

### Welcome

Welcome to the Lord's House this evening for Service. Tonight, we continue to observe the penitential season of Lent. Lent is:

- a time in which God's baptized people cleanse their hearts through the disciplines of repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving;
- a time in which God's people prepare with joy for the paschal feast of Easter;
- a time in which God renews His people's zeal in faith and life;
- a time in which we pray that we may be given the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

If you are visiting with us this evening, we are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by signing the guest book which is in the hallway on the left as you exit the nave. The Lord be with you this evening and throughout this Lententide, that you may be led to true repentance and faith in the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen!

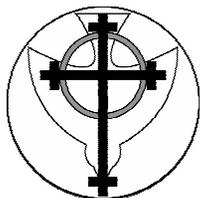
### About Tonight's Service

Throughout our Wednesday evening Lenten Services, we will follow the Service of Prayer and Preaching. It is a beautiful Service which was designed to deliver God's salvific Word to His children and allow them to respond by the faith into which they have been catechized. Please note: ***During Lent, the New Testament canticle is replaced with a hymn or canticle more appropriate for the season. We will substitute LSB 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain."***

Tonight, we also continue our reading of ***The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels***. *The Passion* account is divided up into five parts. One part will be read during each of our last three Wednesday Services, and the last two parts will be read at our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Evening Services.

### Our Mission Statement

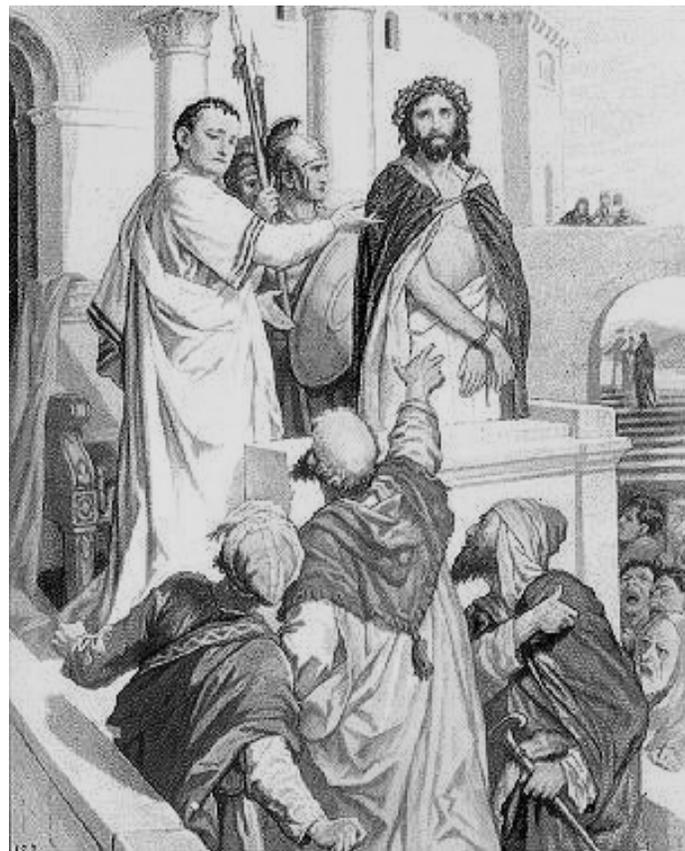
The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.



# Judica Midweek

The Sixth Wednesday in Lent

12 March Anno † Domini 2008 ~ 7:00 p.m.



*Sounds of the Passion*

*Part 6 - "Shouting Mob" (Matt. 27:15-25)*

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*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

### Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

**Opening Hymn:** 532 “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns”

**Opening Versicles - Lent** (p. 260)

**Old Testament Canticle** (pp. 261-262)

**Readings From Holy Scripture** (p. 263)

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 53:10-12*

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**Hymn:** 531 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

### The Second Reading

*Matthew 27:15-25*

<sup>15</sup>Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup>And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup>So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup>For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup>Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."

<sup>20</sup>Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup>Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>23</sup>And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" <sup>24</sup>So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup>And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

**Hymn:** 444 “No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

**Responsory - Lent** (p. 263)

**Catechism - all three parts** (p. 264)

**Sermon: “Sounds of the Passion” Midweek Lenten Series  
Part 6 - “Shouting Mob” (Matt. 27:15-25)**

**Hymn:** 543 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

**The Offering** is gathered for the Lord’s work.

**Prayer** (including both Collects and Evening Prayer - pp. 265-266)

**Hymn:** 435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” (*replaces NT Canticle*)

**Blessing** (p. 267)

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels  
Part III: The Palace of the High Priest**

*(At the conclusion of the reading, the acolytes and pastor depart the nave.  
After they have departed, the congregation departs in silence.)*

*Soli Deo Gloria!*