

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke & Gayle Cardo  
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

Wednesday, April 5 – 169  
Maundy Thursday – 36 (2:30) 131 (7:00)  
Tenebrae – 42 Good Friday – 109 (1:00) 88 (7:00)  
Easter Vigil – 102  
Sunday, April 9 – 175 (7:45) 104 (10:30)  
Wednesday, April 12 – 40  
Thursday, April 13 – Coffee Break – 39

**Sanctuary Candle** give in celebration of Wally and Mary Schneider's 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$ 14,786.62
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
	\$ 14,896.92

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2023:

General funds received in April:	\$ 25,758.62
Capital Imp. funds received in April:	\$ 300.00
Goehner Schlr funds received in April:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in April:	\$ 350.00
Mercy funds received in April:	\$ 135.00
Nigeria funds received in April:	<u>\$ 125.00</u>
	\$ 26,768.62

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Second Sunday of Easter / Quasimodo Geniti


April 16, 2023

### THEME: Peace Be with You! Your Sins Are Forgiven!

It is in Jesus' first resurrection appearance in the upper room that He ordained His disciples as "apostles" saying, "Peace to You! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." As Jesus spoke these words He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The promise of the Holy Spirit is given to every minister of the Gospel in so far as he is faithful to the Word of Christ. Wherever Jesus' Word is preached, there is the Spirit of God "working faith when and where He pleases," forgiving the sins of repentant sinners and withholding forgiveness from the unrepentant. The purpose of the Apostolic Word is defined by John in his Gospel: "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (v. 31).

**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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The Rev. Brennick T. Christiansen, Assoc. Pastor — (262) 236-6104  
The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032

**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 2**  
**Bible Class 9:15** Abraham Intercedes for Sodom  
**High School Youth Group Noon to 1:30**
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **No Youth Catechesis this week**  
**Didache Divine Service 6:30**—Session 21 – The Office of the Keys
- **Thursday:** **Holy Communion Matins at 8:30**  
**Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30** — Gospel of Matthew

**Family Prayer/Sunday School Devotional Studies** will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer/Sunday School lesson. **The lesson this week is *Jesus Appears in the Upper Room*.** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**High School/College Youth Group, Today, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Youth group will meet for lunch, study, and prayer after the 10:30 Divine Service from noon to 1:30. We conclude our study on the relationship between the 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Commandments as we explore the gift of family, parents, life, and human sexuality.

**ADULT INSTRUCTION—Didache Divine Service resumes this week.**

Holy Communion is offered as part of every Wednesday night service. This week’s lesson: **Jesus Forgives the Disciples** (Office of the Keys). Recordings of the services will be posted online.

**Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ... Issues, Etc.**

hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: Putting Children at the Center of Family Policy; Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions; The Doctrine of the Trinity & the Bible; Lies about Human Nature; The Sacrifice of the Mass and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Board of Properties** meets Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education** meets Tuesday, April 18 at 7:15 p.m.

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. Reports are due April 17

**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.

**Theater Camp:** this June, Peace Lutheran Academy is hosting the Brickworks Theater Company to lead the children of Peace Lutheran Church in a weeklong Shakespearean Summer Intensive. This camp is designed especially for children in grades 4-12. The camp will run June 12-17, from 9:00am-12:00pm, with a live performance on Saturday June 17th. Admission is free to members of the congregation, and available at a discounted price for other children. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office or Pastor Christiansen.

**Ballerina Camp:** this June, Miss Leithart will lead the children (grades K-8) of Peace Lutheran Church in a weeklong Ballerina Camp Intensive. The camp will run June 26-30, from 1:00pm-3:00pm, with a recital on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. Admission is available at a low rate of \$100 per child. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office or Pastor Christiansen.

**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!

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 4-9-23

Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 6 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,370      Profit paid to Academy: \$34.25

Attendance: 448      Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,641.64

\$5 and \$10 gift cards are now available. Brands can be found online, and can be ordered online, in app, and at the RR counter.

## Sunday Order of Service

The Second Sunday of Easter / Quasimodo Geniti  
April 16, 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.*

**Hymn of Invocation** 471  
“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

**Introit** *sung responsively with the congregation.*

*Antiphon* (1 Peter 2:2a)  
As newborn babes, Alle-|luia, \*  
desire the pure milk of the word. Alle-|luia.

*Psalm* (Ps.81:1, 7a, 10, 16b)  
**Sing aloud to | God our strength; \***  
**make a joyful shout to the God of | Jacob.**  
“You called in trouble, and I de-|livered you; \*  
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.  
**I am the | LORD your God, \***  
**who brought you out of the land of | Egypt.**  
Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it; \*  
and with honey from the rock I would have satis-|fied you.”

**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 37:1-14**  
The Valley of the Dry Bones

**Epistle** **1 John 5:4-10**  
Faith in Christ is the victory that overcomes the world.

**Holy Gospel** **John 20:19-31**  
Jesus Appears to the Disciples in the Upper Room.

**Hymn of the Day** 602  
“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

**Distribution Hymns**  
“Wide Open Stand the Gates” 639  
“With High Delight Let Us Unite” 483  
“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” 741

**Hymn to Depart** 484  
“Make Songs of Joy”