP. Thank you for understanding!

Sunday Order of Service

Quinquagesima Sunday

February 11, 2018

Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

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 557
“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

Introit *Sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 31:2b-3)

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!
For You are my rock and my fortress;
and for Your name’s sake You lead me and guide me.

Psalm (Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16)

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in Your righteousness deliver me!
Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
Make Your face shine on Your servant;
save me in Your steadfast love!

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 **I Samuel 16:1-13**
David is anointed king

Choral Response *Mendelssohn/Young*
“I Will Sing of Thy Mercies”

I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, my Savior,
and of Thy faithfulness evermore.

Epistle **I Corinthians 13:1-13**
Paul catechizes us on the nature of the love of God

Tract *sung by the choir*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Gospel **Luke 18:31-43**
Jesus predicts His Passion and a blind man receives sight

Hymn of the Day 849
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”
Choir sings stanza 2

Distribution Hymns
“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” 622
“I Know My Faith Is Founded” 587

Hymn to Depart 526
“You Are the Way; through You Alone”