

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 12 – 123 (7:45) 90 – (10:30) Bible Class –74
Wednesday February 15 – 36
Thursday, February 16 – Communion Matins – 8 Coffee Break – 30

Altar Flowers given by Bob & Geri Zaretske in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	
(Loose Plate \$3,505; Gen. Env. \$6,332)	\$ 9,837.00
Goehner Schl. funds:	\$ 25.00
Sacred Appts. funds:	\$ 30.00
Mercy funds:	\$ 45.00
Nigeria funds:	\$ 500.00
	\$ 10,437.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY 2023:

General funds received in February:	\$ 23,195.00
Capital Imp. funds received in February:	\$ 70.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in February:	\$ 125.00
Sacred Appts. funds received in February:	\$ 555.00
Mercy fund received in February:	\$ 215.00
Nigeria funds received in February:	\$ 600.00
	\$ 24,760.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Quinquagesima Sunday

February 19, 2023

THEME: Jesus Set His Face to the Cross for Us!

Jesus spoke clearly about His passion, death, and resurrection, yet “these things were hidden” from the disciples, so that they did not understand His words. It was necessary that the Son of Man suffer and die alone, for salvation from sin, death, and hell is entirely the work of our Lord. It must be received by us as a gift alone or it cannot be received at all. For their benefit the disciples were prevented from knowing these words, lest anyone of them boast in his superior knowledge or understanding. The mysteries of the faith are revealed to the blind by the Spirit of God, and so, Jesus has mercy upon blind Bartimaeus, opening his eyes, in token that the mysteries of salvation are revealed to us so that we might believe in the Lord and give all praise and glory to God.

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 LCMS and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES: THE PASSION AND THE DIDACHE

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

Our Lenten midweek services begin this week. On Ash Wednesday (Feb 22) the focus will be on the healing Christ gives to a broken and contrite heart. The subsequent Wednesdays will focus upon the St. Matthew Passion and how the Catechism's comforting teaching on Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Prayer are imbedded in the Passion of Our Lord.

Ash Wed: Confession and Absolution—Joel 2:12-19

March 1: Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany: Matthew 26:2-16


March 8: Jesus Celebrates the Passover: Matthew 26:17-35

March 15: Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane: Matthew 26:36-56

March 22: Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin: Matthew 26:57-75

March 29: Jesus Faces Pontius Pilate: Matthew 27:1-26

April 5: Jesus' Death and Burial: Matthew 27:45-56



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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—Quinquagesima Bible Class 9:15** Lot’s Captivity and Rescue, Gen. 14
- **Monday:** **No Chapel—Winter Break**
- **Daily Chapel** **Tuesday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Youth Catechesis at 4:30**
Ash Wednesday Didache Divine Service
Session 19 - Confession
- **Thursday:** **Holy Communion Matins at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 — Gospel of Matthew

Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten midweek services at 8:30, 2:30, and 6:30, and will focus on the healing Christ gives to a broken and contrite heart. The remaining Wednesdays will cover the St. Matthew Passion and how the Catechism’s comforting teaching on Baptism, the Lord’s Supper, and Prayer are imbedded in the Passion of Our Lord.

Sunday School and Family Prayer at Home

This week’s lesson: Jesus Heals the Blind Man
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 During Lent

Holy Communion is offered as part of every Wednesday service. Throughout Lent the Didache lessons will continue as part of our meditations on the Passion according to St. Matthew. This week’s lesson is **Confession and Absolution**. Recordings of the service along with the handouts will be posted online afterwards.

Solid, Serious, Substantive... Issues, Etc. This week’s topics include: The Season of Lent, The Hymn “From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee,” The Movie “Living,” Witnessing to Homosexuals and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Church Office will close at 2pm on Monday, February 20, as the Academy in on winter break.

All Boards meet this Tuesday, February 21 — Board of Elders at 6:00pm, Board of Properties at 7:00 p.m. and Board of Education at 7:15 p.m.

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

The Wind Symphony from Concordia University Chicago will perform a concert of sacred and secular music at Divine Savior Lutheran Church, 3200 Hwy. K. South in Hartford, on Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m. The concert is open to the public, and admission is free.

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 2-12-23

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 3 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,375.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$469.15

Attendance: 255 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,038.13

Quinquagesima Sunday

February 19, 2023 (Fifty-Days to the middle of the Easter Octave)

Divine Service Setting Five Lutheran Service Book p. 213

Choral Invocation “Thou Goest to Jerusalem” – by Melchior Franck

Thou goest to Jerusalem, O Son of God, to suffer
And for a world of sinful men Thy spotless life to offer;
Thou bearest anguish, pain, and loss, the mocker’s scorn,
the scourge, the cross, to win for us salvation.
Before Thee lies Gethsemane, the scene of bitter anguish;
Thine eyes behold the Calvary where Thou in pain must languish;
The bleeding wounds, the bitter gall, the crown of thorns
The judgment hall, Thy burdened soul’s affliction.
Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life; We pray Thee, Master, lead us
Away from earth’s vain, restless strife; with heav’nly manna feed us.
Thou who hast died to save the lost, help us, dear Lord,
to weigh the cost and follow Thee, our Savior.

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

Introit *sung responsively with the choir.*

Antiphon (Ps. 31:2b-3)

Be my rock of | refuge, *
a fortress of defense to | save me.
For You are my rock and my | fortress; *
therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and | guide me.

Psalm (Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16)

In You, O LORD, I put my trust; let me never | be ashamed; *
deliver me in Your | righteousness.
Into Your hand I commit my | spirit; *
You have redeemed me, O LORD | God of truth.
Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in | trouble; *
my eye wastes away with grief, yes, my soul and my | body!
Make Your face shine upon Your | servant; *
save me for Your | mercies’ sake.

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 35:3-7**

The Gospel shall open the eyes of the blind.

Gradual/Tract *sung by the choir.* (Ps. 77:14-15; 100:1-3)

You are the God who does | wonders; *
You have declared Your strength among the | peoples.
You have with Your arm redeemed Your | people, *
the sons of Jacob and | Joseph.
Make a joyful shout to the LORD, | all you lands! *
Serve the LORD with gladness;
come before His presence with | singing.
Know that the LORD, | He is God; *
it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are His people and the sheep of His | pasture.

Epistle **I Corinthians 13:1-13**

The gift of God’s love

Hymn of the Day **865**

“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

Holy Gospel **Luke 18:31-43**

The Healing of the Blind Beggar

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

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” **556**

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” **685**

Post-Communion: “O Lord, We Praise Thee” **617**