

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 20: Early - 138 Late - 91 Bible Class - 105
Wednesday Lent Midweek, March 23 - 145 (8:00, 2:30 & 6:45)
Thurs, March 24: Communion Matins - 44 Coffee Break - 36

Altar Flowers are given by Joanne Smith.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	
(Loose Plate \$500.01; Gen. Env. \$10,005)	\$ 10,505.01
Capital Improvements fund:	\$ 95.00
Goehner Schl. fund:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appts. fund:	\$ 100.00
Nigeria fund:	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$ 10,800.01

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH:

General funds received in March:	\$ 26,006.01
Memorials received in March:	\$ 20.00
Capital Improvements funds received in March:	\$ 395.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in March:	\$ 300.00
Mercy funds received in March:	\$ 363.00
Sacred Appts. fund received in March:	\$ 100.00
Nigeria funds received in March:	<u>\$ 5,150.00</u>
	\$ 32,334.01

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy


Laetare Sunday
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022

THEME: Rejoice with the Church! Pray for Her Peace and Safety.
The prophecy from Isaiah begins with a word from God the Father to His Son: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth." The Father promised to establish His Son as Savior of the world, to give release to those bound in the prison house of sin and to feed those who hunger and thirst for salvation. It is a comforting prophecy of the Lord's kingdom of grace in which "they shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them; For He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them." For all this we sing and rejoice in the Lord for His everlasting comfort and mercy.

In today's Gospel, 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. 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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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 4
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 — Pray the Lord to Send Laborers
- **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: The Bread from Heaven.

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

Next Week: Critical Race Theory VS. The 10 Commandments and Natural Law

DIDACHE DIVINE SERVICE FOR ADULT AND YOUTH CATECHESIS

This week's service: Lutheran Catechesis 24—The Emmaus Disciples.
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 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 meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Cello Recital: Talitha Schneider will present a cello and piano recital in the nave on Sunday, April 3 at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Fish Fry Drive-thru — March 25 and April 1 and 8, 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— Come join us on Sunday, April 17, after the 7:45 service for Easter breakfast. To help us plan how many to prepare for, please sign-up on the sheet on the board next to the church kitchen. There is also a sheet indicating what food may be donated ahead of time for the breakfast. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help! We could still use a few more individuals. If interested speak to Sherry Prowatzke.

Easter Lily Sign-up – 15 lilies are needed to adorn the altar for Easter. A sign-up sheet is on the board next to the church kitchen. Make checks payable (\$13) to Peace Lutheran Church. You are welcome to take home your altar lilies after services on Easter.

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/>

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 3-20-2022 (11 families participating)

Gross sales \$1,810.00

Profit paid to Academy \$140.53

Attendance – 349

Total profit this fiscal year \$3,714.62

BP scrip cards are currently unavailable for order.

Exxon scrip cards are now available.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent / Laetare Sunday

March 27, 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.

Preservice Music: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (LSB 743) – D. Cherwien

1. Chorale
2. Duo: Portrays the battle between the foes who molest us here and the rest we receive in the arms of Jesus. See stanza 2.
3. Aria: Meditates on our Jesus, our priceless treasure and purest pleasure. See stanzas 1 and 6.

Hymn of Invocation **510**

“A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

Introit *Sung by the soloists*

Antiphon *(Is. 66:10)*

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be glad with her,

All ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her,

All ye that mourn for her.

Psalm *(Ps. 122:1)*

I was glad when they said unto me:

Let us go into the house of the Lord.

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 **Isaiah 49:8-13**

The Father promises to preserve His Son

Choral Response “This Is Indeed the Prophet” – Jan Bender

This is indeed the Prophet Who is to come into the world.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Epistle **Galatians 4:21-31**

Paul contrasts the two covenants

Intervent Chant *Sung by the soloists* *(Ps. 122:1, 7; Ps. 125:1-2, 5b)*

I was glad when they said unto me,

“Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

Peace be within thy walls:

and prosperity within thy palaces.

They that trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion,

which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem:

So the Lord is round about His people

From henceforth even forever.

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

The Feeding of the 5,000

Hymn of the Day **743**

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Soloists sing stanzas 5

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.

“O Living Bread from Heaven” **642**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” **711**

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” **849**

Hymn to Depart **643**

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”