

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Christine Franklin
Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Jennifer Scheler
Saturday 5:00pm Elder: Mark Goltermann
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Alex Scheler
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Kent Franklin

Flowers given by Christy Schmidt in honor of Florence's 95th birthday.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Saturday, February 27– 31
Sunday, February 28: Early – 125 Late – 78 Bible Class – 96
Monday, March 1, Didache Divine Service – 39
Wednesday Lent Midweek, March 3 – 168 (8:00, 2:30 & 6:45)
Thursday, March 4: Chapel Matins – 52 Coffee Break – 36

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,308.00
(Loose Plate \$252; Gen. Env. \$6056)	
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 500.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 250.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 50.00
Last Week's Total:	\$ 7,108.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY:

General funds received in February:	\$ 30,659.25
Capital Imp. funds received in February:	\$ 960.00
Other funds received in February:	\$ 755.00
Nigeria funds received in February:	\$ 275.00
	\$ 32,649.25

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Oculi Sunday
Third Sunday in Lent
March 6 and 7, 2021

THEME: *Jesus Is the Stronger Man Who Defeats Satanic Power!*

Throughout His ministry Jesus showed forth His compassion and mercy by healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, raising the dead, and casting out demons. Every miracle of His grace was a sign of the power of His death and resurrection to save us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. But His antagonists accused Him of casting out demons by the power of the prince of the demons. This is the way that evil works: what is good, saving, and life-giving, according to God's word and His gifts of salvation, is declared to be evil by the world and the forces of darkness. Evil is called good and good is called evil. Such is the way of Satan. Satan is a powerful "strong man," but Jesus is the "Stronger Man"! Jesus casts out demons, not by being in league with the devil, but by "the finger of God." What is God's finger? Is it not His strong Word and Spirit which is anchored in what Jesus accomplished for us in His death, when He crushed the Serpent's head with His heel? Satan is powerless in the face of Him who by His death has robbed him of his power and who, by the preaching of the Gospel, now casts out demons, muzzles the accuser, and bestows salvation from the devil's power. "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!" for the strong Word of the Stronger Man is our sure and certain defense.

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

The Blood of Christ is distributed from the common cup at all Divine Services of the congregation. Individual cups are offered at the 10:30 service this morning and Wednesday's service. At services where individual cups are offered, communicants who desire to receive from the individual cups are asked to fold their hands on their chest during the distribution. After the distribution from the Common Cup, the individual cups will then be distributed. If you have any concerns about receiving the Lord's Supper or special needs, don't hesitate to talk with 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—“*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*” (Colossians 3:16). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Saturday:** **Divine Service** 5:00 — Lent 3
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 & 10:30 — Lent 3
Bible Class 9:15 — Joshua and the Promised Land
- **Monday:** **Chapel** 8:00
Didache Divine Service – 10:30
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** 8:00
Youth Didache 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Lenten Communion Service** at 8:00, 2:30, and 6:45
Theme — Herod Murders the Innocent Children
- **Thursday:** **Chapel Matins with Holy Communion** 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — O.T. History
- **Friday:** **Chapel** 8:00
- **Saturday:** **Divine Service** 5:00 — Lent 4

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.*

THIS WEEK’S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME: Palm Sunday

The next **parents’ instructional meeting** Monday, April 12 at 6:30 pm.

Lenten Midweek Divine Services—Murder and the Sanctity of Life Wednesdays in Lent at 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

As we prepare to celebrate our Lord’s death and resurrection, our Lenten midweek services will continue to focus upon the sanctity of life from our Advent Midweek Services, by exploring various murders chronicled in Scripture in light of our Lord’s Passion. Communion will be offered at all three of the Lenten Services. The 6:45 pm service will be live streamed.

- March 10:** “**Herod Murders the Innocent Children**”
- March 17:** “**Herod Antipas Murders John the Baptist**”
- March 24:** “**The Sanhedrin Murders Stephen**”
- March 31:** “**Three Men Escape the Murderous Politicians of Nebuchadnezzar**”

7:45 Service change for the month of March

Beginning in March, we will no longer restrict attendance at the 7:45 service or ask for people to sign up for that service. We continue to ask for members to sign up for the Saturday night service, the Sunday 10:30 service, and the Wednesday 6:45 service. We will continue to observe the “every-other pew” distancing for those three services.

