

## Announcements

### SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Marlene Schaefer

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell and Mary Nitzsche

7:45 Elder: Alex Scheler Ushers: Frank Koplring, Chuck Finke,  
Acolyte: Derek Larson Philip Gehlbach

10:30 Elder: Erik Krueger Ushers: Brett and Anders Rhode,  
Acolyte: Charlie Dhein Tom Landry

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

**Flowers** are given by Carol Bender in memory of her mother Anna.

**Treats** are given by Eunice Rankin

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 6 – 147 (7:45) 90 (10:30) Bible Class 105  
Wednesday, May 9 – 96 (6:45)  
Coffee Break Bible Class, May 10 – 41

### OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

<b>General Fund:</b>	\$7,470.40
(Loose Plate \$133.40; Gen. Env. \$7337)	
<b>Nigeria: \$100</b>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Last Week's Total:</b>	\$7,570.40

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY:

Other Funds Received in May:	
Nigeria Funds Received in May:	\$100.00
General Fund received in May:	<u>\$7,470.40</u>
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## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter/Exaudi

Sunday, May 13, 2018

#### TODAY'S THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TESTIFY OF CHRIST

On the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Jesus' catechesis directs us to the ministry of the Holy Spirit who was poured out upon the Apostles on Pentecost. The Spirit is called the Helper or Comforter because His work is to minister the strength and comfort of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to us. The Holy Spirit will make it possible for the Apostles and the Church to endure suffering and persecution without falling away from Christ. The Holy Spirit is also called the "Spirit of Truth" because He "testifies" through the Word of God to the truth of who we are, of who Christ is, and of what Jesus has done in love for our salvation. By the testimony of the Spirit alone, sinners are called to repentance and faith in Christ. Jesus also instructed His Apostles that persecution is coming for the Church, so that when they experience the persecution they will not stumble and fall away from their faith in Christ. It is an amazing phenomenon that the message of ultimate love and comfort for sinners—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—should be met with such violent hatred. The hatred of impenitent unbelief can be so great that those who persecute Christians and put them to death actually live under the delusion that they are rendering God a service. In spite of such bitter hatred and persecution, Jesus teaches us that the Holy Spirit not only makes it possible for us to endure such suffering, but that through such persecution the Church and her ministers also testify to the suffering and death of Jesus as the source of salvation for the world.

**Guests—Welcome to our Divine Service!** We are pleased that you are with us. 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. Before you leave this morning, please sign our guest register in the narthex

**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.

**WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**—“*Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations.*” (Luke 24:47). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

**THIS WEEK:**

**Private Confession and Absolution:** *Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., after chapel, or by appointment — Call Pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*

**Sunday Service 7:45/10:30 a.m.** The Holy Spirit Will Testify of Jesus

**Bible Class 9:15:** Sunday's epistle reading

**Daily chapel this week Monday to Friday 8:00 – 8:30**

**Monday Youth Catechesis at 4:30:** Lesson 32 - The Emmaus Disciples and the Ascension of Our Lord

**Wednesday Divine Service 6:45:** The Holy Spirit Will Testify of Jesus

**Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study:** Handel's Messiah

**Coffee Break Bible Study: Handel's Messiah**

For the next several weeks, the Coffee Break Bible Study will be studying the libretto of George Fredrik Handel's famous oratorio, MESSIAH. The arrangement of Biblical texts is highly catechetical and a powerful confession of the Christian faith. We will study the texts and listen to excerpts from MESSIAH, observing how the music is used to communicate the theology of the birth, death, and resurrection of Christ in the texts.

**Prayers from last Sunday's sermon** — Several people have asked for a copy of the prayers used in the sermon last week. For those who have computer access, they are now posted on the congregation's website, in the lower right corner: [PeaceSussex.org](http://PeaceSussex.org)

**CCA Symposium** this summer will explore “**The Gift of Creation and Her Redemption in Christ.**” Dates are June 20-22. Rev. Dr. Thomas Aadland from Kenya and Rev. Steven Schumacher from Ghana will be two of our guest presenters, along with Rev. Dr. Burnell F. Eckardt, Jr., and Rev. Dr. D. Richard Stuckwisch. The symposium will explore the all-important connections between creation and our redemption in Christ in a world that denies both. Registration forms for members are available at the Scrip counter.

