

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Gayle Cardo
Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Jennifer Scheler

7:45 Elder: Alex Scheler

10:30 Elder: Mike Ferguson

Altar Flowers are given by the Christophersons for Mike's birthday.

No treats or coffee until further notice.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 15 – 121 (7:45) 96 (10:30) Bible Class – 90

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General fund: \$5,036.85

(Loose Plate \$543.85; Gen. Env. \$4493)

Mercy fund: \$10.00

Goehner Schl. fund: \$25.00

Nigeria fund: \$175.00

Parking Lot fund: \$4,675.00

Last Week's Total: \$9,921.85

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH:

General fund received in March: \$22,394.87

Goehner Schl. fund received in March: \$55.00

Mercy funds received in March: \$35.00

Nigeria funds received in March: \$575.00

Parking Lot funds received in March: \$60,740.00

\$83,799.87

TOTAL PARKING LOT AFTER EXPENSES: \$357,026.31

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Laetare Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, 2020

THEME: CHRIST ALONE OUR SOULS WILL FEED

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.

Helping Your Neighbor in Need during the Coronavirus Pandemic

During this time of heightened anxiety over the Coronavirus, members of the congregation are encouraged to direct their family, neighbors, co-workers, and friends to our website for recordings of Divine Services and other information. If we can assist you or them in anyway, please let us know. The Congregation at Prayer is a good resource to use from home and to share with others.

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 know of anyone who is in need of the Sacrament but needs to have a visit from one of our pastors, please let us know right away. In Christ, Pastor Bender



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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— *“My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” (Psalm 73:26).*
Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: *Sundays 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., after chapel, or by appointment — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*

Reserve Your Spot for the Divine Service by calling 262-246-3200

- ❑ **Weekend Divine Services:**
(Limit of 8 in the nave; limit of 9 in the Gerhardt Room)
3:30 Saturday 7:45 Sunday
4:30 Saturday 9:15 Sunday
5:30 Saturday 10:30 Sunday
- ❑ **Lenten Devotions on the Passion according to St. Matthew will be posted on the web site each week in place of Lenten Midweek Services.** Those unable to access the devotions online, are asked to request copies of the devotions from the Church Office and we will provide them to you.
- ❑ **Monday through Friday Divine Services with Communion at 11:00**
(Limit of 8 in the nave; limit of 9 in the Gerhardt Room)
- ❑ **Daily Chapel Monday through Friday at 8:00 and Noon**
Led by Pastor using the Congregation at Prayer, a homily, and the Great Litany. Communion will be offered at the conclusion of these services for those desiring to receive.
- ❑ **In-home communion for shut-ins and those who request it.**
Pastor Bender or one of the other pastors in the congregation will bring the Lord's Word and Sacrament to you in your home. Call the church office at 262-246-3200 to request a visit and Pastor will reply.
- ❑ **Make use of the Congregation at Prayer at Home**
When you are at home, set aside time to regularly and faithfully pray and read the Scriptures utilizing the Congregation at Prayer. Know that while you are doing this in your homes with your families, the rest of the congregation is united with you in faith and prayer.

Sunday School lessons will be provided for parents to use at home with their children.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Martin Elmer Gehlbach is baptized on Saturday. He is the son of Andrew and Olivia, born on March 10. His sponsors (in absentia) are Jacob and Mary Benson.

Keith Luke Voss is baptized on Sunday. He is the son of Matthew and Betty, born on March 5. His sponsors are Peter and Brooke Voss, and Assaf Sseha serves as a witness. Thanks be to God for the gift of salvation given to little children.

News and Notes

Parish Council meets Tuesday, March 24 at 7pm, some working remotely.

Pastor Kyle Verage is being installed as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pleasant Prairie, this Wednesday in a near-private rite. Please pray for him as he begins his duties with his new congregation.

Easter breakfast will not be held for the congregation this year.

Sign up for altar lilies—16 lilies are needed for the altar at \$12.00 each. The sign-up sheet is on the board next to the church kitchen. Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

Road Construction — Much of Maple Ave will be closed to through-traffic until November. Until the end of the school year, the road will be open from Main St as far as Clover (just south of the school next door). Construction on Main St (west of Maple, almost as far as Ace Hardware and the fire station) will allow through-traffic and will continue until sometime in June. Maps and updates are online at VillageSussex.org.

Even During Difficult Times: Wonderful Generosity in Parking Lot Gifts!

We are very grateful to God at how our congregation is responding to the parking lot appeal. The gifts continue to grow toward our goal. The Open Forum is cancelled due to the Coronavirus restrictions, but we will continue to use bulletin announcements to update the congregation on our progress. Please prayerfully consider a gift and/or pledge of gifts to the parking lot fund. Tentatively, our congregational decision on the project will be made on Sunday, April 26. Listed below are ALL funds available, after expenses, for the Parking Lot Project:

\$207,000.00 (Matching Fund Donor)
\$179,557.55 (Offerings from the Congregation)
-\$29,431.24 (Engineering Expenses to date)
\$357,026.31 Total Net to date in the Parking Lot Fund

Scrip Update for the 2019-2020 fiscal year (July 2019-June 2020)

Week of 03/15/2020

Attendance 217

Number of families participating 11

Gross sales \$2,045.00

Profit paid to Academy \$56.13

Total profit paid this fiscal year \$4,070.74

Sunday Order of Service

The Fourth Sunday in Lent/ Laetare Sunday
March 21-22, 2020

Divine Service for Catechesis Spoken Order

*Please follow the printed order, "Divine Service for Catechesis"
The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

Hymn of Invocation 571

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Introit *prayed responsively with the congregation*

Antiphon *(Is. 66:10a, 11a)*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her,
all you who love her;

**that you may feed and be satisfied
with the consolation of her bosom.**

Psalm *(Ps. 122:1-2, 6, 8)*

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the LORD."

**Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you."

For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will now say,

"Peace be within you."

**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 Isaiah 49:8-13

The Lord's Salvation and Our Future Hope

Gradual *prayed responsively by the congregation* *(Ps. 122:1, 7)*

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the LORD."
**Peace be within your walls, *
prosperity within your palaces.**

Epistle **Acts 2:41-47**

The Church gathers around Word and Sacrament and extends mercy

Tract *prayed responsively with the congregation* *(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 forever.
Peace be upon Israel!**

Holy Gospel **John 6:1-15**

The Feeding of the 5,000

Hymn of the Day **743**

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Communion Hymn **729**

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

Hymn to Depart **422**

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"