

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May
 Altar Committee: Lynn Leider and Sherry Prowatzke
 Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert,
 Nicola Giordano, Joanne Smith
 Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider
 Sunday 10:30am Elder: Kent Franklin
 Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, April 6 – 134 (7:45) 94 (10:30) Bible Class – 80
 Monday, April 7 (Didache) – 26
 Wednesday, April 9 – 150
 Thursday, April 10 - Chapel – 42 CBBS - 44



Last Week's Offering:

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| General fund: | \$ 8,686.00 |
| Capital Imp. fund: | \$ 50.00 |
| Memorials: | <u>\$ 75.00</u> |
| | \$ 8,811.00 |

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2025:

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

THEME: Father Forgive Them...

This year's Palm Sunday Passion reading is from St. Luke's Gospel. The Passion according to St. Luke records for us several sayings of Jesus which are found only in Luke's Passion. Each of these sayings highlights the brilliance of His saving work which was wrought for us by grace alone. When Jesus was nailed to the cross, He prayed: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). He prayed for the soldiers who crucified Him, for the chief priests and elders of the people who delivered Him up to Pontius Pilate, for the crowds who hurled insults at Him as He hung from the cross, and He prayed for the world and for us. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." None of us knows the full extent of our sins. If we did, we could not stand up under the weight of them all. His prayer reflects the undeserved grace of God in Christ who desires and has won salvation for all.


To the penitent thief on the cross He declared, "Today you will be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). The thief was a murderer and an insurrectionist. He had lived in wickedness and unbelief and was now in the final moments of his life. He had no time to amend his life or make up for what he had done. He could only pray the prayer of faith: "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom" and Jesus spoke an absolution to him and promised him eternal life.

And Jesus' final words were words of faith, "Father, 'into your hands I commend My spirit'" (Luke 23:46). They are the words of Psalm 31:5. He prayed the psalms while He suffered for us upon the cross. He had finished His work. He had done all for us. Now He offered His atoning sacrifice to God the Father on our behalf. Because of His work, we can pray the same prayer to our heavenly Father every day. Through faith in Christ, we are prepared to commend ourselves to God with the full confidence of His salvation.

Meditate upon these words in the Passion. They were spoken to strengthen your faith in His forgiveness and the all sufficiency of His work for your salvation.

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.



Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

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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 — “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 — Palm Sunday**
Bible Class 9:15 — Philippians 2 and 3
- **Monday:** **Chapel at 8:30**
Didache at 6:00 — The Emmaus Disciples
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Lenten Divine Service at 8:00, 2:30 & 6:30**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30
Divine Service 2:30 and 7:00
- **Friday:** **Tenebrae at 9:00**
Divine Service at 3:00 and 7:00
- **Saturday:** **Vigil at 7:30**

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 *Good Friday: Jesus' Crucifixion — Mark 15:16-39*. 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 24 — The Emmaus Disciples* which is the third and final lesson on the Sacrament of the Altar. This is the last lesson in this year's Didache class.

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. Midweek services are at 8:00am, 2:30pm, and 6:30pm. Listed below are all the upcoming festival services

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 at 2:30 & 7pm: 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 7:30pm Confirmations and Reception of New Members

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

Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org.

NEWS AND NOTES

Office Hours – The church office will be closed on Good Friday. The Academy is on Easter break during the week of April 21 and the office will have limited hours (8am to 12pm).

EASTER BREAKFAST NEWS!!! Please join us for Easter breakfast on Sunday April 20, after the 7:45 Divine Service, and enjoy the maple syrup that came from our trees. 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, contact Cheri LaFore at 262-370-6711 (text or voice) or email: ladyhawk4969@gmail.com

Easter Lily Sign-up – 15 lilies will adorn the altar for Easter. A sign-up sheet is in the office. Make checks (\$16/ea.) payable to Peace Lutheran Church. You may take your altar lilies home after services on Easter.

Online Giving: Peace now has an online-giving portal. One-time and recurring gifts may be made through our Vanco page. It can be found on our website, or by using the QR code near the offering basket and on the back of the bulletin. Those who sign up for online-giving may wish to consider that our fees are lower when people give by direct withdrawal from their bank account (instead of by card).

Board of Properties meets Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Parish Council meets Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 4/6/2025

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 12 (online)

Attendance: 389

Gross sales: \$1,650 Profit earned this week \$49.00

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$6,532.73

Profit paid to the Academy: \$5,758.04

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*. You will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5.

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

Divine Service

Communion Liturgy: Lutheran Service Book p. 177

Please follow the order of service printed below.

The Communion Liturgy from LSB Setting 2 begins on page 177.

Choir Invocation

“Daughter of Zion” – G. F. Handel

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. Matthew, the 21st 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

442

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” – *Choir sings stanzas 1 and 4*

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.

Epistle

sung by the choir

Philippians 2:5-11

“Have This Mind Among Yourselves” – Paul Lindsley Thomas

Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus. Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn of the Day *sung before the Passion Reading*

420

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Choir sings stanza 1; Congregation sings stanzas 2-4

The Passion According to St. Luke

Hymn of the Day *sung after the Passion Reading*

420

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” *stanza 5-7*

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament *from LSB Setting 2*

p. 177

Distribution Hymns

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

438

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

429

Choir sings stanzas 2 & 5 (7:45 service only)

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

454

Hymn to Depart

447

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” *stanzas 19-21*