

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso and Anna Steinhilb

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Kent Franklin

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, January 28 – 125 (7:45) 104 (10:30) Bible Class – 89

Wednesday, January 31 – 43

Thursday, February 1 – Communion Matins – 40

### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 9,307.00
Memorials:	\$ 700.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 50.00
Nigeria funds:	\$ 150.00
	<u>\$ 10,207.00</u>

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JANUARY 2024:

General funds received in January:	\$ 39,746.01
Memorials received in January:	\$ 1,055.00
Capital Imp. funds received in January:	\$ 150.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in January:	\$ 600.00
Mercy fund received in January:	\$ 2,681.00
African Mission funds received in January:	\$ 270.00
	<u>\$ 44,502.01</u>

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Septuagesima Sunday

(Nearly 60 days to Easter)

February 4, 2024

### THEME: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word!

The seed that is planted in the ground appears so lifeless and insignificant, yet from the seed there springs forth new life. The Word of God is life-giving seed. It is planted into the soil of the human heart. It is the source of the new life of faith in Christ. Apart from the Word there is no faith, life, or salvation. Observe the way in which God sows the seed of the Word which is so different from the common human sower. He sows the Seed of the Word everywhere! It falls on the wayside, among the rocks, and among the thorns and thistles. This is not the way of the so-called "skilled sower." To sow seed in this way would be such a waste by the world's standards. But that is the way God operates. He preaches His Word, even where it might appear to be wasteful and useless, so great is His desire to shed the love of Christ abroad in the hearts of sinners. This parable teaches us that the miracle of faith is dependent upon the Word of God. It teaches us that the enemies of faith are Satan, persecution, and the riches of this world. With man it is impossible to overcome these threats to faith, but not with God; with God all things are possible, even deliverance from these enemies.

**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

### REGISTER FOR THE AUCTION — MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>

**Make your reservation today** to attend the auction.


[www.plaauction.com](http://www.plaauction.com)

Individual Ticket: \$31

Table of 8: \$224 (\$28 per person);

Make checks payable to: Peace Lutheran Academy

**Prices increase March 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Peace Lutheran Church and Academy**  
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The Rev. Peter C. Bender, Senior Pastor — (262) 370-1189  
The Rev. Brennick T. Christiansen, Assoc. Pastor — (262) 236-6104  
The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032

**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** — “*LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells*” (Psalm 26:8). 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** — Sexagesima  
**Bible Class 9:15** — Holiness: The Wellspring of Happiness, Contentment, and Fulfillment  
**Daily Chapel Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Didache Divine Service 6:30** — Jesus’ Baptism into Death—Holy Baptism
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:30**  
**Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30**

**Family Prayer Devotional Studies** will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer lesson. The lesson this week is *The Parable of the Prodigal Son*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat During Sunday Bible Class**

The study is meant to be encouraging to marriage, family, the vocation of being single, and what it is to be human. This “retreat in the Word” is for everyone! Recordings will be made, and handouts will provide a resource for continued study and encouragement in the Word of God.

**Youth Group Meets Today, Sunday, February 4**

Our high school and college-aged youth meet with Pastor Bender for lunch and study today after the 10:30 service. Our gathering will conclude by 1:30.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES: THE PASSION AND THE DIDACHE**

**Wednesdays in Lent at 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Our Lenten midweek services turn our attention to the St. Mark Passion and how the Catechism’s comforting teaching on Confession and the Lord’s Supper are imbedded in the Passion of Our Lord.

- Ash Wed:** Confession and Absolution—Joel 2:12-19
- February 21:** Jesus Cleanses the Leper: Mark 1:35-45
- February 28:** Jesus Forgives the Paralytic: Mark 2:1-7
- March 6:** The Twelve Apostles: Mark 3:7-19
- March 13:** Jesus Institutes the Supper: Mark 14:12-31
- March 20:** Jesus’ Betrayal and Arrest: Mark 14:43-52
- March 27:** Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin: Mark 14:53-72

**JAMES BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by **Lutheran Public Radio** in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study later this week on the Book of James. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Congregational Assembly** meets Monday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda and minutes are available in the narthex.

**Altar and Communion Committees** meet Saturday, February 10 at 9 a.m.

**Board of Elders** meets Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m.

**Board of Properties** meets Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education** meets Tuesday, February 20 at 7:15 p.m.

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

**Fish Fry Drive-thru will be weekly in Lent the first one is Friday, February 16** from 5:00-7:00. Please join us and help support the Academy.

**Peace Lutheran Academy Open House:** Please join us at our **Open House on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm**. Our Academy partners with parents in Lutheran catechesis and in classical education. We would like to share the blessings of the Academy with all members of the congregation and anyone else interested in learning what happens at PLA! At the Open House, our pastors and teachers will give lessons to our students. You are encouraged to listen in and ask questions. We will begin in prayer, followed by class-sessions in subjects like grammar, Latin, history, and music! What a blessing it is that our families are receiving teaching on Scripture daily and are exploring the best of God's creation! Please invite a friend and/or family to come visit with us!

**“Raiders of the Lost Ark Academy Auction”— March 23, 2024!**

The auction will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. Plan to attend this exciting event.

**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](http://www.plaauction.com) under “Donate Items”. Please drop the basket off in the church office by February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 1/28/2024

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 4 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,500.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$69.08

Attendance: 269

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$3,442.97

## Sunday Order of Service

Sexagesima Sunday

February 4, 2024

### Divine Service Setting Five Lutheran Service Book p. 213

*Setting 5 is Luther's setting of the Divine Service that utilizes hymns for the ordinary canticles of the Service (Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei, and Nunc Dimittis). This order of service will be used for the three Sundays of near Lent (Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima).*

*Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 213. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

#### Choral Hymn of Invocation

“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word” – by Theophil Rothenburg

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

#### Introit *sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* (Ps. 44:23, 24-25)

Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?

Arise, cast us not off forever!

Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face  
and forgettest our affliction?

Our soul is bowed down to the dust;  
arise for our help and redeem us.

*Psalm* (Ps. 44:1a)

We have heard with our ears, O God;  
our fathers have told us  
what work Thou didst in their days.

Glory be to the Father and the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*(Antiphon is repeated.)*

#### Kyrie Hymn 942

“Kyrie! God, Father in Heav’n Above”

#### Gloria Hymn 948

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

#### Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:10-13

The Invitation of Grace

#### Gradual/Tract *sung by the choir* (Ps. 83:18, 13; 60:2, 5)

Let the nations know that Thy name is Jehovah;

Thou alone art the Most High over all the earth.

O my God, make them like a wheel  
and like chaff before the wind.

Thou, O Lord, hast made the earth to tremble and hast broken it.

Heal the breaches thereof, for it shaketh.

That Thy beloved may be delivered,  
save with Thy right hand.

#### Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

The Faithful Ministry of the Apostle Paul

#### Hymn of the Day 823

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

#### Holy Gospel Luke 8:4-15

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

#### 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 756

“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” 427

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” 585

#### Post-Communion 938

“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”