

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 12 – 125 (7:45) 94 – (10:30) Bible Class – 94
Wednesday March 15 – 174
Thursday, March 16 – Communion Matins – 41 Coffee Break – 29


Altar Flowers are given for Geri Zaretske's birthday.

Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$ 5,937.66
Capital Imp. Fund:	\$ 20.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 25.00
	\$ 5,982.66

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2023:

General funds received in March:	\$ 21,767.66
Capital Imp. funds received in March:	\$ 120.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 25.00
Mercy funds received in March:	\$ 100.00
	\$ 22,012.66



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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.

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Laetare Sunday—The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

THEME: I Am the Bread of Life

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 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. Despite this, they misinterpreted His miracle. Instead of seeing Him as the Savior from all their sins and the devastating effects that sin brought upon this world, they saw Him as a “bread king” who could meet their every self-centered demand. He was “the Prophet greater than Moses,” but they treated Him the same way that Moses was treated. They would grumble and complain if they didn't get their way. In faithfulness to the promises of the Gospel, Jesus continued to do what the Father had called Him to do. He would go to the cross for a sinful and rebellious people. 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 LCMS and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

The Funeral Service for Jim Weber will be at the 10:30 Service Today Jim Weber's funeral service will be held as the 10:30 service this morning. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend. Jim was a charter member of Peace and a long time elder in the congregation.

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 4**
Bible Class 9:15 The Three Visitors, Gen. 18
- **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 Faces the Sanhedrin
- **Thursday:** **Holy Communion Matins at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 — Gospel of Matthew

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. **The lesson this week is *Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin*.** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast 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 Faces the Sanhedrin and the Lord's Supper**. Recordings of the service along with the handouts will be posted online afterwards.

Holy Baptism: We rejoice that Caleb John, infant son of Erik and Jennifer Krueger, will be born again this morning through the waters of Holy Baptism and be received into the kingdom of God. “Be baptized...for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit...the promise is to you and your children” (Acts 2:38-39). Caleb's sponsors (in absentia) are Ryan Burt and Monica Jung. Standing in as proxy are grandparents Doug and Bonnie Westrich.

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 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

Issues, Etc. - Sacred Christmas Music... In observation of the Annunciation of Our Lord, you can listen to sacred Christmas music on Saturday, March 25. Listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, March 28 at 7:15pm. Reports should be posted in Teams by Monday, March 20.

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.

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.

Easter Breakfast — Sunday, April 9 after the 7:45 service

Please sign up (clipboards on the bulletin board next to the kitchen):

- if you plan to join us for breakfast
- if you can help with set up, serving, and clean up
- if you would like to donate food and supplies. (monetary donations are also welcome – designate that it is to be used for the Easter breakfast)

Any questions, contact Cheri LaFore at 262-370-6711.

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 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.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 3-12-23

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 2 (online)

Gross sales: \$2,440.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$194.25

Attendance: 376

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,396.25

The Fourth Sunday in Lent / Laetare Sunday

March 19, 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

708

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” – *choir sings stanza 2*

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (in the 7:45 service)

Caleb John Krueger

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon

(Is. 66:10a, 11a)

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.

Psalm

(Ps. 122:1-2, 6, 8)

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May they be secure who love you!
For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

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

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2-21

Bread from Heaven

Choral Response “As Pants the Hart for Cooling Springs”

As pants the hart for cooling streams when heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee and Thy refreshing grace.
For Thee, my God, the living God, my thirsty soul doth pine;
Oh, when shall I behold Thy face, Thou Majesty Divine?
Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope still; and thou shalt sing
The praise of Him who is thy God, thy health’s eternal Spring.
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

Epistle

Galatians 4:21-31

The Son of the Promise and the Son of the Bondwoman

Tract *sung by the choir*

(Ps. 125:1-2, 5b)

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds His people,
from this time forth and forever more. Peace be upon Israel!

Holy Gospel

John 6:1-15

The Feeding of the 5,000

Hymn of the Day

571

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

Distribution Hymns

“In the Shattered Bliss of Eden”

572

“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”

560

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

531

Hymn to Depart

692

“Praise to You and Adoration”