

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Kristin Dhein

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin and Melody Ruhbusch

7:45 Elder: Jim Verage

Acolyte: Rachel Frerking

Ushers: Christian McMiller, Chuck Finke,

Philip Gehlbach

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

Acolyte: Micah Hardenbrook

Ushers: Landon Carus, Eric Krueger,

Tom Landry

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Alex Scheler

Sanctuary Candle is given by Morey and Fern Koch in celebration of Morey's 90th birthday.

Treats are given by the Weber family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, April 24 – 137 (7:45) 96 (10:30) Bible Study – 104

Wednesday, April 27 – 21 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 48

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$4,614.75

(Loose Plate: \$799.75; Gen. Env.: \$3,815.00)

Other Funds: \$35.00

(Goehner Scholarship Fund: \$25.00;

Mercy Fund: \$10.00)

Last Week's Total: \$4,649.75

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL:

Reduce the Debt in April:

Other Received in April: \$11,997.51

General Fund received in April: \$16,529.00

\$28,526.51

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 1, 2016

TODAY'S THEME: OUR PRAYERS REST ON JESUS' VICTORY

Prayer is central to the Church, her ministry, and the Christian's own faith and life. "Prayer in Jesus' name" is prayer that asks for the gifts and help that Jesus promises in the Gospel. If the Church is troubled by persecution and suffering she is to pray for strength. If she is tempted to unfaithfulness, she is to pray for faithfulness. If you have sinned, pray for forgiveness. If you are tempted by the devil, pray for deliverance. If you are weak in fulfilling the responsibilities of your calling, pray for strength. We have Jesus' sure and certain promise: "Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." Our prayers are heard and they are absolutely answered when they are anchored in God's Word. Like the disciples before us, our faith, too, often wanes. They scattered and fled from Him, yet they were able to be restored because of His promise of grace to them in the Gospel. The same is true for us. "These things I have spoken to you," Jesus said, "that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

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 29

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – Resurrection Gospels

Issues Etc. Lutheran Radio Broadcast on Contemporary Issues may be heard over the internet at www.issuesetc.org. This week's topics include: The November Elections, The Movie "Captain America: Civil War," Christianity & Logic, Jesus Raises Lazarus and more.

The Ascension of Our Lord

This Wednesday evening at the 6:45pm Divine Service we will celebrate our Lord’s Ascension into heaven 40 days after His resurrection. In the Ascension we focus upon the meaning of the words of the Creed: “He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.” What do these words and our Lord’s ascension mean for the Church today? Join us on Wednesday night.

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

Roof Workers Needed— for tearing off the roof of the garage Saturday, May 7 at 8:30am. Please talk to Larry Martin, 262-246-4572, if interested.

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.

Bible Class Mission Forum and Budget Forum on Sunday, June 12

At 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 12, Pastor Bender, Jim Frerking, and Randy Kirk will lead a Bible Class on Stewardship and an Open Forum on the Mission opportunities our congregation is engaged in, along with a presentation of the 2016-2017 fiscal budget. All adult members of the congregation are encouraged to attend the forum in preparation for the Congregational Assembly meeting on Sunday, June 19, at 9:15 a.m.

Congregational Assembly—Sunday, June 19, at 9:15 a.m.

The Congregational Assembly meeting, which will entertain the 2016-2017 fiscal budgets, will be held during the Bible Class hour on Sunday, June 19, at 9:15 a.m. The agenda, reports, and budget will be published and available for all members to receive on Sunday, June 5. Please pick up a packet that day in preparation for both the Mission and Budget Forum on June 12 and the Congregational Assembly meeting on June 19.

Academy and Cherub Choir Concert—Friday, May 20 at 7:00pm.

Don’t miss this night of your favorite old songs from classic musicals with our Academy and Cherub Choirs on Friday, May 20th after the Fish Fry. Bring your friends. The concert lasts an hour and you will not be disappointed.

Peace Gardens: The Garden of Eden, the Garden of Uzza, Naboth’s Vineyard, the Garden of Gethsemane, Solomon’s Vineyard, the Vineyards of Timnah, and the Rose of Sharon Patio are among the gardens that surround and beautify our building. If you are interested in lending a hand in the care of our Gardens, please talk to Pastor Bender. Volunteers will be assigned a section that they can manage (see the bulletin board display in the hallway) and Chuck Finke will be holding periodic meetings to help train the volunteers in their gardening work.

Boards of Elders, Education, and Properties—will meet Tuesday, May 17. The study is at 6:30, business meeting at 7:00pm.

Parish Council— meets Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00pm.

PLA Thought of the Week: On Saturday, May 7, 2016, we will hold our annual Jane Austen Tea. This is a formal afternoon tea for our seventh and eighth grade girls as well as all our lady graduates. This year’s Academy girls are reading Jane Austen’s novel *Sense and Sensibility* in their literature class. This special event introduces the girls into that rare world womanhood with all its femininity.

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.

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

Year to Date Profit: \$7,124.30

Last Week’s Profit: \$85.50

Participating families last week: 16

Sunday Order of Service

The Sixth Sunday of Easter and
St. Philip and St. James, Apostles
May 1, 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 **836**

“O God of Light”

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

Antiphon *(Ps. 55:22)*
Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;*
he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.

Psalm *(Ps. 55:4, 16-18)*
My heart is in anguish with- | in me;*
the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.
But I | call to God,*
and the LORD will | save me.
Evening and morning and at noon
I utter my com- | plaint and moan,*
and he | hears my voice.
He redeems my soul in safety from the battle | that I wage,*
for many are arrayed a- | gainst me.

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 16:9-15**
Paul’s ministry in Philippi

Gradual *sung by the soloist* *(from 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 under his feet.

Epistle **Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**
The Glory of the New Jerusalem

Verse *sung by the soloist* *(Rom. 6:9; John 16:33b)*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart;
I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **John 16:23-33**
Fellowship in the Holy Trinity through Jesus’ Victory

Hymn of the Day **556**
“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”
st. 1 – All st. 6 – Soloist
st. 2 – Men st. 7 – Men
st. 3 – Women st. 8 – Women
st. 4 – Soloist st. 9 – All
st. 5 – All st. 10 – All

Distribution Hymn **629**
“What Is This Bread”

Distribution Hymn **518**
“By All Your Saints in Warfare”
Stanzas 1, 16, and 3

Distribution Hymn **490**
“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

Hymn to Depart **830**
“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”