

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Polly Joubert

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert and Jennifer Scheler

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Philip Gehlbach

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 25 – 144 (7:45) 84 (10:30) Bible Class – 87

Wednesday, February 28 – 155

Thursday, February 29 – Communion Matins – 47 CBBC - 47

Altar flowers are given for Florence Schmidt's birthday.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,868.08
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 500.00
Sacred Appts. fund:	\$ 100.00
Goehner Schl. fund:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 300.00
African Mission fund:	\$ 550.00
	<u>\$ 7,418.08</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY 2024:

General funds received in February:	\$ 33,100.70
Memorials received in February:	\$ 215.00
Capital Imp. funds received in February:	\$ 770.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in February:	\$ 150.00
Sacred Appts. funds received in February:	\$ 150.00
Mercy funds received in February:	\$ 455.00
African Mission funds received in February:	\$ 650.00
	<u>\$ 35,490.70</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Third Sunday in Lent / Oculi Sunday

March 3, 2024

THEME: Christ Our Strong Man Muzzles the Accuser


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



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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 — “*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 — Lent 3**
Bible Class 9:15 — The Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper
- **Daily Chapel Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Lenten Divine Service 8:00, 2:30 & 6:30**
- **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 *Touching the Hem of Jesus’ Garment*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Today at Bible Class: The Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper

We will take a brief break from the Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat to study the Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper and the liturgical practices that are associated with its celebration here at Peace. The Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat will resume next Sunday.

Youth Group Meets Today, Sunday, March 3

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.

Habakkuk 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 this week on the Book of Habakkuk. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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.

- 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

NEWS AND NOTES

PLA Open House: is **TODAY**, March 3rd, from **2:00-4:00pm!** Please join us for a regular school chapel, for a few lessons, and for music! The regular week at PLA is Lutheran catechesis and classical education. Please invite any friends or family to come visit with us!

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

The auction will be held on March 23rd from 4-8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. Plan to attend this exciting event. Sign up at www.plaauction.com

Individual Ticket: \$36

Table of 8: \$248 (\$31 per person)

Fish Fry Drive-thru will continue for the next two Fridays in Lent.

The next one is this Friday, March 8 from 5:00-7:00. Please join us and help support the Academy. Anyone wishing to help, please speak with Sherry Prowatzke.

CACLE Accreditation Visit: Last week, Peace Lutheran Academy was visited by a team from the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education (CACLE). The CACLE was very pleased with what they saw: Peace Lutheran Academy met or exceeded every benchmark, namely the standards for Lutheran identity, classical pedagogy, school governance, and self-maintenance! In addition, the school received 6 recommendations for improvement, 2 suggestions for future growth, and 12 commendations on our commitment to catechesis, academic excellence, and clear partnership with parents! The CACLE board will meet in May to officially take action on the team’s recommendations.

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 (\$16/ea.) payable to Peace Lutheran Church. You are welcome to take home your altar lilies after services on Easter.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 2/25/2024

Number of families participating: 11 (in-person) + 3 (online)

Gross sales: \$2,435.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$159.78

Attendance: 400

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,010.10

Sunday Order of Service
The Third Sunday in Lent / Oculi Sunday
March 3, 2024

Divine Service Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book p. 184

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Preservice Music “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” - Johann Walther
“I Bind unto Myself Today” - Valerie Floeter

Hymn of Invocation **716**

“I Walk in Danger All the Way”

1. All	4. Choir
Instrumental interlude	5. All
2. All	Instrumental interlude
3. Soloist	6. All

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 25:15-16)
Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD;
for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn Thee unto me and have mercy on me;
for I am desolate and afflicted.

Psalm (Ps. 25:1-2a)
Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul;
O my God, I trust in Thee;
let me not be ashamed;

Glory be to the Father and to 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.)

Old Testament Reading **Jeremiah 26:1-15**
Jeremiah is saved from death.

Choral Response

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” – Jonathan Kohrs

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1-9

Walk in Christ

Intervent Chants *sung by the choir*

(Ps. 9:19, 3;123:1,3a)

Arise, O LORD, let not man prevail:
let the heathen be judged in Thy sight.
When mine enemies are turned back:
they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.
Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes,
O Thou that dwellest in the heavens:
Have mercy on us,
O LORD, have mercy on us.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14-28

A House Divided Cannot Stand

Hymn of the Day

659

“Lord of Our Life”

Distribution Hymns

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”	429
“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”	623
“I Bind unto Myself Today”	604

Hymn to Depart

777

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