

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Holly Schneider
Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Melody Ruhbusch, Mary Nitzsche
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 5 – 134 (7:45) 104 – (10:30) Bible Class – 101
Wednesday March 8 – 157
Thursday, March 9 – Communion Matins – 36 Coffee Break – 32

Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$ 15,830.00
Capital Imp. Fund:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 100.00
	<u>\$ 16,030.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2023:

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Oculi Sunday

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023


THEME: Blessed Are Those Who Hear the Word of God!

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

Laudamus Choir from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis will be singing at Luther Memorial Chapel 3833 N. Maryland Ave. Shorewood, WI on Tuesday March 21 at 6:30pm and at Concordia University Wisconsin 12800 N. Lake Shore Drive Mequon, WI on Wednesday, March 22 at 9:30am.



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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 — *“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28).* 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 Sign of the Covenant, Gen. 17
- **Daily Chapel Monday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Youth Catechesis at 4:30**
Lenten Communion Service at 8:30, 2:30, and 6:30
Theme — Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane
- **Thursday:** **Holy Communion Matins at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 — Gospel of Matthew

Sunday School and Family Prayer at Home

This week's lesson: Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. 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 **Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane and the Lord's Prayer.** Recordings of the service along with the handouts will be posted online afterwards.

High School/College Youth Group, today, March 12

Youth group will meet for lunch, study, and prayer after the 10:30 Divine Service from noon to 1:30. The topic for March: The relationship between the 4th through 6th Commandments will be discussed as we explore the gift of family, parents, life, and human sexuality.

Top Podcasts in Religion & Spirituality... Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken, consistently ranks among the Top Podcasts in Religion & Spirituality with Apple Podcasts. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or your favorite podcast provider.

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 continue this week as we turn our attention to 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. These sermons continue the Didache Teaching begun this past fall.

- 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

NEWS AND NOTES

All Boards meet Tuesday, March 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 by Monday, March 13.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, March 28 at 7:15pm.

Bake Sale Items Needed for the Auction The annual Goods and Services Auction is March 25th. A bake sale is part of the event. Baked goods are needed. Please package baked goods in ready to sell portions and deliver them to the Gerhardt Room by 3pm on Friday, March 24th. If you have any questions, contact John Bender at 262-247-5335.

Easter Breakfast — Help our planning by signing up if you will be joining us on **Sunday, April 9** after the 7:45 service for Easter breakfast. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, serving, and clean up. Sign-up sheets for both are on the bulletin board next to the kitchen. You can also help with monetary donations added to the offering plate with a note that the donation is to be used to support the Easter breakfast. More opportunities to help with donation of food and supplies will be coming next week.

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 (\$15/ea.) payable to Peace Lutheran Church. You are welcome to take home your altar lilies after services on Easter.

Fish Fry Drive-thru on Friday, March 17 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.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 3-5-23

Number of families participating: 8 (in-person) + 3 (online)
Gross sales: \$2,225.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$47.41
Attendance: 405 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,202.03

The Third Sunday in Lent / Oculi Sunday

March 12, 2023

Divine Service Setting Two, LSB p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation

823

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace” - *choir sings stanza 2*

Introit sung by the choir

Antiphon

(Ps. 25:15-16)

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me,
for I am desolate and afflicted.

Psalm

(Ps. 25:1-2, 17-18, 20)

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, I trust in You;
let me not be ashamed;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
The troubles of my heart have enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses!
Look on my affliction and my pain,
and forgive all my sins.
Keep my soul, and deliver me;
let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.

Kyrie is sung by the choir with congregation joining with the choir as the music becomes familiar. The Kyrie responses will alternate back and forth between “Kyrie eleison...” and “Christe eleison...”



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Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.



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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 8:16-24

The Plagues of Gnats and Flies

Choral Response “Blessed Are They” – Kevin Hildebrand

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.
O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1-9

Walk in the love of Christ’s sacrifice.

Tract sung by the choir

(Psalm 123:1-3a)

Unto You I lift up my eyes,
O You who dwell in the heavens.
Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until He has mercy on us.
Have mercy on us, O LORD,
have mercy on us!

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14-28

Jesus casts out demons by the finger of God.

Hymn of the Day

659

“Lord of Our Life”

Distribution Hymns

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

594

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

743

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

428

Hymn to Depart

777

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