

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 17 – 126 (7:45) 105 (10:30) Bible Class – 101
Wednesday, March 20 – 157
Thursday, March 21 – Communion Matins – 35 CBBS - 40

Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of James Nitzsche.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,640.05
Capitol Imp. fund:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 20.00
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	\$ 6,810.05

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2024:

General funds received in March:	\$ 33,232.05
Music funds received in March:	\$ 50.00
Memorials received in March:	\$ 100.00
Capital Imp. funds received in March:	\$ 150.00
Goehner Schlr. funds received in March:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in March:	\$ 100.00
Mercy funds received in March:	\$ 170.00
African Mission funds received in March:	\$ 200.00
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	\$ 34,052.05

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Palm Sunday


March 24, 2024

THEME: Truly Jesus Is the Son of God

This year the Palm Sunday reading of the Passion is the account from the evangelist St. Mark. Mark's account of the Passion (which means "suffering") of our Lord is fervent and brief. He records the essential events of the Passion that are also recorded in the other Gospels, but he does so with a brevity that invites us to dwell most on Jesus alone rather than the other characters or principal players. Only Mark includes the account of the boy whose linen garment was stripped from him in the Garden, leaving him to run away naked. In this event we see a picture of each one of us who, left to ourselves, have nothing to offer to God. Indeed, the suffering and death of Jesus bids us to forsake ourselves, to let go of everything of ourselves upon which we might otherwise depend and trust in Jesus' suffering and death alone for our salvation. We are naked, destitute, and beggarly. We must be clothed with the righteousness of the only One who is righteous: Christ Jesus. It is the Gospel of Jesus that calls us to faith, and it is the Gospel of Jesus that enables us to bear our cross and follow Him. Simon the Cyrenian, who was compelled to bear Jesus' cross, has for centuries been held up as an example of what it is to be a Christian. He didn't ask to be thrust into this role and given the choice; he would not have chosen it for himself. Nevertheless, he was "compelled to carry the cross" even as we are "compelled" by the very grace of Christ alone to bear our cross, suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from Him who gave His life for us all. St. Mark's account of the Passion culminates with the confession of the Centurion: "Truly this was the Son of God." This is the goal of Mark's Passion, that we all confess this same faith: Jesus Christ is the Son of God and our only Savior from sin.

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 — Holy Week/Palm Sunday**
Bible Class 9:15 — Suffering: The Location of Catechesis in the Grace of God
- **Daily Chapel Monday to Thursday at 8:30 -No Chapel Friday**
- **Wednesday: Lenten Divine Service 8:00, 2:30 & 6:30**
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30
Maundy Thursday Divine Service 2:30 & 7:00
- **Friday: Tenebrae 9:00am The Seven Last Words**
Good Friday Divine Service 1:00 & 7:00
- **Saturday: Easter Vigil Divine Service 7:00**

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 ***Good Friday: Jesus’ Crucifixion***. 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 27: Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin: Mark 14:53-72

Youth Group in April Meets on Sunday, April 14 at Noon

Remember, Youth Group meets on the second Sunday in April rather than the first Sunday for this month. In May the Youth Group will meet on the usual first Sunday of the month, May 5, and will begin with a Choir reunion rehearsal with all former Academy and Cantate Choir members.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 24 at 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services
Holy Wednesday, March 27 at 8:00, 2:30 and 6:30 Final Midweek Service
Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 2:30 and 7:00p.m. Service of Corporate Confession and Individual Absolution—The Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday Tenebrae, March 29 at 9:00 a.m. (No Communion)
Good Friday Divine Services, March 29 at 1:00 and 7:00p.m.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30 at 7:00p.m., with reception of new members.
Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7:45 and 10:30 Festival Divine Services

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Thrivent “Choice Dollars” – This week is the last chance to designate your 2023 gift.

Office Hours – The church office will be closed on Good Friday. The week of March 31st, the Academy is on Easter break and the office will have limited hours (8am to 12pm).

Many Thanks to ALL who Helped and Participated in the Auction

The auction took place yesterday. We will publish a report in the weeks ahead.

Locks – To increase security in the Academy, narthex doors are now locked most of the time during the school day, except during service times and Bible class. If the doors are locked, please ring the doorbell to contact the office and we will buzz you in. Give us a moment to answer your call. Those who have a key may still use it to unlock the door. Remember, you are all welcome and encouraged to stop by church anytime.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 3/17/2024

Number of families participating: 11 (in-person) + 6 (online)

Gross sales: \$2,185.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$212.56

Attendance: 374

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,326.20

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Divine Service

Communion Liturgy: Lutheran Service Book p. 194

Please follow the order of service printed below. The Communion Liturgy from LSB Setting 3 begins on page 194.

Choir Invocation

“Let All the Gates Be Opened Wide”
By Johannes Brahms/Hal Hopson

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. John, the 12th 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

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” – *choir sings stanza 1*

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.

Hymn

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”
Choir sings stanza 3

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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*

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”
Stanzas 1-4

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The Passion According to St. Mark

Hymn of the Day *sung after the Passion Reading*

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”
Stanzas 5-6

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament *from LSB Setting 3*

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Distribution Hymns

“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”

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“Not All the Blood of Beasts”

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“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

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Hymn to Depart

“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son”

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