

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. The Service begins with an emphasis on God's Promise to redeem His people by sending the Holy One of Israel as sung in the Old Testament Canticle. It concludes by drawing our attention to the fact that God has been faithful to His Promise by sending Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, who lived, died, and rose again to accomplish our salvation as sung in the New Testament Canticle (***However, during Lent, this canticle is replaced with a hymn or canticle more appropriate for the season. We will substitute LSB 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" throughout Lent.*** At the center of the Service, we, God's children, join together in confessing the chief articles of the Catechism upon which our faith is drawn (***We will confess all three parts of the Catechism together each week.*** By confessing the Ten Commandments, we are reminded of our sinfulness and inability to keep God's Holy Law. But, then we confess the Apostles' Creed which reminds us of the blessed Gospel truth, that Jesus Christ has fulfilled the Law in our place, died on the cross for our sins, rose from the grave to give us new life, and will return again in glory to bring us to Paradise. In response to this Good News, we pray the prayer our Lord taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer. May our Midweek Lenten Services be a blessing to you. The Lord be with us this evening!

Our Mission Statement

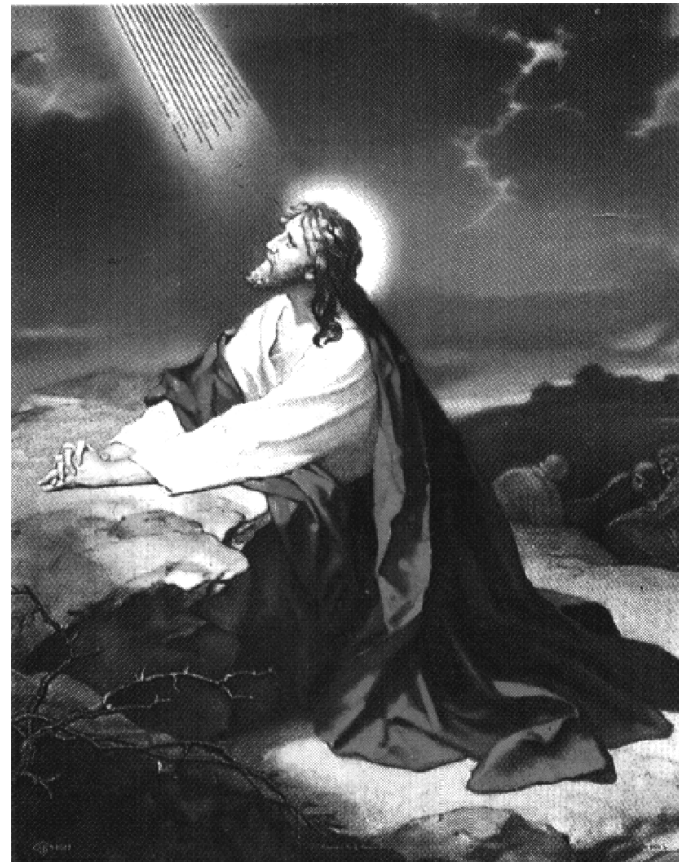


The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.

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The Third Wednesday in Lent

20 February Anno † Domini 2008 ~ 7:00 p.m.



Sounds of the Passion

Part 3 - "Crying Tears" (John 11:32-36; Matt. 26:36-46)

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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: 429 “We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”

Opening Versicles - Lent (p. 260)

Old Testament Canticle (pp. 261-262)

Readings From Holy Scripture (p. 263)

The First Reading

Isaiah 53:1-3

¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Hymn: 552 “O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life” (stanzas 1, 9, 10, 4)

The Second Reading

John 11:32-36; Matt. 26:36-46

³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” . . .

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” ⁴⁰And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Hymn: 436 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Responsory - Lent (p. 263)

Catechism - all three parts (p. 264)

Sermon: “Sounds of the Passion” Midweek Lenten Series
Part 3 - “Crying Tears” (John 11:32-36; Matt. 26:36-46)

Hymn: 426 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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)

Closing Hymn: 430 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

The Congregation Departs in Silence

Soli Deo Gloria!