

## 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, March 3 – 136 (7:45) 101 (10:30) Bible Class – 102

Wednesday, March 6 – 163

Thursday, March 7 – Communion Matins – 46 CBBC - 38

### Last Week's Offering

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## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Fourth Sunday in Lent / Laetare Sunday


March 10, 2024

### THEME: I Am the Living Bread which Came Down from Heaven.

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 did not 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



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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 — Lent 4**  
**Bible Class 9:15** — The Problem of Abuse
- **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 *The Feeding of the 5,000*. 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.

**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 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**

**Board of Elders** meets Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

**Board of Properties** meets Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education** meets Tuesday, March 12 at 7:15 p.m.

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

**Fish Fry Drive-thru will continue this Friday, March 15** from 5:00-7:00. Please join us and help support the Academy.

**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.

**Easter Breakfast News!!!** Please join us for Easter breakfast on Sunday March 31, after the 7:45 Divine Service. To help us plan, sign up on the clipboards next to the church kitchen. We also have opportunities to assist in setup, serving and cleanup. Food, supplies, and monetary donations are welcome. For questions or other inquires: Cheri’ La Fore, 262-370-6711 (text or voice) Email: ladyhawk4969@gmail.com

**“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. Sign up at [www.plaauction.com](http://www.plaauction.com)

**Individual Ticket: \$36**

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

**PLA Open House:** This past weekend, Peace Lutheran Academy held an Open House and invited all congregation members, friends, and families to join in our school's daily school routine. We had a great turnout, with more than 35 visitors joining us! This event was just a sample of what Peace Lutheran Academy does: Lutheran catechesis and classical education: chapel, classes like Grammar, Latin, Music, History, Literature, and good conversation. Please tell your friends and family that enrollment at Peace Lutheran Academy starts in April!

**Peace Lutheran Academy** recently hosted a visiting accreditation team, and we were recommended for school accreditation! This visit will count for both the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education (CCLE) and National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA)! PLA tried to meet (and passed!) the following benchmarks for excellence: A) Are you Lutheran? B) Are you teaching well? C) Are you organized? D) Do you have checks and balances? Thanks be to God!

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 3/3/2024

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

Gross sales: \$1,400.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$61.38

Attendance: 394

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,071.38

**Sunday Order of Service**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent / Laetare Sunday**  
March 10, 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**

“Mache dich, mein Herze, rein” by J.S. Bach  
*from the St. Matthew Passion*

Make yourself pure, my heart;  
I want to bury Jesus Himself within me,  
For He now within me forever shall have his sweet rest.  
World, depart from my heart, let Jesus enter!

**Hymn of Invocation**

**510**

“A Multitude Comes from the East and the West”

**Introit** *sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* (Is. 66:10)

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be glad with her,  
all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her,  
all ye that mourn for her.

*Psalm* (Ps. 122:1)

I was glad when they said unto me:  
Let us go into the house of the LORD.

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**

**Isaiah 49:8-13**

In the day of salvation I have helped you.

**Choral Response**

“Jesus Refuge of the Weary” – J. S. Bach

Jesus, Refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life’s desert dreary, Savior from the world above,  
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, gaze upon the sinner’s fall!  
Yet upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for Thee!  
May our eyes be ever turning to Thy Cross of agony  
Till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior’s side,  
graven in our hearts forever, dwell the Cross, the Crucified!

**Second Reading**

**Acts 2:41-47**

The baptized faithful live from the Divine Service.

**Intervent Chant** *sung by the choir*

*(Ps. 122:1, 7; 125:1-2)*

I was glad when they said unto me:  
Let us go into the house of the LORD.  
Peace be within thy walls:  
and prosperity within thy palaces.  
They that trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion:  
which cannot be removed but abideth forever.  
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem:  
so the LORD is round about His people  
from henceforth even forever.

**Holy Gospel**

The Feeding of the 5,000

**John 6:1-15**

**Hymn of the Day**

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

**743**

**Distribution Hymns**

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-giving Bread” **625**

“Christ the Life of All the Living” **420**

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” **641**

**Hymn to Depart**

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord, Jesus”

**729**