

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke
Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Anna Steinhilb
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson
Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, April 2 – 180 (7:45) 89 (10:30) Bible Class – 112

Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$ 10,972.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 250.00
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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Easter Sunday


April 9, 2023

THEME: Jesus Resurrection Is the Comfort of Every Sinner

The account of the resurrection of our Lord from the Evangelist St. John emphasizes the intimate details that surrounded that first Easter. The disciples loved their Lord because of the love that they had received from Him. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early on Sunday morning to weep and complete the preparations of the body for a proper burial. When she found that the tomb was empty, she ran to tell Peter and John, believing that someone had stolen Jesus' body. Peter and John's hurried visit to the tomb found it just as Mary had said, but they did not find Jesus' body. Finally, as Mary stood in bewildered grief in the cemetery garden, Jesus Himself, risen from the dead, spoke to her and called her by name. Overwhelmed with joy and love for Him she held onto His body with all her might. He was alive! He was risen from the dead, body and soul! She held on to her Jesus! What Mary did was not wrong. She did what true faith always does: it clings to Jesus' Word; it holds on to Him! In our grief and sorrows, we are strengthened by Jesus' comforting Word of forgiveness and grace; and we partake of His true body and blood in the blessed and sure hope that we will rise with Him bodily on the last day.

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 LCMS 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 – 6:30 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD — *“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28).* Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Private Confession and Absolution:** *Sundays 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. or by appointment — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service 7:45 & 10:30—Easter Sunday**
No Bible Class
- **Monday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**
- **Tuesday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**
No Youth Catechesis until April 19
- **Wednesday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**
Divine Service 6:30 — Easter
- **Thursday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**
No Coffee Break Bible Study
- **Friday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**

This Week’s Family Prayer and Sunday School

There is **no Sunday School this morning**, however as always, the lesson for this week is available on the website <http://peacesussex.org/family-prayer/>
This week’s lesson: Jesus’ Resurrection and Appearance to Mary Magdalene.

Easter Wednesday Divine Service—The Resurrection Catch of Fish

This Easter Wednesday at the 6:30 Divine Service our celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord continues as we meditate upon the resurrection appearance of Jesus with His disciples on the Sea of Galilee. He had promised to meet them in Galilee and He did! On this occasion they caught 153 fish in a miracle that foretold the promise of their coming ministry as His apostles.

Sacred Music for the Easter Season ... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He’s Risen, He’s Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

NEWS AND NOTES

Office Hours – The week of April 9th, the Academy is on Easter break and the office will have limited hours (8am to 12pm).

Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Make the Auction a Success!

This year the auction raised just under \$80,000 for Peace Lutheran Academy! Thanks be to God! To God alone be the glory! Many thanks to all who participated in the auction and volunteered to make it a success.

Come to the Fish Fry if You’ve Never Done So!

Our fish fry has been a vital part of the fund-raising activities of the Academy. Many volunteers from the congregation have worked hard to make it a success. Many visitors from the community regularly enjoy the fish fry. If you’ve never come to the fish fry or if it has been months since you’ve done so, give YOUR fish fry a try! April 21 and May 5, from 5 to 7, are the last two fish fries of the season before our summer recess. Let’s all turn out for the final push and break our attendance record!

Water of Life! Baptismal Water! Rivers, Lakes, & Oceans of Water
Spring Children’s Choir Concert is Friday, May 19, at 7pm

Mark your calendars for the annual spring concert. Secular and sacred music will be enjoyed. This year the Senior Choir will join the children’s choirs in two wonderful pieces, a reprise of “Blessed Are They” and “Jesus Savior, Pilot Me!” Come on out and celebrate the wonderful gift of singing that is so much a part of our congregation.

Neighbor in Need – Vincenzo (“Vince”) Valenti, (a regular at the Fish Fry) has trouble getting around and will be having knee replacement surgery. He needs someone to help clean his apartment (on Maple Ave) once a week. If interested, please call him at 414-350-0838 between 2 and 6 pm.

Easter Breakfast — Today, Sunday, April 9 after the 7:45 service

Board of Elders will **not** meet in April.

Board of Properties will meet Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education will meet Tuesday, April 18 at 7:15 p.m.

Parish Council will meet Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 4-3-23

Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 4 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,400 Profit paid to Academy: \$101.93

Attendance: 426 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,607.39

Sunday Order of Service

Easter Sunday—April 9, 2023

Divine Service Setting Two—LSB p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Stand and face the processional cross

Processional Hymn 633

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

<i>Stanza 1: All</i>	<i>Stanza 5: Men</i>
<i>Stanza 2: Choir</i>	<i>Stanza 6: All</i>
<i>Stanza 3: Women & Children</i>	<i>Stanza 7: Choir</i>
<i>Stanza 4: Choir</i>	<i>Stanza 8: All</i>

Introit *sung responsively with the congregation.*

Antiphon *(Luke 24:5b-7)*

He is risen! Alle-|luia. *

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle-|luia.

Remember how He spoke to you, Alle-|luia, *
saying, “The Son of Man must be crucified,
and the third day rise again.” Alle-|luia.

Psalm *(Ps. 8:1, 5-6, 9)*

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in | all the earth, *
who have set Your glory above the | heavens!

For You have made him a little lower than the | angels, *
and You have crowned him with glory and | honor.

You have made him to have dominion over the
works | of Your hands; *

You have put all things un-|der his feet.

O | LORD, our Lord, *
how excellent is Your name in | all the earth!

**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 **Isaiah 25:6-9**

The Lord will swallow up death forever.

Choral Response “Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care” *by Carl Schalk*

Lord, it belongs not to my care, whether I die or live,
To love and serve Thee is my share, and this Thy grace must give.
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey;:
If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?

Christ leads us through no darker rooms than He went through before,
He that unto God’s kingdom comes must enter by this door.
Come Lord, when grace has made me meet, Thy blessed face to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet, what will Thy glory be!

My knowledge of that life is small the eye of faith is dim;
But ‘tis enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with Him.

Epistle **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Jesus died and rose again according to the Scriptures.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir* *by Healey Willan*

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.
Therefore let us keep the feast
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious,
And His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **John 20:1-18**

The resurrected Lord appears to Mary Magdalene.

Hymn of the Day **467**

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

Stanza 2: Men Stanza 4: Women and Children

Offertory Hymn **457**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Distribution Hymns **479**

“Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living” **479**

“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives” **468**

“This Joyful Eastertide” **482**

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” **465**

Hymn to Depart **741**

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

Stanzas 1-2, 6-8