

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Kristin Dhein

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin and Melody Ruhbusch

7:45 Elder: Jim Verage

Ushers: Chuck Finke, Philip Gehlbach

Acolyte: Rachel Frerking

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

Ushers: Landon Carus, Eric Krueger,

Acolyte: Micah Hardenbrook

Tom Landry

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Alex Scheler

Flowers are given by Wayne and Pat Loose in celebration of their 14th wedding anniversary.

Treats are given by the Meyle and Trapp families.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 1 – 96 (7:45) 95 (10:30) Bible Study – 97

Wednesday, May 4 – 81(6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 40

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$7,897.05

(Loose Plate: \$383.05; Gen. Env.: \$7,514.00)

Other Funds: \$70.00

(Mortgage: \$70.00)

Last Week's Total: \$7,967.05

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY:

Reduce the Debt in May:

Other Received in May: \$70.00

General Fund received in May: \$7,897.05

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2016

TODAY'S THEME:

JESUS PRAYS FOR OUR COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY TRINITY

At the conclusion of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer from today's Gospel, Jesus prays not only for His apostolic ministers, "but also for those who will believe in [Him] through their word." Faith in Jesus is created by the Word of God. The purpose of faith is that we might have communion with the Triune God and one another in the love of our Lord; as Jesus said, "that they (believers) may be one, as You, Father are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me." Jesus' High Priestly Prayer is a prayer He is, even now, still praying for us. He desires our salvation, our preservation from sin, and the increase of our reliance upon Him. He desires that we enjoy the love and fellowship of God the Holy Trinity, and out of receiving God's love that we learn to love God and delight in all that He is and has done for us.

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 30

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – Resurrection Gospels

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.

The Issues, Etc. Making the Case Conference for Law and Gospel Preaching

June 10 & 11, 2016

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1300 Beltline Road

Collinsville, IL 62234

(15 miles East of St. Louis)

Register at www.issuesetc.org. For more information call (618) 223-8385.

Attendance is limited to 400 people.

News and Notes

Garden Meeting — Chuck Finke will meet with those who signed up to help tend the flower gardens this week Thursday, May 12 at 10:30. The meeting will cover basic care of your section of the garden, what to do and how to do it.

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.

Sara Kohlmeier’s Retirement Luncheon—After 8 wonderful years of faithful service as our preschool teacher, Sara Kohlmeier is retiring to spend more time with her mother and grandchildren. There will be a retirement luncheon after the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 5. Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend and to show their appreciation to Sara for her years of service among us.

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 for an hour long concert of songs to lift your spirits and leave you whistling your old favorites!

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.

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: This past Friday our Cherub and Academy Choirs visited some of our shut-ins bringing members joy by sharing their God given gifts of music. This also included a stop to sing at the home of former Academy teacher Sue Laubenstein.

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.

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

Year to Date Profit: \$7,217.01

Last Week’s Profit: \$92.71

Participating families last week: 15

Sunday Order of Service

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 8, 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 525

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
Choir sings st. 3

Introit *sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon *(Ps. 61:1)*

Psalm *(Ps. 61:3, 5-8)*

for you have been my | refuge,*
a strong tower against the | enemy.

**For you, O God, have | heard my vows;*
you have given me the heritage of those who | fear your
name.**

Prolong the life | of the king;*
may his years endure to all gener- | ations!

**May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God;*
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch | over him!**

So will I ever sing praises | to your name,*
as I perform my vows day | after day.

**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 1:12-26

The disciples wait in the upper room for the coming of the Spirit.

Choral Response How Good and Pleasant It Is – Kenneth Kosche

How good and pleasant it is for God’s people to dwell in unity.
(Ps. 133:1)

The gift of concord and of love are surely sent by God above;
May Christ, in wisdom, grant us grace and bless our families with peace.
How good and pleasant it is for God’s people to dwell in unity.

Epistle Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20

The Lamb removes the curse.

Verse *sung by the choir* *(Rom. 6:9; John 14:18)*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.
I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for all believers.

Hymn of the Day 539

“Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

Distribution Hymn 623

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Distribution Hymn 648

“Glorious Things of You are Spoken”

Distribution Hymn 529

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus”

Hymn to Depart 652

“Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted”