

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

Treats are given by the Carus family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, April 10 – 96 (7:45) 83 (10:30) Bible Study – 67

Wednesday, April 13 – 26 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 32

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$5,685.01

(Loose Plate: \$127.01; Gen. Env.: \$5,558.00)

Other Funds: \$529.75

(Mortgage: \$350.00; Candles: \$4.75;

Memorials: \$150.00;

Goehner Scholarship Fund: \$25.00)

Last Week's Total: \$6,214.76

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL:

Reduce the Debt in April:

Other Received in April: \$11,932.51

General Fund received in April: \$6,247.50

\$18,180.01

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 17, 2016

TODAY'S THEME: Jesus Is the Good and Faithful Shepherd!

The Feast of Dedication commemorated the purging of the Temple from idolatrous worship and the things that profaned it. Jesus demonstrated in His words and works that He has come to give true cleansing and that this cleansing comes to us through His Word that is received by faith alone. Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." This is the promise of the Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd to all those who cling to His Word by faith. The Jews who challenged Jesus rejected the testimony of His works that He was the Christ and, therefore, they were not His sheep. Those who receive His works as the testimony that He is the Christ and the Savior of the world are His sheep and have the promise of eternal life and the Savior's faithful protection.

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

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.



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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.

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 27

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

Issues Etc. Lutheran Radio Broadcast on Contemporary Issues may be heard over the internet at www.issuesetc.org. This week's topics include: Pope Francis' Encyclical on Marriage & Divorce, The Enlightenment & the Death of Humanity, Jesus the Good Shepherd, Martin Luther's Antinomian Theses and more.

2016 CCA Symposium—June 15-17, 2016

Keeping Our Children in the Faith:

This year's symposium tackles the fervent desire of the Church, her pastors, and her parents that our children, who have been brought into the kingdom of God through Holy Baptism, are kept in Christ in the true faith, willing to suffer all, even death, rather than to fall away from Him. Members may pick up registration forms in the Narthex or in the church office.

Vacation Bible School—July 25-29

“Our Life in Christ”—The Second Table of the Law

This year's Vacation Bible School will focus on the Second Table of the Law—the 4th through the 8th Commandments—with Bible Stories, Hymns and Crafts that can be used in personal and family devotions. Mark your calendars and sign your children up for VBS. 9-11am.

News and Notes

Pastor Bender is in Montana helping to move his 94-year old step-mother to Wisconsin. He will be gone through Tuesday, April 19. Pastor Gehlbach will be available for emergency calls and other needs. Please call the church office or Pastor Gehlbach at 262-372-4353, or 262-325-3032.

Altar Lilies— if you purchased a lily for the Altar, please take them home today.

Lutheran A Cappella Choir with our own 4th grader, Cole Petersen, as boy soprano soloist in Dan Forrest's “Requiem for the Living”, presents their spring concert Friday, April 22, 7:30pm in West Bend and Sunday, April 24, at 3:00pm in Wauwatosa. Go to www.lutheranacappella.org and/or see the poster near the church office for more information. Speak to Kathy May with questions.

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

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.

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.

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: An open invitation for all families to join the Parents' Association for their April meeting on **Sunday, April 24, 2016.** Colleen Boehm from W.H.A.T. (Wholesome, Healthy, and Traditional) will be giving a presentation on nutrition and its effects on children. Mrs. Boehm gives numerous presentations in the Sussex community and organizes several buying clubs to assist families. Please join us for a potluck luncheon after the late service.

In the past few years participation in Labels for Education has declined and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the LFE program. The good news is nothing changes this program year. There will be changes for next year's program starting August 1, 2016. If you are saving labels, please bring them in as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support of Peace Lutheran Academy.

JOB OPENING: Blessed Again Resale Shop, which helps support *A Place of Refuge*, is seeking a part time Assistant Manager, (20-25 hours/week). If interested, contact Sue Jaeckel at 262-255-2179 or sjaeckel@wi.rr.com.

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

Year to Date Profit: \$6,823.54

Last Week's Profit: \$103.75

Participating families last week: 20

Sunday Order of Service

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 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 **821**
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Introit *sung by the choir, congregation sings Gloria Patri*

Antiphon *(John 10:14, 15b)*
I am the good | shepherd.*
I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Psalm *(Ps. 78:70-72, 79:13)*
He chose David his servant and took him from the | sheepfolds;*
from following the nursing ewes he brought him
to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his in- | heritance.
With upright heart he shep- | herded them*
and guided them with his | skillful hand.
But we your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will give thanks to you for- | ever;*
from generation to generation we will re- | count your praise.

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

Antiphon is repeated

First Reading **Acts 20:17-35**
Commended to God and The Word of His Grace

Choral Response “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” setting John R. Payne
(text LSB 740)

Epistle **Revelation 7:9-17**
The Lamb Will Shepherd Them

Verse *sung by the choir* *(Rom. 6:9; John 20:29b)*

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.
I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **John 10:22-30**
My Sheep Hear My Voice

Hymn of the Day **709**
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
choir sings stanza 3

Distribution Hymn **711**
“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Distribution Hymn **594**
“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

Hymn to Depart **725**
“Children of the Heavenly Father”