

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May 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

Sunday, April 16 – 123 (7:45) 98 (10:30) Bible Class – 83  
Wednesday April 19 – 35  
Thursday, April 20 – Communion Matins – 51 Coffee Break – 37

**Sanctuary Candle** given in celebration of Pat and Sharon Murphy's 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Altar Flowers** are given in memory of John Thoni.

### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,111.66
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 30.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 30.00
Goehner Schlr. fund:	\$ 50.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 30.00
	<u>\$ 5,351.66</u>

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2023:

General funds received in April:	\$ 30,870.28
Capital Imp. funds received in April:	\$ 330.00
Goehner Schlr funds received in April:	\$ 150.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in April:	\$ 450.00
Mercy funds received in April:	\$ 165.00
Nigeria funds received in April:	\$ 155.00
	<u>\$ 32,120.28</u>

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Third Sunday of Easter / Misericordias Domini

April 23, 2023

### THEME: Jesus Is the 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 LCMS and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

### 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.



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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 3**  
**Bible Class 9:15** Genesis
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Youth Catechesis at 4:30**  
**Didache Divine Service 6:30**—Session 23 –  
Confession and Pastoral Care
- **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 to the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus*.** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**ADULT INSTRUCTION—Didache Divine Service**

Holy Communion is offered as part of every Wednesday night service. This week’s lesson: **Nathan Ministers to David** (Confession & Pastoral Care) Recordings of the services will be posted online.

**Luke Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever** is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is leading a study this week in Luke 22 on The Institution of the Lord’s Supper, Who Is the Greatest, Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denial, Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Jesus, Jesus Prays in the Mount of Olives and The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

**Congregational Assembly** meets Sunday, May 7 between services. The agenda, minutes, and proposed 2023-24 budget are available in the narthex.

**Come to the Fish Fry on May 5, from 5 to 7.** This will be the last fish fry of the season before our summer recess. Let’s all turn out and break our attendance record!

**Peace Lutheran Academy Teachers:** Peace Lutheran Academy has been notified that three teachers have resigned from their positions as Academy teachers: Katherine Laubenstein, Laura Laubenstein, and Rebecca Boehlke. Although Mrs. Boehlke is unable to return in her same capacity, she might be able to serve the Peace Lutheran community in some alternate way. Thank you, ladies, for your years of service! We pray that God would guide you as you find a new path, and that you would remain steadfast in the reception of God’s Word and Christ’s Body and Blood! Since this creates a significant gap in the staffing at Peace Lutheran, please contact Pastor Christiansen if you know of someone who may be interested in serving as a teacher in our Academy.

**Candidate Call Services** are taking place this week at our seminaries. James Kirk will receive his call during the service at **Concordia Seminary-St. Louis** on Wed, April 26, at 7pm (CST) which may be viewed at [www.csl.edu/event/call-day-2023/](http://www.csl.edu/event/call-day-2023/). The CSL vicarage and deaconess internship assignments will be given during a service earlier that day at 3pm. The Call Service at **Concordia Theological Seminary–Fort Wayne** is Tues, April 25 at 7pm (EDT) and may be viewed at [www.ctsfw.edu/callday/](http://www.ctsfw.edu/callday/). Jamie Bruss will receive his vicarage assignment during the CTSFW service on Mon, April 24 at 7pm.

**Theater Camp:** Peace Lutheran Academy will run a Shakespearean Summer Camp June 12-17, from 9:00am-12:00pm. It is geared toward children in grades 4-9. A live performance is planned on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>. **Theater Pre-camp 1 is today** and will have casual auditions for our week-long intensive this summer. It begins with lunch in the Gerhardt room following the late service.

**Ballerina Camp:** Miss Leithart will lead a Ballerina Camp Intensive at Peace for children in grades K-8. The camp will be June 26-30, from 1:00pm-3:00pm, with a recital on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. The fee is \$100/child or \$200/family. Recital admission is free. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office or Pastor Christiansen.

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 4-16-23

Number of families participating: 11 (in-person) + 4 (online)  
Gross sales: \$3,365 Profit paid to Academy: \$188.56  
Attendance: 261 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,830.28

\$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.

**Kohl’s** is changing the appearance and use of their cards. The new cards cannot be used to pay off your Kohl’s charge account. We may still have a few of the “old” Kohls Cares cards on hand for purchase which will still work as before.

## Sunday Order of Service

The Third Sunday of Easter / Misericordias Domini  
April 23, 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** **692**  
“Praise to You and Adoration”

**Introit** *sung responsively with the choir.*

*Antiphon* *(Ps.33:5b, 6a)*  
The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. Alle-|luia. \*  
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alle-|luia.

*Psalm* *(Ps. 33:1, 18-20)*

**Rejoice in the LORD, O you | righteous! \***

**For praise from the upright is | beautiful.**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear Him, \*

on those who hope in His | mercy,

**to deliver their | soul from death, \***

**and to 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 be-|ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*(Antiphon is repeated.)*

**Old Testament Reading** **Ezekiel 34:11-16**  
The Lord is the faithful Shepherd who seeks His lost sheep.

**Choral Response** “Loving Shepherd” – J. S. Bach/Schweizer

Loving Shepherd, comfort and guide us, keep us in Thy tender care.  
And in Thy mercy stay beside us, safely Thy lambs now gather,  
Bring us in faith together, and Thy pastures now prepare.

And when I walk with darkness around me, Thou art near and I will fear no ill.  
So with Thy love and kindness surround me, goodness and mercy bringing,  
From living water springing, Lord of Love grant me Thy comfort still.

**Epistle** **1 Peter 2:21-25**  
Jesus, the Shepherd and Overseer of Our Souls

**Alleluia Verse** *sung by the choir* *(Luke 24:35b, John 10:14)*

Alleluia. [The Lord] was known to them in the breaking of bread.  
Alle-|luia.\*

I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep,  
and am known by My own. Alle-|luia.

**Holy Gospel** **John 10:11-16**  
Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

**Hymn of the Day** **709**  
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
*Choir sings stanza 3*

**Distribution Hymns**

“Shepherd of Tender Youth” **864**  
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” **641**  
“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” **531**

**Hymn to Depart** **740**  
“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”