

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Gayle Cardo
Communion Committee: Becca Ligrow, Joanne Smith, Jennifer Scheler
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Kent Franklin
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach
Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 5 – 142 (7:45) 109 – (10:30) Bible Class – 91
Wednesday February 8 – 42
Thursday, February 9 – Communion Matins – 37 Coffee Break – 29

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	
(Loose Plate \$1,623; Gen. Env. \$11,735)	\$ 13,358.00
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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Sexagesima Sunday


February 12, 2023

THEME: The Word of God Is Living and Powerful!

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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The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032

Divine Service: Sunday – 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD — *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.” (Psalm 119:11-12).* 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** Abram and Lot Separate, Gen. 13
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday through Thursday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Youth Catechesis at 4:30 Didache Divine Service 6:30**—Session 14-The Lord's Prayer (Part 2)
- **Thursday:** **Holy Communion Matins at 8:30 Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30** — Gospel of Matthew
- **Friday:** **No Chapel—Winter Break**

Sunday School and Family Prayer at Home

This week's lesson: The Parable of the Sower and the Seed.

The Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast devotion are posted on the website weekly.

“Family Prayer/Sunday School Devotional Studies” will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer/Sunday School lesson. Look for our posting each week on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

ADULT INSTRUCTION—Didache Divine Service

Holy Communion is offered as part of every Wednesday night service. This week's lesson is **The Canaanite Woman Prays (Matt. 15:21-28).**

Recordings of the service will be posted online.

Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers... Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: How to Save the West; Finding a Therapist; "Luther's Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications;" 19th-Century Lutheran Theologian Wilhelm Loehe and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Notice About the Website – this past week there have issues behind the scenes on the website which have prevented us from being able to update the website. Efforts are being made to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. All the recordings are available – just go directly to anchor.fm/peacesussex, scroll through the list, and click on your selection to listen. If you do not find a file such as the most recent Didache handout, Family Prayer, or Congregation at Prayer, and you wish to receive it via email (or a print copy) please contact us at office@peacesussex.org or speak to the office secretary.

Congregational Assembly meets Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting packets are available in the narthex to pick up and review before the meeting. Nominations for Synod offices are on the agenda.

All Boards meet Tuesday, February 21 — Board of Elders at 6:00pm, Board of Properties at 7:00pm and Board of Education at 7:15pm. Agendas and minutes should be posted in Teams this week.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. Reports are due February 20.

Fish Fry Drive-thru on Friday, February 24 from 5:00-7:00. Mark your calendars and come pick up dinner for the family. Tell your friends! During the month of March, the Fish Fry will be weekly on Friday evenings.

Goods & Services Auction is March 25, 2023 —

Consider donating a basket to be auctioned. Simply get a basket, choose a theme, fill it with goodies, and submit your basket with its contents online at www.plaauction.com under “Donate Items”. Please drop the basket off in the church office by February 20th.

Remember to make reservations to attend the auction.

Individual ticket = \$30. Table of eight = \$216 (\$27/person).

Prices increase March 1st.

AmazonSmile - Since 2013, AmazonSmile has given customers the opportunity to support their favorite charities, including Peace Lutheran Church & Academy. Because the program has not grown and had the impact hoped for, the program will be discontinued as of Feb 20, 2023.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 2-05-23

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 0 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,500.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$103.08

Attendance: 295

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$3,568.98

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Divine Service Setting Five Lutheran Service Book p. 213

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How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs within Thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for Thee.
Beside Thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with Thee and praise Thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim’s quest.
They who go through the desert vale will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height till Zion’s temple rings
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One day within Thy courts excels a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep Thy laws nor from Thy precepts stray,
for Thou shalt surely bless all those who live the words they pray. (Ps. 84)

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

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For our soul is bowed down | to the dust. *
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our fathers have | told us, *
the deeds You did in their days, in | days of old:
You drove out the nations with Your hand, but them You | planted;*
You afflicted the peoples, and | cast them out.**
But You have saved us from our | enemies, *
and have put to shame those who | hated us.
In God we boast | all day long, *
and praise Your name for-|ever.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be-|ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.** (*Antiphon is repeated.*)

Kyrie Hymn **942**

“Kyrie! God, Father in Heav’n Above”

Gloria Hymn **947**

“All Glory Be to God on High”

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

“My Word Shall Not Return to Me Void”

Gradual/Tract *sung by the soloist* (Ps. 83:18, 13; 60:1-2, 5)

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whose name alone | is the LORD, *
are the Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them like the | whirling dust, *
like the chaff be-|fore the wind!
O God, You have cast us off, You have bro-|ken us down; *
You have been displeased; oh, restore | us again!
You have made the earth tremble; You have | broken it; *
heal its breaches, for it is | shaking.
That Your beloved may be de-|livered, *
save with Your right hand, and | hear me.

Epistle **Hebrews 4:9-13**

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Hymn of the Day **577**

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

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

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Creedal Hymn **954**

“We All Believe in One True God”

Sanctus Hymn **960**

“Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”

Agnus Dei Hymn **962**

“Lamb of God, You Take Away the Sin of the World”

Distribution Hymns

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