

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!

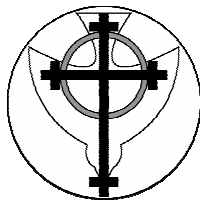
About Tonight's Service

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 remaining three Wednesday Services, and the last two parts will be read at our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Evening Services.

Our Mission Statement

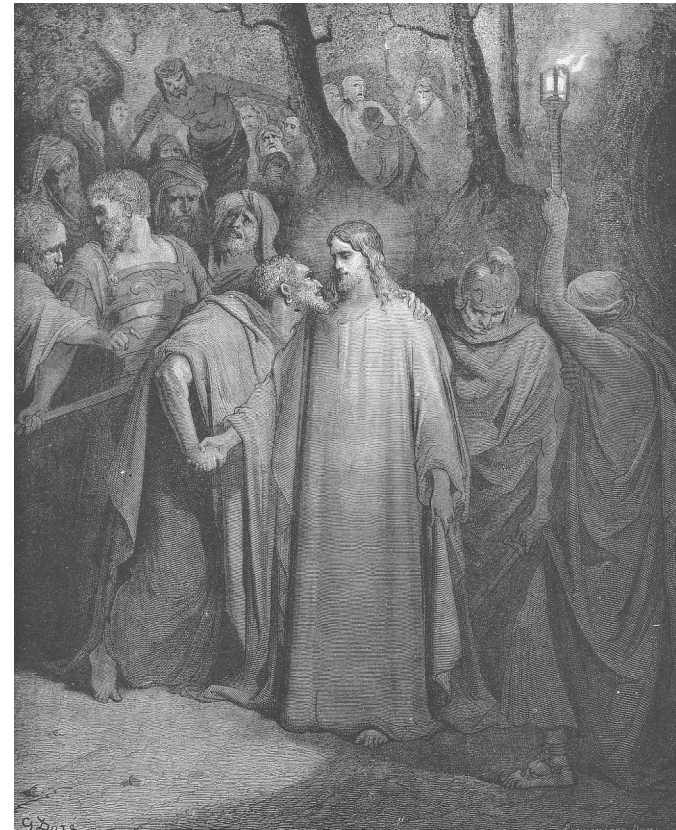
The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.



Oculi Midweek

The Fourth Wednesday in Lent

27 February Anno ✠ Domini 2008 ~ 7:00 p.m.



Sounds of the Passion

Part 4 - "Tramping Feet" (John 18:1-6)

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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: 434 “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

Opening Versicles - Lent (p. 260)

Old Testament Cantic (pp. 261-262)

Readings From Holy Scripture (p. 263)

The First Reading

Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hymn: 451 “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

The Second Reading

John 18:1-6

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

Hymn: 540 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

Responsory - Lent (p. 263)

Catechism - all three parts (p. 264)

Sermon: “Sounds of the Passion” Midweek Lenten Series
Part 4 - “Tramping Feet” (John 18:1-6)

Hymn: 440 “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

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 Cantic*)

Blessing (p. 267)

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels
Part I: The Lord’s Supper

*(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!