

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Polly Joubert
Communion Committee: Becca Ligrow, Joanne Smith, Jennifer Scheler
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Kent Franklin

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sun, March 13: Early - 121 Late – 86 Bible Class – 96
Wednesday Lent Midweek, March 16 – 142 (8:00, 2:30 & 6:45)
Thurs, March 17: Communion Matins – 44 Coffee Break – 33

Last Week's Offering

General fund:
(Loose Plate \$480; Gen. Env. 2895) \$ 3,375.00
Last Week's Total: \$ 3,375.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH:

General funds received in March: \$ 15,501.00
Memorials received in March: \$ 20.00
Capital Improvements funds received in March: \$ 300.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in March: \$ 250.00
Mercy fund received in March: \$ 363.00
Nigeria funds received in March: \$ 5,100.00
\$ 21,534.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy


Oculi Sunday
Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022

THEME: My Eyes Are Ever on the Lord!

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



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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 — Lent 3
Bible Class 9:15 — The St. Peter Option
- **Monday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Youth Catechesis – 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Lenten Communion Service** at 8:00, 2:30, and 6:45
Theme — Daniel and the Lions' Den
- **Thursday:** **Chapel Matins with Communion** 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — Gospel of Matthew
Didache 7:00 – Sacrament of the Altar
- **Friday:** **Chapel** – 8:00

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME

This week's lesson: Daniel and the Lions' Den.

The next Family Prayer instructional meeting for parents and Sunday School teachers is Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS SERIES: ST. PETER OPTION

This Week: Racism VS. Original Sin and The Tower of Babel

On Deck: Critical Race Theory VS. The Ten Commandments and Natural Law

DIDACHE DIVINE SERVICE FOR ADULT AND YOUTH CATECHESIS

This week's service: Lutheran Catechesis 23—I Am the Bread of Life.

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.

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

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

Thanks Auction Volunteers, Donors, and Attendees

Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated auction items, and participated in this year's auction. Your help and efforts made it all possible. Stay tuned in the weeks ahead for final numbers.

CCA symposium — This year's topic will expand on "The St Peter Option." Registration forms for our congregation are available on the literature-table in the narthex. Schedule and other information is available on the CCA section of the website: <http://PeaceSussex.org/cca/symposium/>

Fish Fry Drive-thru — March 25 and April 1, 8, and 22, from 5:00-7:00. Mark your calendars and come pick up dinner for the family.

Restarting Our Acolyte Program—Youth from grades four through high school who would like to participate in the Divine Services in any capacity as acolytes or processional leaders (crucifer/torch bearers), please let the office know. We hope to prepare a schedule for services after Easter.

Easter breakfast volunteers (April 17) — It would be wonderful to restore the Easter breakfast after missing it the past two years. If you would like to chair the event and/or volunteer to help, please contact Sherry Prowatzke soon. We would like to have a committee established by the middle of March.

The Chamber Orchestra of Concordia University Chicago will perform at Peace, after the fish fry, on Friday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Don't arrive before 7:15 p.m. and, although the concert will take place in the nave, please arrive through the Academy entrance and wait to be let into the nave until the fish fry clean up in the narthex is complete. According to our best estimates, at least 12 current members of our congregation attended CUC. Live concerts of chamber music are always edifying. Even if you don't think this music is for you, you will not be sorry you came. Let's make it worthwhile for the college kids who have worked hard. A free-will offering will be received at the door.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 3-13-2022 (11 families participating)

Gross sales \$1,950.00

Profit paid to Academy \$77.63

Attendance – 377

Total profit this fiscal year \$3,574.09

BP scrip cards are currently unavailable for order.

Exxon scrip cards are now available.

The Third Sunday in Lent / Oculi Sunday

March 20, 2022

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

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 604

“I Bind unto Myself Today”
Choir sings stanza 1

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

Jeremiah is threatened with death.

Choral Response “Hear, O Lord God” – Antonin Dvorak

(Ps. 61:1, 3-4; Ps. 63: 1, 4, 3a)

Hear, O Lord God, my cry to You, turn Your ear unto my prayer.
You are my refuge and my strong defense;
a sturdy tower against all my enemies.

I will be a guest in Your tents evermore;
and hide myself beneath Your wings.

Lord God, You are indeed my God;
eagerly will I seek You;
My soul is a-thirst for You, my flesh is fainting after You
in a barren and a desert land, where there's no water.

So I will sing blessings daily to You,
and lift my hands in prayer and adoration;
yea, my lips shall sing praise to You.

Epistle Ephesians 5:1-9

Walk in the love of Christ and flee covetousness.

Intervent Chant *Sung by the choir*

Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail; *(Ps. 9:19, 3; Ps.123:1, 3a)*
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 is the Strong man against the forces of darkness

Hymn of the Day 659

“Lord of Our Life”

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.

“In the Very Midst of Life” 755

“God Has Spoken by His Prophets” 583

“O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day” 882

Hymn to Depart 777

“Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord”