

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cheryl Piper

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Melody Ruhbusch,
Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Philip Gehlbach

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 2 – 114 (7:45) 83 (10:30) Bible Class – 69

Wednesday, March 5 – 220


Thursday, March 6: Chapel – 40 CBBS - 41

Last Week's Offering:

General fund:	\$ 9,497.00
Goehner Schlr. fund:	\$ 20.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 20.00
	\$ 9,537.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2025:

General funds received in March:	\$ 9,497.00
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	\$ 9,537.00



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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.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The First Sunday in Lent — March 9, 2025

THEME: We Live from the Word of God!

“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” Every step of the way in His time of testing and temptation from the evil one, Jesus quoted Scripture and defended Himself and the honor of His Father with the Word of God. Even when Satan twisted and misused God’s Word, Jesus countered by faithfully proclaiming God’s Word in reply. As strange as it sounds to our ears, Jesus did not even rely upon Himself; instead, He relied solely upon His Father’s good and gracious Word. He was faithful unto death that we might be rescued from every manifestation of unfaithfulness from our sinful nature.

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.

Lenten Midweek Sermon Series 2025—St. Luke Passion

We will meditate on the St. Luke Passion at the Wednesday Midweek Services, Palm Sunday, Holy Wednesday, and Good Friday Tenebrae. The corresponding Old Testament readings are from the Congregation at Prayer. Wednesday Midweek services are at 8:00am, 2:30pm, and 6:30pm. Listed below are all the upcoming festival services

Midweek Lent 1—March 12: Jesus Celebrates the Passover—Luke 22:14-30

Midweek Lent 2—March 19: Jesus Prays in Gethsemane—Luke 22:31-46

Midweek Lent 3—March 26: Jesus’ Arrest—Luke 22:47-55

Midweek Lent 4—April 2: Peter Denies His Lord—Luke 22:54-62

Midweek Lent 5—April 9: Jesus Before the Sanhedrin—Luke 22:63-71

Palm Sunday—April 13: Jesus Before Pilate and King Herod—Luke 23:1-12

Holy Wednesday—April 16: The King of the Jews is Mocked—Luke 23:13-38

Maundy Thursday—April 17: Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet—John 13:1-15, 34-35

Good Friday Tenebrae, April 18 at 9am: Jesus’ Death and Burial—Lk. 23:39-56

Good Friday Divine Service at 3pm and 7pm—The St. John Passion

Easter Vigil, April 19 at 7pm Confirmations and Reception of New Members

Easter Festival Divine Service, April 20, at 7:45 and 10:30

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD — *“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” (Rom. 13:14).*
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, by calling Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service 7:45 & 10:30 — Lent 1**
Bible Class 9:15 — Philippians 1
- **Daily Chapel:** **Mon, Tues, Thur, Friday at 8:30**
- **Monday:** **Didache-Compline 6:00 — The Prodigal Son**
- **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 Temptation of Our Lord — Matthew 21:1-11*. Jesus defeats Satan and overcomes every temptation from the Evil One. God's Word is our defense against the Evil One and the food and drink for the preservation of our faith and life in Christ. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Adult Catechesis (Didache) with Compline: We are on *Lesson 19 – The Prodigal Son* which is the first lesson on Confession. Six weeks remain in this year's Didache class. The next three weeks focus upon Confession and Absolution, followed by three weeks on the Lord's Supper. This week's lesson on confession focuses upon how the Lord's grace and mercy for us in Christ calls us to return to the Lord for the comfort and strength of Jesus' forgiveness from which our faith and life in Christ live.

Truth, Beauty, Goodness ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: The Book of James & Faith Alone; Biblical Leadership; The Filioque & Eastern Orthodoxy; Do Lutherans Believe in Once Baptized Always Saved? and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app, etc.

“The Hand of the Lord” a Lenten devotion intended to enrich your family devotions this Lenten season is available in the narthex.

Pastor Bender to receive Honorary Doctor of Divinity

For his work in the Small Catechism and the teaching he has done in catechesis both nationally and internationally, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. is awarding Pastor Bender an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at their spring commencement service at 4pm, May 23.

NEWS AND NOTES

Fish Fry Drive-thru will be March 14, and 28 from 5:00-7:00. There will be no fish fry on Friday, March 21. Please join us and help support the Academy. Anyone wishing to help, please speak with Sherry Prowatzke.

Board of Elders meets Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Properties meets Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education meets Tuesday, March 18 at 7:15 p.m.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Choice dollars – Deadline for directing Thrivent Choice dollars is just a few weeks away. Last year Peace received nearly \$1800 from these corporate gifts. If you have Thrivent accounts, please consider asking them to send your portion to our congregation or 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.

The Academy Auction is Right Around the Corner!

Bake Sale Items Needed for the Auction!

The annual Goods and Services Auction is March 22nd from 4pm to 8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. A bake sale is part of the event. Baked goods are needed. Please package baked goods in ready to sell portions and deliver them to the Gerhardt Room by noon on Friday, March 21st. If you have any questions, contact Beth Boehringer at 920-285-8626.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 3/3/2025

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 5 (online)

Attendance: 223

Gross sales: \$1,900 Profit earned this week \$57.63

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$5,815.67

Profit paid to the Academy: \$5,014.63

Sign up for the RaiseRight App to use on your phone while shopping. The app is available from the App Store or Google Play as *RaiseRight Fundraising*.

For an online account or to sign up for the app, you will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5

Sunday Order of Service
The First Sunday in Lent / Invocabit Sunday
March 9, 2025

Divine Service Setting Two
Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation **562**

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”
Choir sings stanza 4

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 91:15a, c, 16)

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will deliver him and honor him,
With long life will I satisfy him
and show him My salvation.

Psalm

(Ps. 91:1)

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High:
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

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 **Genesis 3:1-21**

The Fall into Sin

Choral Response

Lord Jesus, Think on Me” – Michael Larkin

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin:
From earthborn passions set me free, And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, with many cares oppressed;
Let me Thy loving servant be, and taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heav’nly way.
Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when my life is past,
I may th’eternal brightness see, and share Thy joy at last.

Epistle **2 Corinthians 6:1-10**

“Behold, now is the day of salvation!”

Common Verse for Lent *sung by the congregation LSB p. 173*

Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 4:1-11**

The Temptation of Our Lord

Hymn of the Day **561**

“The Tree of Life”

Proper Preface for Lent

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Distribution Hymns

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” **424**

“If God Himself Be for Me” **724**

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” **718**

Hymn to Depart **655**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”