#### 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 begin 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.

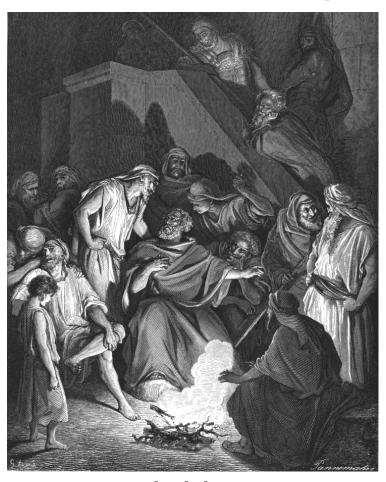
### **Our Mission Statement**

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.



# Laetare Midweek

The Fifth Wednesday in Lent 5 March Anno → Domini 2008 ~ 7:00 p.m.



Sounds of the Passion
Part 5 - "Crowing Rooster" (Luke 22:54-62)

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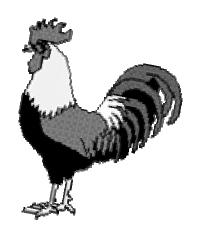
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(Upon entering the nave, <u>silence</u> should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

**Prelude and Ringing of the Bells** 

**Opening Hymn:** 610 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

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

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

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

**The First Reading** 

Isaiah 53:7-9

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? <sup>9</sup>And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

**Hymn:** 547 "The Lamb"

The Second Reading

Luke 22:54-62

54Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. 55And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. 56Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." 57But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." 59And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." 60But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." 62And he went out and wept bitterly.

**Hymn:** 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

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

Catechism - all three parts (p. 264)

Sermon: "Sounds of the Passion" Midweek Lenten Series Part 5 - "Crowing Rooster" (Luke 22:54-62)

**Hymn:** 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

**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 II: Gethsemane

(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!