

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Carol Zick

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso and Sharon Murphy

7:45 Elder: Lance Carus
Acolyte: Bryce Damato

Ushers: Bob Piper, Jack Christopherson,
Mike Christopherson

10:30 Elder: Mike Ferguson
Acolyte: Charlie Dhein

Ushers: Doug Westrich, Dave Steinhilb,
Bob Rothe

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Jim Verage

Flowers are given by Randy and Pam Kirk in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

Sanctuary Candle is given by Joanne Smith.

Treats are given by the O'Neill family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Maundy Thursday, March 24 – 104 (7:00)

Tenebrae – 31 (9:00) Good Friday – 147 (1:00) 82 (7:00)

Easter Vigil – 112 (7:00) Sunday, March 27 – 175 (7:45) 163 (10:30)

Monday, March 28 – 33(7:00) Tuesday, March 29 – 20 (7:00)

Wednesday, March 30 – 21(6:45)

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$6,089.33

(Loose Plate: \$354.33; Gen. Env.: \$5,735.00)

Other Funds: \$2,268.00

(Seasonal: \$2,258.00;

Sacred Appointments: 10.00)

Last Week's Total: \$8,357.33

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAR.:

Reduce the Debt in March:

\$5,565.00

Other Received in March:

\$22,617.58

General Fund received in March:

\$28,182.58

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 3, 2016

TODAY'S THEME:

**“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND YET HAVE BELIEVED”**

"Peace be with you" were the first words out of Jesus' mouth when He greeted the disciples for the first time after His resurrection. These are important Words. They bestow forgiveness of sins to penitent sinners and they create faith where there is unbelief and a bad conscience. These words were coupled with the flesh and bone appearance of Jesus to the Twelve who were called to be eyewitnesses of His resurrection. Now they, who themselves had been comforted and strengthened in the faith, would proclaim this same Word of peace to others. Jesus gave them an important promise for us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." This guarantees to us that, although we still look forward to seeing and touching Jesus in His body, we, nevertheless, have the full benefits of His peace.

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

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

First Communion: We give thanks to God that Hannah Hardenbrook received her first communion at the 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service. First Communion is received by those children who have learned by heart the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism, who desire the Sacrament in repentant faith, and who have been examined and absolved by the pastor. We give thanks to God for her confession of faith and pray His blessing upon her continued catechesis.



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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.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD—“*These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.*” (Luke 24:44). 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: Lesson 25

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – St. Luke’s Passion

Lutheran Public Radio – Sacred music for the Easter season –Listen at www.lutheranpublicradio.org and on the LPR mobile app

News and Notes

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.

Collating Volunteers Needed— on Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5 from 9am-12pm.

Parish Council— will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00pm. Pick up your packets today.

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.

We need volunteers to help take care of the flower gardens. Each person will take care of their own section. Please contact Larry Martin at 246-4572.

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

Spring Cleaning—will be Saturday, May 14 starting at 8:30 a.m. Please sign up to help on the sheet next to the church kitchen.

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: A blessed Eastertide from all the faculty and students of the Academy.

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

Year to Date Profit: \$6,578.15

Last Week’s Profit: \$35.25

Participating families last week: 7

Sunday Order of Service

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 3, 2016

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

“**And with thy spirit**” is the response in this service to the salutation, “The Lord be with you.”

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

Hymn of Invocation 468
“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”

Introit *chanted responsively*

Antiphon (1 Peter 2:2-3)
Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Psalm (Ps. 105:1-5, 8)

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
He remembers his covenant for- | ever, *
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations,

Glory be to the Father and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, *
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon is repeated

Old Testament Reading Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)
The apostles are delivered to preach.

Gradual *chanted by all* (Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6)
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 Revelation 1:4-18
Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead.

Verse (Rom. 6:9; John 20:29b)
The congregation sings the Hallelujah before and after the verse.

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Holy Gospel John 20:19-31
Jesus appears to the Apostles in the upper room.

Hymn of the Day 471
“O Sons and Daughters of the King”
St. 1: All *St. 5: Women and Children*
St. 2: All *St. 6: Men*
St. 3: Women and Children *St. 7: Women and Children*
St. 4: Men *St. 8: All*
St. 9: All (repeat refrain)

Distribution Hymn 155
“This Is the Feast”

Distribution Hymn 473
“Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free”

Distribution Hymn 482
“This Joyful Eastertide”

Hymn to Depart 603
“We Know That Christ Is Raised”