

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Shirley Weber

Communion Committee: Sherry Prowatzke and Joanne Smith

7:45 Elder: Mark Schneider

Ushers: Rev. Bob Johnson, Erich Greschner,

Acolyte: Sarah Meyle

Fritz Theilacker

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

Ushers: Mike and Chris Clark,

Acolyte: Autumn Walentoski

Steve LaSage

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg

Flowers are given by Ann LeQue

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 20 – 164 (7:45) 162 (10:30) Bible Study – 89

Monday, March 21 – 25 (7:00) Tuesday, March 22 – 20 (7:00)

Wednesday, March 23 – 49 (2:30) 53 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 24

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$3,815.36

(Loose Plate: \$421.36; Gen. Env.: \$3,394.00)

Other Funds: \$619.00

(Seasonal: \$437.00; Mortgage: \$125.00;

Mercy Fund: \$10.00; Flowers: \$22.00;

Goehner Scholarship Fund: \$25.00)

Last Week's Total: \$4,434.36

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAR.:

Reduce the Debt in March:

Other Received in March: \$3,297.00

General Fund received in March: \$16,528.25

\$19,825.25

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Easter Sunday


Sunday, March 27, 2016

TODAY'S THEME:

I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

In Luke's account of the resurrection of our Lord, he emphasizes that Jesus' resurrection rests upon the Scriptures and the reliability of His own preaching. The two angels stood where the body of Jesus had lain and declared, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'" We have not seen Jesus with our eyes, but just like the disciples who did see Him our faith must rest not upon what we see, but upon the clear testimony of God's Word. Faith in the death and resurrection of our Lord is created and sustained by the faithful preaching of the Scriptures. The apostles and evangelists were not perpetuating a fraud when they testified to Jesus' resurrection. They were bearing witness to what they had heard from Him in Jesus' own faithful preaching from the Scriptures. When the women heard the announcement of the angels, Luke records that "they remembered His words." But when the women reported what the angels had said, it seemed to the disciples "like idle tales, and they did not believe them." This still happens today. Even though people may disbelieve or even reject the testimony of the Word of God proclaimed from the Scriptures, the account in Luke of our Lord's resurrection makes it clear that there is no other foundation for our faith but the Word of God alone. This is why we confess in the Nicene Creed each week that our Lord was crucified "according to the Scriptures" and that He also "rose again from the dead according to the Scriptures." The Word of God truly gives the comfort, salvation, and certainty of our Lord's death and resurrection.

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 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender



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Divine Service: Sunday – 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday – 6:45 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

Easter Greeting!

During Eastertide, the “Easter Greeting” is commonly exchanged among Christians as a confession of our faith and hope in the resurrection of Christ. The greeting is: “**The Lord is Risen!**” or “**Christ is Risen!**” The response is: “**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**” The congregation is encouraged to use this greeting throughout the Easter season.

Guests—Welcome to Our Divine Service! 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. Please sign our guest register in the narthex

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD—“*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*” (Matthew 4:4). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord. Ongoing catechesis—passing on the Lord’s Word by which faith lives—is the way of life for all the baptized.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: *Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., after chapel when school is in session, or by appointment.*

Call pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189

Sunday Divine Service 7:45/10:30: Resurrection Gospels

Sunday School and Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

Daily Chapel Monday through Friday 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Monday N.T. Youth Catechesis: No Class This Week

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – No Class This Week

Issues Etc. Lutheran Radio Broadcast on Contemporary Issues may be heard over the internet at www.issuesetc.org. This week's topics include: Evidence for the Resurrection, Responding to Bart Ehrman's Book "Jesus Before the Gospels," Jesus & Thomas, The Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," Jesus Reinstates Peter and more.

Easter Week Services:

Easter Monday, March 28, 7:00, Rev. Christopher Seifferlein, Preacher

Easter Tuesday, March 29, 7:00, Rev. Karl Fabrizius, Preacher

Easter Wednesday, March 30, Rev. Gary Gehlbach, Preacher

News and Notes

EASTER BREAKFAST is held this morning from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Due to the presentation on Religious Freedom by Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, on April 10, at the Marriott Milwaukee West Hotel in Waukesha, we are cancelling the next To Everyone An Answer which is also on April 10. R.S.V.P for the Harrison event was needed by March 26. If you missed the deadline, call the SWD office to see if there is still room. 708-466-8391. This is a great opportunity and we hope that many can attend the event.

Parish Council— will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00pm.

Auction Assistance Requested – at the Goods & Services Auction the winner of raffle #8 won a chocolate basket as well as a Peterson Bluebird House donated by Barry Wurster. The winner picked up the chocolate basket but not the birdhouse. We believe it was not a Peace member but have not been able to identify the winner to contact them. If you happen to know who won raffle #8 please let Cathy Petersen, Kara Rhode, or Karen Frerking know so that we can arrange to get them the birdhouse. Thank you!

Family Fish Fry— Friday, April 15 from 4:30-7:00pm.

Hymn Sing (during the fish fry) come and sing all your favorite hymns! Pastor Gehlbach and Kathy May will receive requests and lead the Fish Fry diners in a hymn sing from 5-7pm.

Boards of Elders, Education, and Properties—will meet Tuesday, April 19. The study is at 6:30, business meeting at 7:00pm.

LCMS National Convention July 9-14 at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. Volunteer at swd.lcms.org and follow the link to “LCMS National Convention” on the home page. Questions? Call the District office at 414-464-8100.

PLA Thought of the Week: Did you know that Academy seventh and eighth graders typically test at high school level or higher in reading comprehension on the Stanford 10 achievement test?

Scrip Update for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2015)

Year to Date Profit: \$6,542.90

Last Week’s Profit: \$209.53

Participating families last week: 24

Sunday Order of Service

Easter Sunday—March 27, 2016

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Processional Hymn 457
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Introit: Psalm 16 *sung responsively with the choir* **Back of this insert**

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 65:17-25**

Gradual *sung by the choir*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

Verse *sung by the choir* (Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6)

[Christ Jesus] abolished death

and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Holy Gospel **Luke 24:1-12**

Hymn of the Day 458

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4

Offertory Hymn 482
“This Joyful Eastertide”

Distribution Hymns

“All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding” 462

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” 461

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” 633

Hymn to Depart 488
“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”