

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke
Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Anna Steinhilb
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson
Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 26 – 114 (7:45) 113 (10:30) Bible Class – 84
Wednesday March 29 – 159
Thursday, March 30 – Communion Matins – 46 Coffee Break – 37

Altar Flowers are given for Randy and Pam Kirk's 30th wedding anniversary.

Last Week's Offering

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| General Fund: | \$ 9,510.10 |
| Kitchen Fund: | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Memorials: | \$ 2,435.00 |
| Capital Imp. fund: | \$ 50.00 |
| Goehner Schlr fund: | \$ 50.00 |
| Mercy fund: | \$ 50.00 |
| Nigeria fund: | \$ 200.00 |
| | <u>\$ 13,295.10</u> |

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2023:

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| General funds received in March: | \$ 37,098.76 |
| Memorials received in March: | \$ 2,580.00 |
| Capital Imp. funds received in March: | \$ 1,170.00 |
| Goehner Schlr funds received in March: | \$ 50.00 |
| Sacred Appt. funds received in March: | \$ 75.00 |
| Mercy funds received in March: | \$ 210.00 |
| Nigeria funds received in March: | \$ 300.00 |
| | <u>\$ 41,483.76</u> |

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023


THEME: "His Blood Be on Us and On Our Children"

Each Gospel highlights different aspects of our Lord's Passion. Unique to St. Matthew's Passion is the message from Pilate's wife: "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him." What does it mean? Pilate's wife was tormented in her soul and conscience. Jesus and His Gospel are unsettling to sinful man. We either embrace it in faith or we flee from it. Pilate's wife, like so many, did not want to face the reality of her own sin and the need for salvation that only this Man could provide. It was too much for her to bear. "Let us have nothing to do with Him! I cannot bear him!" Like so many, Pilate's wife recognized the righteousness of Christ, but still she was unwilling to let go of herself and embrace Him in faith. Unique also to the Passion according to St. Matthew is the prophecy that proceeds out of the mouth of the people at the end of the trial before Pilate: "His blood be on us and on our children!" Indeed, this is the way it must be or we cannot be saved.

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

Holy Baptism: We rejoice with Keith and Hannah Gierach as their daughter Selah Ann is received into the kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism this morning at 9:30am. "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). Selah's sponsors are Jody and Rebecca Ligrow. Sunday School children should meet in church for the Baptism and adjourn to their classes immediately following the Baptism.



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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—Palm Sunday**
Bible Class 9:15 Abraham Intercedes for Sodom
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday through Thursday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Youth Catechesis at 4:30**
Lenten Communion Service at 8:30, 2:30, and 6:30
Theme — Jesus’ Death and Burial
- **Thursday:** **Holy Communion Matins at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 — Gospel of Matthew
Maundy Thursday Divine Service – 2:30 and 7:00
- **Friday:** **No Chapel – 8:00**
Tenebrae – 9:00
Good Friday Divine Services – 1:00 and 7:00
- **Saturday:** **Easter Vigil – 7:30**

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 *The King of the Jews is Mocked*.** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

HOLY WEEK PODCASTS... 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: The Hymn “O Lord, We Praise Thee,” The Seven Words of Christ from the Cross, The Hymn “Upon the Cross Extended,” Apparent Contradictions in the Events of Holy Week and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and 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.

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 Jesus’ Death and Burial
Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.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 7:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 8 at 7:30 p.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

Neighbor in Need – Vincenzo (“Vince”) Valenti, (a regular at the Fish Fry) has trouble getting around and will be having knee replacement surgery. He needs someone to help clean his apartment (on Maple Ave) once a week. If interested, please call him at 414-350-0838 between 2 and 6 pm.

Office Hours – The church office will be closed on Good Friday. The week of April 9th, the Academy is on Easter break and the office will have limited hours (8am to 12pm).

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, April 21st** from **5:00-7:00**. Mark your calendars and come pick up dinner for the family. Tell your friends!

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 3-26-23

Number of families participating: 15 (in-person) + 3 (online)

Gross sales: \$3,390.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$17.00

Attendance: 389

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,505.46

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Divine Service

Communion Liturgy: Lutheran Service Book p. 177

Please follow the order of service printed below. The Communion Liturgy from LSB Setting 2 begins on page 177.

Choir Invocation

“Hosanna in the Highest” by David W. Music

Procession of Palms

Stand and face the processional cross.

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gospel Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading of the Holy Gospel.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna” – *choir sings stanza 1*

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P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Salutation and Collect for the Passion

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

The King shall rule from sea to sea.

Tract *sung by the choir*

Psalm 22:1, 4-5

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued;

in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus became an obedient servant to the death of the cross

Hymn of the Day *sung before the Passion Reading*

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“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

Choir sings stanza 1; Congregation sings stanzas 2-3

The Passion According to St. Matthew

Hymn of the Day *sung after the Passion Reading*

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“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

Stanza 4

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament *from LSB Setting 2*

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Distribution Hymns

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

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“My Song Is Love Unknown”

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“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

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Stanzas 1-3

Hymn to Depart

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“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

Stanzas 4-5