

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May                      Altar Committee: Gayle Cardo  
Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Anna Steinhilb  
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus  
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson  
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Mark Goltermann

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sun, March 27: Early - 102 Late - 95 Bible Class - 81  
Wednesday Lent Midweek, March 30 - 146 (8:00, 2:30 & 6:45)  
Thurs, March 31: Communion Matins - 40 Coffee Break - 32

**Altar Flowers** are given for Randy and Pam Kirk's 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	
(Loose Plate \$645; Gen. Env. \$7704)	\$ 8,349.00
Sacred Appts. fund:	\$ 5.00
Nigeria fund:	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$ 8,604.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH:

General funds received in March:	\$ 34,355.01
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:	\$ 105.00
Nigeria funds received in March:	<u>\$ 5,400.00</u>
	\$ 40,938.01

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

**Judica Sunday**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
April 3, 2022


### THEME: Vindicate Me O God, and Plead My Cause

Abraham was called by God away from idolatry to be the "father of many nations." The Lord promised Abraham that in his Seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed. Although it appeared as if the son of the promise would never be born and that it was impossible for a woman of Sarah's age to ever have a baby, Isaac was finally born when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90! The Lord kept His promise! It was a miracle of God's grace. Now, in the Old Testament reading for Lent 5, Abraham is called to sacrifice the very son for whom he had waited for so long. By the call to sacrifice Isaac, "your only son whom you love," the Lord reveals that Abraham's faith was, indeed, in God's promise alone! Because of the promise, Abraham knew and believed that even if Isaac were to be put to death, he would rise from the dead, because God had promised: "In your Seed ALL the nations of the earth would be blessed." So much of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is revealed in this event: The object of the Christian faith is the promise of salvation in Christ; Abraham is a picture of God the Father who sacrifices His only Son whom He loves for us; the Son of the Promise would bring about the blessing of salvation by being sacrificed in our place; the Ram caught in the thicket continues the theme of substitutionary atonement.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that Abraham longed to see the fulfillment of God's promise in the sending forth of God's eternal Son. In this Gospel, Jesus clearly confesses that He is the eternal Son of the Father by applying the divine name to Himself: "Before Abraham was I AM."

**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.

## UPCOMING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEK SERVICES:

**Palm Sunday**, April 10, 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services  
**Holy Wednesday**, April 13, 8:00, 2:30 and 6:45 Final Midweek Service  
**Maundy Thursday**, April 14, 2:30 and 7:00p.m. Service of Corporate Confession and Individual Absolution—The Stripping of the Altar  
**Good Friday Tenebrae**, April 15, 9:00 a.m. (No Communion)  
**Good Friday Divine Services**, April 15, 1:00 and 7:00p.m.  
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**, April 16, 7:30p.m., with reception of new members and confirmations  
**Easter Sunday**, April 17, 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services

**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 5  
**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** — The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
- **Thursday:** **Chapel Matins with Communion** 8:00  
**Coffee Break Bible Study** 9:00 — Gospel of Matthew
- **Friday:** **Chapel** – 8:00

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME

**This week’s lesson:** The Sacrifice of Isaac

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

### 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.**

**April 6:** The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem—John 12:12-26  
**April 13:** Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate—John 18:28-40

## NEWS AND NOTES

**CCA Symposium** — This year’s topic will expand on “The St Peter Option” with special guests. 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.

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

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

**2022 PLA Auction Results** — A big thank you to everyone involved in making the 2022 auction a success! We couldn't have done it without all the volunteers, donations, and attendees. In total, with the matching funds for our fund-a-need, we raised over \$74,000! This total includes over \$43,000 for the Academy general fund and \$31,000 for the playground renovation and library shelving.

**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.

**Christian Culture** magazine — We have a large stack of the most recent issue available for you to borrow or take. They’re in the hallway near Pastor’s study.

**Weekly Scrip Report:** Week of 3-27-2022 (9 families participating)  
Gross sales \$1,675.00      Profit paid to Academy \$56.14  
Attendance – 374      Total profit this fiscal year \$3,770.76

**BP scrip cards are currently unavailable for order.**

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent / Judica Sunday

April 3, 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:

“In the Shattered Bliss of Eden” Setting by Donald Busarow

“My Song Is Love Unknown” Setting by John Leavitt

*Hymn, Song and Chorus*

### Hymn of Invocation

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“In the Shattered Bliss of Eden”

St. 1 – All

St. 4 – Men

St. 2 – Women/Children

St. 5 – All

St. 3 – All

St. 6 – All

### Introit *Sung by the soloist*

*Antiphon*

*(Ps. 43:1-2a)*

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause  
against an ungodly nation.

Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man;  
for Thou art the God of my strength.

*Psalm*

*(Ps. 43:3)*

Oh, send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me;  
let them bring me unto Thy holy hill.

*(Antiphon is repeated.)*

### Old Testament Reading

**Genesis 22:1-14**

The Sacrifice of Isaac

### Choral Response

“Blessed He Who Thinks on Christ” – J. S. Bach

Blessed he who thinks on Christ, He who gave His life to save us,  
On the cross was sacrificed. Grace and sure salvation gave us.  
Ah, ye mortals, think upon and remember all that God for you has done.

How abounding is His grace, how benevolent His favor!  
His dear Son bears our disgrace, sheds His blood to be our Savior.  
Ah, ye mortals, think upon and remember all that God for you has done.

Lord, as long as I remain on this earth, Thy grace be o’er me.  
Let Thy suffering, death, and pain like a beacon rise before me.  
That I ever think upon and remember all that Thou for me hast done.

### Epistle

**Hebrews 9:11-15**

Our faithful High Priest of a new and better covenant

### Intervent Chant *Sung by the soloist* (Ps. 143:9a, 10a; 18:48; 129:1-2 )

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: teach me to do Thy will.

He delivereth me from mine enemies;

yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me;

Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth.

May Israel now say:

Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth:

Yet they have not prevailed against me.

### Holy Gospel

**John 8:42-59**

Jesus confesses, “I AM”

### Hymn of the Day

430

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

St. 1 – All

St. 4 – Soloist

St. 2 – All

St. 5 – Women/Children

St. 3 – Men

St. 6 – All

St. 7 - All

### Distribution Hymns

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

428

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

606

“The God of Abraham Praise”

798

### Hymn to Depart

530

“No Temple Now, No Gift of Price”