

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Melinda Burger
Communion Committee: Becca/Hannah Ligrow, Joanne Smith
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Mark Goltermann

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, April 11: Early – 136 Late – 72 Open Forum – 108
Monday, April 12, Didache Divine Service – 36
Wednesday, April 14, – 33
Thursday, April 15, Chapel Matins – 50 Open Forum – 21

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,807.00
(Loose Plate \$1702; Gen. Env. \$6105)	
Capital Improvements fund:	\$ 40.00
Goehner Schl. fund:	\$ 125.00
Sacred Appts. fund:	\$ 75.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 385.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 225.00
Last Week's Total:	\$ 8,657.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL:

General funds received in April:	\$ 22,004.01
Capital Imp. funds received in April:	\$ 240.00
Parking Lot funds received in April:	\$ 100.00
Other funds received in April:	\$ 1,185.00
Nigeria funds received in April:	\$ 435.00
	\$ 23,964.01

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Third Sunday of Easter / Misericordias Domini

April 18, 2021

THEME: WE LIVE FROM THE VOICE OF OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

Jesus said, "I lay down My life for the sheep." These words are spoken in the context of explaining that a hireling does not care for the sheep as the Good Shepherd does, but rather flees when he sees the wolf coming. The wolf is Satan. He attacks us by using our sin against us. We have no defense in ourselves. But we have a Good Shepherd. He stood up to the devil by laying down His life on our behalf. The devil was out for blood. He demanded that blood be shed because of sin. Jesus was the only One who could make atonement for our sin. He loved us to the point of laying down His life for us that we might be rescued from Satan and the condemnation of hell. The flock of Christ is kept safe solely by the forgiveness of sins which is ours in the Good Shepherd. The ministry of every pastor is to be patterned after the ministry of our Lord. As He loved us and laid down His life for our forgiveness, so pastors are to love their flocks and lay down their lives, so to speak, for the cause of proclaiming that Word of forgiveness that sets them free.

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

The Blood of Christ is distributed from the common cup at all Divine Services of the congregation. Individual cups will also be available at all services for those who have requested them. Communicants receiving from the individual cups are asked to fold their hands on their chest during the distribution. After the distribution from the common cup, the individual cups will then be distributed. At any time, you have special needs or concerns about receiving the Lord's Supper, please speak with 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—*Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he shall never see death.” (John 8:51).* Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 & 10:30 — Easter 3
Bible Class 9:15 — Gideon
- **Monday:** **Chapel** 8:00
Didache Divine Service – 10:30
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Youth Didache 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Divine Service 6:45 — Easter 3
- **Thursday:** **Chapel Matins with Holy Communion** 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — O.T. History
- **Friday:** **Chapel** – 8:00

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

THIS WEEK’S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME: Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Signing up for Services Is No Longer Requested

Throughout the spring, communion will continue to be offered at the Didache Divine Service on Monday mornings at 10:30 and on Thursday mornings as part of Chapel at 8:00. As was done in the past, please indicate your attendance at the Lord’s table by clearly signing your name on the “communion register”, located next to the guest register in the narthex. Thank you.

Issues, Etc. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Board of Education – 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 20.

Board of Properties – 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 20.

Parish Council – 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 27.

Goods and Services Auction Is Coming in June!

Saturday, June 19, is the date of the 2021 Goods and Services Auction in support of Peace Lutheran Academy. We will be able to use Lake Country Lutheran High School for the event again this year. More details will follow in the weeks ahead. Due to the busy schedule and other conflicts, the **CCA Symposium** will not be held this year.

Should We Call an Ordained Headmaster?

The Board of Education and Board of Elders, in concurrence with the Parish Council, have endorsed the concept of calling an ordained Headmaster for the Academy. In these challenging cultural times, the Academy would benefit from sound theological leadership, coupled with knowledge and expertise in classical education, to lead the Academy in curriculum and faculty development, to spearhead the certification and accreditation of our school, to promote the Academy in the community, and to work with current and prospective families. If you were unable to attend one of the open forums, please use this link - <https://youtu.be/XACpHnGntkg> - to view the presentation given to the congregation on Sunday, April 11th. Congregational input is vital.

Capital Improvements Fund

For years, our congregation has not been in a financial position to “save for future expenses.” Thanks be to God we are in that position now. What happens when the HVAC needs replacement, or we need a new roof? How do we pay for these expenses without a special fund drive? Since the retirement of the primary mortgage and with the concurrence of the Congregational Assembly, the Parish Council has established the “Capital Improvements Fund” to help us meet those needs as they occur. We currently have approximately \$50,000 in the Capital Improvements Fund. As you are able, we would encourage you to give to that fund rather than to the parking lot. Mark contributions: Capital Improvements. In this way, money will be available when major repairs need to be made. The Academy HVAC installed in 1999 is in significant need of replacement and is the highest priority in the immediate future. Thanks for your support!

Preschool in 2021-22 — The Board of Education is announcing that we will not be offering Preschool for the 2021-22 academic year. Once a permanent headmaster is in place, he and the Board of Education will work together to determine what will work best for the Academy for the long term.

Fish Fry Drive-thru — Friday, April 23, from 5:00-7:00. Mark your calendars and come pick up dinner for the family. Tell your friends!

Baking Volunteers Needed for Fish Fry — Each fish fry event we offer a signature homemade “dessert of the week” like cookies or brownies. If you are willing to bake for a fish fry, text or call John Bender at 262-247-5335.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 4/11/2021 (22 families participating)

Gross sales \$5,600.00

Profit paid to Academy \$52.88

Attendance – 755

Total profit this fiscal year \$3,656.83

The Third Sunday of Easter
Misericordias Domini
April 18, 2021
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 **463**
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *(Ps. 33:5b, 6a)*

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

Psalm *(Ps. 33:1, 18–20)*

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.

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 **Ezekiel 34:11-16**
The Lord God is the true and faithful Shepherd of His flock

Choral Response *(Psalm 23)*

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” – Paul Bouman

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways
for his name’s sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
For you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
You have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.

Epistle **1 Peter 2:21-25**

The call of the Christian is patterned after Christ’s submission.

Alleluia-Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia. [The Lord] was known to them
in the breaking of the bread.
Alleluia. I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

(Luke 24:35b; John 10:14)

Holy Gospel **John 10:11-16**

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Hymn of the Day **719**

“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”
choir sings stanza 2

Offertory Hymn **155**

“This Is the Feast”

Distribution Hymns

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” **625**
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” **709**
“Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free” **473**

Hymn to Depart **692**

“Praise to You and Adoration”