

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May                      Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke  
Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Melody Ruhbusch, Anna Steinhilb  
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider  
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Erik Krueger  
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Mark Goltermann

**Sanctuary Candle** and **altar flowers** are given by Geri and Bob Zaretzke.

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 9: Early – 130 Late – 64 Bible Class – 96  
Monday, May 10, Didache Divine Service – 33  
Wednesday, May 12, – 99  
Thursday, May 13, Chapel Matins – 59 Coffee Break Bible Study – 37

### OFFERINGS:

#### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,929.92
(Loose Plate \$1,534.92; Gen. Env. \$7395)	
LCEF Loan:	\$ 500.00
Capital Improvements fund:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Schl. fund:	\$ 25.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 250.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ <u>329.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$ 10,083.92

#### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY:

General funds received in May:	\$ 17,818.92
Capital Imp. funds received in May:	\$ 450.00
Other funds received in May:	\$ 975.00
Nigeria funds received in May:	\$ <u>429.00</u>
	\$ 19,627.92

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Exaudi

May 16, 2021


#### THEME: JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

**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.*



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

**THIS WEEK’S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME:** David and Goliath.

**The next parents’ instructional meeting Tuesday, June 1 at 6:30.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL — June 21-25 from 9–11 a.m.**

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be held for children ages 4-year-old preschool through grade 6 (middle-school and high-school-aged children are encouraged to volunteer as helpers). “Family Prayer with Pastor Bender and crafts for the Family Altar” will be featured this year.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Congregational Assembly** – 6:30 pm Monday, May 17 (agenda in narthex)

**Board of Education** – 6:30 pm Tuesday, May 18

**Board of Properties** – 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 18

**Parish Council** – 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 25

**YouTube Channel:** we are seeking to increase the number of subscribers to our YouTube channel so that we may request a specific link which will be easier to remember and communicate to others. If you are interested in helping, please navigate to the Peace YouTube channel and click the “Subscribe” button. Once the channel has over 200 subscribers, we will then be permitted to apply for a custom channel link. (We will request [www.youtube.com/peacesussex](http://www.youtube.com/peacesussex).)

**Congregational Assembly: Budget and Elections Meeting is May 17.**

On Monday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m., the Congregational Assembly will meet to review and approve the 2021-2022 fiscal budget and elect officers and board members for the upcoming year (terms of office begin September 1). Packets for the meeting are available in the narthex.

**Capital Improvements Fund** —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, the Parish Council, with the concurrence of the Congregational Assembly, 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, which was installed in 1999 and is in significant need of replacement, is the highest priority in the immediate future. Thanks for your support!

**Spring Concert—Friday, May 21 at 7:00pm.** All the children choirs at Peace will present highlights from this past year along with some delightful settings of Robert Louis Stevenson poems and one special singalong to finish up the evening. Bring your family and friends for an evening of inspirational music!

**All members of the congregation** are invited to join the Academy for an open house and honors convocation on Thursday, May 27. Please see the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

**Fish Fry Drive-thru** — Friday, May 28, from 5:00-7:00. Tell your friends!

**Register today for the Auction! Saturday, June 19** — Buy your tickets today to attend the Auction before prices increase on June 1st! Tickets cost \$25/person or \$170 (\$21.25/person) for a full table of 8. Each ticket includes dinner, 2 drink tickets, and an auction paddle. Visit [www.plaauction.com](http://www.plaauction.com) to register or call John Bender at 262-247-5335.

**Progress on Calling an Ordained Headmaster** —Since the open forum in April, the Board of Education, Board of Elders, and Pastor Bender have been hard at work receiving recommendations of Headmaster candidates from LCMS officials and those involved in classical education throughout the Synod. A long list was narrowed down to five. Of those five, three have been brought to Peace for interviews and to observe the Academy and Parish life. It is important that the candidate who is finally called have doctrinal agreement with us, agree with the philosophy and theological foundation upon which Peace Lutheran Academy is established, possess the tools necessary to lead the Academy, and be able to work well with Pastor Bender as the Senior Pastor. A report will be given at the Congregational Assembly meeting on Monday evening, May 17. Both boards are meeting this week to discuss whether we are prepared to make a recommendation to the Congregation for a call, or whether we should continue the search for additional candidates. Please keep the process in your prayers.

**Weekly Scrip Report:** Week of 5/9/2021 (8 families participating)

Gross sales \$2,600.00

Profit paid to Academy \$95.63

Attendance – 289

Total profit this fiscal year \$4,142.02

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Exaudi

May 16, 2021

## Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book, p. 184

*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 667

“Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”  
*stanza 3 sung by the soloist*

### Introit *sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* (Ps. 27:1a)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

*Psalm* (Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a, 1, 11a, 12)

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.  
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 | Spirit;  
as it was in the be-|ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*(Antiphon is repeated.)*

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

The Holy Spirit gives a new heart and a new spirit.

### Choral Response Jane Marshall

“Create in Me”

Create in me, O God, a clean heart,  
Put a new and right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

### Epistle

Suffering as a Christian

**1 Peter 4:7-14**

### Alleluia-Verse *sung by the choir*

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.

*(Ps. 47:8; John 14:18a, 28, 16:22b)*

### Holy Gospel John 15:26-16:4

The Holy Spirit bears witness to Christ

### Hymn of the Day 539

“Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

### Offertory Hymn 155

“This Is the Feast”

### Distribution Hymns

“Be Strong in the Lord” 665  
“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” 666  
“Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living” 479

### Hymn to Depart 492

“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”