**2018 VBS is July 23 through 27**

**ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit, The Sanctity of Marriage, Stewardship, Ramadan, The Book of Nehemiah, Jacob's Family and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**News and Notes**

**Joint board meetings** – Elders, Properties, and Education are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 15. Study is at 6:30; business meetings at 7:00. Pick up your packet today.

**Family Fish Fry— Friday, May 18 from 4:30-7:00pm.** Posters and flyers are available in the narthex on the scrip counter for anyone to take and post for public viewing. Please help yourself. If more are needed, please let the office staff know.

**Academy and Cherub Choir Concert—Friday, May 18 at 7:00pm.** Academy and Cherub Choirs will present highlights from this past season along with songs from the days of the American pioneers. Bring your friends for the hour-long concert and sing along with us!

**Spring Cleaning will be Saturday, May 19** starting at 8:30 a.m. Please sign up to help on the sheet next to the church kitchen.

**Congregational Assembly— Sunday, May 20 at 9:15a.m.** The 2018—2019 fiscal budget will be on the agenda for this meeting. Information packets are now available to the congregation to review before the meeting.

**Life Walk 2018** – A Place of Refuge Ministries is sponsoring Family Activities and a 1.5 mile Walk on Saturday, June 2 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 10025 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee. Registration is at 9 am. The walk starts at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. All funds raised benefit pregnant women and their children served by A Place of Refuge Ministries. Registration and pledge forms are available at [www.aplaceofrefuge.org](http://www.aplaceofrefuge.org). Questions: see Sherry Prowatzke.

**Treats:** Please sign up in the hallway to bring treats for Sunday Bible Class. Help is needed for May and June.

**Used Cell Phones:** Rev. Wokoma is in need of old cell phones. Please drop them off in the church office by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Academy thought of the Week:** Did you know that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday were named after Norse gods and goddesses? Seventh and eighth grade are studying Norse mythology in preparation for reading Beowulf.

**Scrip Update for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year** (beginning July 2017)

Year to Date Profit: \$6,388.94

Last Week's Profit: \$109.51

Participating families last week: 19

## Sunday Order of Service

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Exaudi

May 13, 2018

### 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 590

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

*Choir sings stanza 2*

**Introit** *sung responsively with the soloist; the Gloria Patri is sung from Setting 3*

*Antiphon* *(Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a)*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Alle-|luia. \*

Your face, LORD, I will seek.

Do not hide Your face from me. Alle-|luia.

*Psalm* *(Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12)*

**The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear? \***

**The LORD is the strength of my life;**

**of whom shall I | be afraid?**

Teach me Your | way, O Lord. \*

Do not deliver me to the will of my adver-|saries;

**for false witnesses have risen a-|gainst me, \***

**and such as breathe out | violence.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*(Antiphon is repeated.)*

#### Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 36:22-28

I will gather you from the nations and sprinkle you with clean water.

#### Choral Response

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

*(Psalm 51)*

Jacob B. Weber

#### Epistle

**1 Peter 4:7-14**

Suffering persecution for the glory of Christ

**Alleluia-Verse** *Sung by the choir* *(Ps. 47:8; John 14:18a, 28, 16:22b)*

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations;

God sits on His holy throne. Alleluia.

I will not leave you orphans;

I am going away and coming back to you,

and your heart will rejoice. Alleluia.

#### Holy Gospel

**John 15:26-16:4**

Jesus predicts the coming of persecution

#### Hymn of the Day

**539**

“Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

#### Ascension Proper Preface

*It is truly meet, right, and salutary*

*that we should at all times and in all places*

*give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,*

*through Jesus Christ, our Lord,*

*who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples*

*and in their sight was taken up into heaven*

*that He might make us partakers of His divine nature.*

*Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of*

*heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name,*

*evermore praising You...*

*During the distribution you are encouraged to sing and to take your hymnal with you while you are waiting to receive the Lord’s body and blood.*

#### Distribution Hymns

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

**531**

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

**619**

“You Are the Way; through You Alone”

**526**

#### Hymn to Depart

**548**

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”