NEWS AND NOTES

Board of Elders – 6:30 pm Tuesday, March 9.
Board of Education – 6:30 pm Tuesday, March 16.
Board of Properties – 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 16.
Parish Council – 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 23.

Goods and Services Auction Is Coming in June!

Saturday, June 19, is the date of the 2021 Goods and Services Auction in support of Peace Lutheran Academy. More details will follow in the weeks ahead. Due to the busy schedule and difficulty and other conflicts, the **CCA Symposium** will not be held this year.

Easter Lilies for the Altar: Please sign-up to purchase Easter lilies for the altar. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. A total of 15 are needed. They are \$12 each. Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

Thrivent Choice Dollars: If you have a Thrivent policy that offers “choice dollars,” the deadline for 2020 is March 31. Both the congregation and the academy are options for receiving these gifts from Thrivent. <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-choice.html> Or call 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say “Thrivent Choice.”

Fish Fry Drive-thru on Friday, March 12, 19, 26, from 5:00-7:00. Mark your calendars and come pick up dinner for the family. Tell your friends!

Baking Volunteers Needed for fish fry. Each fish fry event we offer a signature homemade “dessert of the week” like cookies or brownies. If you are willing to bake for a fish fry, text or call John Bender at 262-247-5335.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 2/28/2021 (14 families participating)

Gross sales \$2,100.00	Profit paid to Academy \$94.25
Attendance – 473	Total profit this fiscal year \$3,249.37

We are now offering Amazon \$25 and \$100, and Kwik Trip, Meijer, and Walmart \$100 as cash and carry items.

Thank You Mr. Hahn! Mr. Nathanael Hahn, our third and fourth grade teacher, is accepting a Call to Mt. Hope Classical Lutheran High School in Casper, Wyoming, and will be leaving us at the conclusion of this academic year. Mr. Hahn has done a wonderful job for us in his first year of teaching. His long-term goal was to teach at the high school level. He is thrilled to have the opportunity, while also sad to leave us. We are so thankful to our Lord for his time with us and pray God’s richest blessing upon him in his work at Mount Hope. The Board of Education will be researching Mr. Hahn’s replacement in the coming weeks. Options may include another full-time teacher with qualifications similar to Mr. Hahn’s, or a teaching headmaster who may also be an ordained pastor. Members of the Academy family and congregation are welcome to offer perspective, ask questions, or offer input to the board, Mrs. Ferguson, or Pastor Bender as the process moves forward. Above all, please keep the process in your prayers.

Sunday Order of Service

The Third Sunday in Lent / Oculi Sunday

March 7, 2021

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book, p. 184

“And with thy spirit” 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 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

Hymn of Invocation 668

“Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”

Choir sings stanza 2

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 25:15-16)

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn Thee unto me and have mercy upon me,
for I am desolate and afflicted.

Psalm (Ps. 25:1-2a)

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul;
O my God, I trust in Thee;
Let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. *(Antiphon is repeated.)*

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 26:1-15

Do not turn away from the Lord’s Word.

Choral Response

“Now Listen You Servants of God” by Richard W. Gieseke

Now listen, you servants of God, and take His words to heart,
For this is the word of the Lord. Hear it, receive it, and believe it.

How rich are the depths of God, how deep His wisdom and knowledge!
To Him be glory forever, our Source, our Guide, our Goal!

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1-9

Be imitators of God, as beloved children

Intervent Chant *sung by the choir*

(Ps. 9:19, 3, 123:1-3a)

Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail;
let the heathen be judged in Thy sight.
When mine enemies are turned back,
they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.
Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes,
O Thou that dwellest in the heavens,
have mercy upon us;
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14-28

Jesus’ power over unclean spirits

Hymn of the Day

663

“Rise, My Soul to Watch and Pray”

Distribution Hymns

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” **666**
“O Love, How Deep” **544**
“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” **585**

Hymn to Depart

777

“Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy Lord”