

## Announcements

### SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke

Communion Committee: Sherry Prowatzke and Joanne Smith

7:45 Elder: Mark Schneider Ushers: Rev. Bob Johnson, Fritz Theilacker,  
Acolyte: Tim Frerking Elton Volquardsen

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer Ushers: Mike and Chris Clark  
Acolyte: Margit Rhode

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg

Treats are given by the Gatchell family.

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 4 – 136 (7:45) 91 (10:30) 84 Bible Class  
Wednesday, March 7 – 74 (2:30) 65 (6:45)  
Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – 37

### OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

<b>General Fund:</b>	\$7,718.30
(Loose Plate \$53.30; Gen. Env. \$7665)	
<b>Other Funds:</b> Mortgage \$370; Mercy \$300	\$670.00
<b>Nigeria:</b> \$100	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Last Week's Total:</b>	\$8,488.30

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH:

Other Funds Received in March:	\$670.00
Nigeria Funds Received in March:	\$100.00
General Fund received in March:	<u>\$7,718.30</u>
	\$8,488.30

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Laetare Sunday

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 11, 2018

### TODAY'S THEME: THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000

Jesus fed the 5,000 at the time of the Passover. Great multitudes came to Him with all their diseases and maladies. They came to hear His preaching and to receive the hope of salvation. All of Jesus' miracles were wonderful signs of the salvation He came to bring. By feeding the 5,000 at the time of the Passover, He showed them that HE was the fulfillment of the Passover. He would fulfill the Law. He would give them freedom from the slavery to sin, death, and the power of Satan. He is the source of life—the very Bread of Life Himself. In spite of this, they misinterpreted His miracle. Instead of seeing Him as the Savior from all their sins and the devastating effects that sin brought upon this world, they saw Him as a “bread king” who could meet their every self-centered demand. He was “the Prophet greater than Moses,” but they treated Him the same way that Moses was treated. They would grumble and complain if they didn't get their way. In faithfulness to the promises of the Gospel, Jesus continued to do what the Father had called Him to do. He would go to the cross for a sinful and rebellious people. It is only after His resurrection, that those who confessed Him to be the Messiah would understand more clearly the nature of His work. In the miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000 we see a foreshadowing of the Lord's Supper. In this sign He calls us to believe in Him and to worship Him in humble and contrite faith.

**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



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[www.peacesussex.org](http://www.peacesussex.org)

**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., after chapel, or by appointment — Call Pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*

**Sunday Service 7:45/10:30 a.m.** Jesus Is the Bread of Life

**Bible Class 9:15:** Sunday's epistle reading

**Daily chapel during Lent – M, T, Th, F 8:00—8:30  
Wednesday 8:00—8:10**

**Monday Youth Catechesis at 4:30:** Lesson 24 - A Demon-Possessed Daughter Is Healed

**Monday Didache 7:00pm** Lesson 22 - The Passover

**Wednesday Divine Service 6:45:** Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

**Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study** Hebrews 11

*Lenten Services on Wednesdays* at 2:30 and 6:45

***The Passion According to St. Mark***

Mar. 14: Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

Mar. 21: Jesus before Pilate

Mar. 28: Jesus' Death and Burial

***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.***

**HISTORIC, AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN RADIO...** You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on topics like: Apostolic Succession, 5<sup>th</sup>-Century Missionary to Ireland Saint Patrick, The Lord's Supper, 2 Samuel and more. **Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## News and Notes

**Joint board meetings** – Elders, Properties, and Education are scheduled to meet this Tuesday, March 13. Study is at 6:30; business meetings at 7:00. Pick up your packets today.

**Mission Festival—Pastor Bender reports on his teaching trip to Kenya.** Having returned recently from a trip to teach at the Lutheran seminary in Kenya, Pastor will lead a slideshow presentation this Friday, Mar 16 at 7pm.

**Family Fish Fry**— Friday, March 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.**

**Parish Council**— meets Tuesday, March 20 at 7pm.

**Sign up to help with Easter Breakfast**— Come join us on Sunday, April 1, after the 7:45 service for Easter breakfast. 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!

**Easter Lily Sign-up** – This year's Easter lilies for the altar are being donated by a member. However, the flowers won't be going home with that family. If you were looking forward to donating a lily and then enjoying it at home during Eastertide, please put your name on the sign-up sheet. You will be welcome to take home one of the altar lilies after services on Easter.

### **Higher Things Youth Conference — July 10-13**

Hundreds of confessional Lutheran high school youth will converge for worship, inspiring break-out sessions, and plenty of fun at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. If your son or daughter has not yet attended one, these conferences are not to be missed during their high school years. Registration time is NOW, so please speak to Kurt Meyle (414-975-3203) ASAP if you are interested. Also needed is a female chaperone over the age of 21. See [higherthings.org](http://higherthings.org) for more information.

**Spring Retreat for 55 & Up! Wednesday, May 9** at Cedar Valley, West Bend. “From One Generation to the Next” is our theme. Dr. Patrick Ferry, president of CUW, will reflect on how God keeps His promises from one generation to the next. Dr. Louis Mueller will show ways to keep living and MOVING in Christ. Registration is \$60 for the day, which includes a light breakfast and hearty lunch. There will also be an optional Tuesday evening (May 8) dinner and fellowship. For complete information and registration, go to [swd.lcms.org](http://swd.lcms.org) or call Peg at the district office, 414-292-0744.

**Academy Thought of the Week:** The fifth through eighth graders participated this past Friday in the Medieval Feast. Parents and members of the congregation decorated Loehe Hall to look like a Viking mead hall lit only by candlelight. Students ate and drank a meal consisting of medieval food. Of course, they watched a movie version of *Hamlet*, even though movies are not exactly medieval! “*Something is rotten in the state of Denmark.*”

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

Year to Date Profit: \$5,115.44

Last Week's Profit: \$105.88

Participating families last week: 17

# Sunday Order of Service

Laetare Sunday

The Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 11, 2018

## Divine Service Setting Three, LSB p. 184

**Hymn of Invocation** 641  
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**Entrance Psalm 132: 8-18** *sung responsively with congregation* **Insert**

**Old Testament** **Exodus 16:2-21**  
The Bread from Heaven

**Gradual** *sung by the choir* (Ps. 122:1, 7)

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”  
Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!

**Epistle** **Galatians 4:21-31**  
Paul contrasts the two covenants

**Tract** *sung by the choir* (Ps. 125:1-2, 5b)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.  
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds His people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
Peace be upon Israel!

**Holy Gospel** **John 6:1-15**  
The Feeding of the Five Thousand

**Hymn of the Day** 743  
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”—*Choir sings stanza 4*

**Distribution Hymns**  
“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” 625  
“What Wondrous Love Is This” 543  
“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” 540

**Hymn to Depart** 632  
“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”