

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 19 – 168 (7:45) 178 (Funeral at 10:30) Bible Class – 81
 Wednesday March 22 – 167
 Thursday, March 23 – Communion Matins – 41 Coffee Break – 35

Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of Jim Nitzsche.

Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$ 5,821.00
Memorials:	\$ 145.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 40.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 100.00
	\$ 6,156.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2023:

General funds received in March:	\$ 27,588.66
Memorials received in March:	\$ 145.00
Capital Imp. funds received in March:	\$ 120.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 75.00
Mercy funds received in March:	\$ 160.00
Nigeria funds received in March:	\$ 100.00
	\$ 28,188.66

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Judica Sunday—The Fifth Sunday in Lent


March 26, 2023

THEME: In the Cross Jesus Is Vindicated as the Messiah

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 given at the burning bush to Himself: "Before Abraham was I AM." This is why the Jews took up stones to stone Him. They believed He was committing blasphemy by applying the divine name to Himself. By this action they showed that they did not love God or His Son whom the Father had sent. Jesus said, "He who is of God, hears God's words ... if anyone keeps My word, he shall never see death."

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



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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 5**
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 Pontius Pilate
- **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' Trial before Pontius Pilate*.** 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 Pontius Pilate and the Lord's Supper**. Recordings of the service along with the handouts will be posted online afterwards.

2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference is Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers are: LCMS President Matt Harrison, Mollie Hemingway - Fox News, Mark Hemingway - RealClear Investigations, Kyle Mann - The Babylon Bee, Pastor Peter Bender - CCA, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Pastor Will Weedon - The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

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

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

UPCOMING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday, April 2 at 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services
Holy Wednesday, April 5 at 8:30, 2:30 and 6:30 Final Midweek Service
Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 2:30 and 7:00p.m. Service of Corporate Confession and Individual Absolution—The Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday Tenebrae, April 7 at 9:00 a.m. (No Communion)
Good Friday Divine Services, April 7 at 1:00 and 7:00p.m.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8 at 7:30p.m., with reception of new members and confirmations
Easter Sunday, April 9 at 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services

NEWS AND NOTES

A special thank you to Pastor Bender, Pastor Gehlbach and all my family at Peace for all your prayers during Jim's illness. - Shirley Weber

Parish Council meets Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.

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

Please sign up:

- 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)

Clipboards are on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

If you have 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 31 from 5:00-7:00. Mark your calendars and come pick up dinner for the family. Tell your friends! This is the last one this Lent. The next Fish Fry will be April 21st.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 3-19-23

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

Gross sales: \$875.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$92.18

Attendance: 340 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,488.46

The Fifth Sunday in Lent / Judica Sunday

March 26, 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

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“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”

Introit *sung by the soloists*

Antiphon

(Ps. 43:1-2a)

Vindicate me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
For You are the God in whom I take refuge.

Psalm

(Ps. 43:3-5)

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling.
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
my salvation and my God.

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

The Sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-14**Gradual Hymn**

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

429**Epistle**

The Heavenly Sanctuary

Hebrews 9:11-15**Tract sung by the soloists***(Ps. 129:1-4)*

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth”
let Israel now say—

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back;
they made long their furrows.”

The LORD is righteous;
He has cut the cords of the wicked.

Holy Gospel

Jesus confesses, “I AM”

John 8:42-59**Hymn of the Day**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Insert*Follow the instructions for stanza 2. Soloists sing stanza 3.***Distribution Hymns**

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

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“Upon the Cross Extended”

453

“Glory Be to Jesus”

433**Hymn to Depart**

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

422

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



All 1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on
Men 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save
Choir 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor -
All 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that



which the Prince of glo - ry died, my
in the cross of Christ my God: *Women* all
row and love flow min - gled down! Did
were a pres - ent far too small; love



rich - est gain things I count but loss, and
the vain things that charm me most, *All* I
e'er such love and sor - row meet, or
so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de -



pour con - tempt on all my pride.
sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707.

Music: ROCKINGHAM, Edward Miller, 1790. Setting by Alfred V. Fedak, 2000.

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