

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen
Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Melody Ruhbusch
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Kent Franklin
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Erik Krueger
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Mark Goltermann

Altar Flowers are given by the Zaretske's for their 46th wedding anniversary.

Sanctuary Candle is given for Jim and Katie Nitzsche's birthdays.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sun, February 13: Early - 110 Late - 84 Bible Class – 62
Wed, February 16: 18
Thurs, February 17: Communion Matins – 36 Coffee Break – 33

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 12,067.00
(Loose Plate \$5470; Gen. Env. 6597)	
Mercy fund:	\$ 360.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 125.00
Parking Lot Maintenance fund:	\$ 395.00
Last Week's Total:	\$ 12,947.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY:

General funds received in February:	\$ 21,104.00
Capital Improvements funds received in February:	\$ 200.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in February:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appts. funds received in February:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund received in February:	\$ 510.00
Nigeria funds received in February:	\$ 225.00
Parking Lot Maintenance funds received in Feb.:	\$ 395.00
	\$ 22,584.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Sexagesima Sunday


February 20, 2022

THEME: The Power of the Word of God

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.

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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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—*Jesus prayed, “Sanctify them in Your truth; Your Word is truth.” (John 17:17).* 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. or by appointment — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 & 10:30 — Sexagesima
Bible Class 9:15 — The St. Peter Option
- **Monday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Youth Catechesis – 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Divine Service 6:45 — Sexagesima
- **Thursday:** **Chapel Matins with Communion** 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — Gospel of Matthew
Didache 7:00 – Confession – All Questions
- **Friday:** **Chapel** – 8:00

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME

This week's lesson: The Parable of the Sower and the Seed-Luke 8:4-15.
The **next Family Prayer instructional meeting** for parents and Sunday School teachers is **Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30.**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS SERIES: ST. PETER OPTION

This week and next: **Global Climate Change VS. The Curse of the Fall**

DIDACHE DIVINE SERVICE FOR ADULT AND YOUTH CATECHESIS

This week's service: Lutheran Catechesis 19—The Prodigal Son. Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICES—THE GIFT OF PRAYER

Wednesdays in Lent at 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

As we prepare to move toward Good Friday and Easter, our Lenten midweek services will continue the focus upon the gift of prayer begun in Advent. Communion will be offered at all three of the Advent Services.

Ash Wed: Nehemiah's Prayer—Nehemiah 1:1—2:6

March 9: Parable of the Persistent Widow—Luke 18:1-8

March 16: Abraham Prays for Sodom—Genesis 18:23-32

March 23: Daniel and the Lions' Den—Daniel 6:1-23

March 30: Pray the Lord to Send Laborers—Matthew 9:35-39

April 6: The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem—John 12:12-26

April 13: Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—John 18:28-40

NEWS AND NOTES

THE ANNUAL GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION IS COMING SOON!

Invite coworkers, your boss, your neighbors, your relatives, your favorite mechanic, or merchant in the community. This is a very fun evening, and everyone will have a great time! Buying a table and inviting some of the folks in your life that have been such a blessing to you is a good way to say thanks to them and to celebrate and support the gift of the Academy.

Buy Tickets Today to attend the PLA Auction!

Tickets are now available to purchase for the Goods & Services Auction in support of Peace Lutheran Academy held on March 19! Tickets include dinner, 2 drinks, and an auction paddle. Prices are \$30 per person or \$208 for a table of 8 (\$26/person) and can be purchased at www.plaauction.com. **Prices increase on Tuesday (February 22) so get your tickets today!**

The Chamber Orchestra of Concordia University Chicago will perform at Peace, after the fish fry, on Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Do you know how many members are alumni of Concordia Chicago in River Forest, Illinois? Watch the bulletin for the answer. Let's turn out to support one of our great universities.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Divine Call Extended to Associate Pastor and Headmaster

The Council of District Presidents ratifies calls. On Wednesday, April 27, 2022, the announcement will be made at the seminary call service. Please pray for the Lord's blessing upon our call.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 02-13-2022 (10 families participating)

Gross sales \$1,475.00

Profit paid to Academy \$78.90

Attendance – 239

Total profit this fiscal year \$3,191.87

BP and Exxon scrip cards are currently unavailable for order.

Sexagesima Sunday

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Divine Service Setting Five Lutheran Service Book p. 213

“**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 213. The ordinary parts of the liturgy, such as the Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei, are all hymn versions of those canticles. Follow the hymn board and the outline of the service below.

Confession and Absolution (*Divine Service Setting Five*) **213**

Introit *Sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 44:23-25a, 26a)

Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?
Arise, cast us not off forever.
Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face
And forgettest our affliction?
Our soul is bowed down to the dust;
Arise for our help and redeem us.

Psalm (Ps. 44:1)

We have heard with our ears, O God;
Our fathers have told us
what work Thou didst in their days.

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.*)

Kyrie Hymn **942**
“Kyrie! God, Father”

Gloria Hymn **948**
“All Glory Be to God Alone”

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 55:10-13**

The Word of God creates and gives growth to faith.

Choral Response

“Now Listen, You Servants of God” 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 **Hebrews 4:9-13**

The power and efficacy of the Word of God.

Hymn of the Day **823**

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

Holy Gospel **Luke 8:4-15**

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Creedal Hymn **953**

“We All Believe in One True God”
Choir sings stanza 2

Sanctus Hymn **960**

“Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”

Agnus Dei Hymn **434**

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Distribution Hymns

Hymns during the distribution aid in meditation and reinforce both the themes of the day and what Christ gives us in the Sacrament of the Altar. You are encouraged to bring your hymnal with you to the communion rail so that you might sing the hymns as you wait to receive Christ’s body and blood.

“Preach You the Word” **586**
“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord” **634**

Post Communion Hymn **938**

“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”