

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke and Angela Volquardsen

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso and Sharon Murphy

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 7– 158 (7:45) 75 (10:30) Bible Class – 76

Wednesday May 10 – 46

Thursday, May 11 – Communion Matins – 46 Coffee Break – 35

Altar Flowers are given in honor of Verla Gatchell's 70th birthday (5/21).

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 15,581.66
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Schlr. fund:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 110.00
Nigeria fund:	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	\$ 15,991.66

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY 2023:

General funds received in May:	\$ 15,631.66
Capital Imp. funds received in May:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Schlr funds received in May:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in May:	\$ 50.00
Mercy funds received in May:	\$ 110.00
Nigeria funds received in May:	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	\$ 16,041.66

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Sixth Sunday of Easter / Rogate


May 14, 2023

THEME: Pray Without Ceasing

Prayer is central to the Church, her ministry, and the Christian's own faith and life. "Prayer in Jesus' name" is prayer that asks for the gifts and help that Jesus promises in the Gospel. If the Church is troubled by persecution and suffering, she is to pray for strength. If she is tempted to be unfaithful, she is to pray for faithfulness. If you have sinned, pray for forgiveness. If you are tempted by the devil, pray for deliverance. If you are weak in fulfilling the responsibilities of your calling, pray for strength. We have Jesus' sure and certain promise: "Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." Our prayers are heard, and they are absolutely answered when they are anchored in God's Word. Like the disciples before us, our faith, too, often wanes. They scattered and fled from Him, yet they were able to be restored because of His promise of grace to them in the Gospel. The same is true for us. "These things I have spoken to you," Jesus said, "that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome 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 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 6**
Bible Class 9:15 - Genesis
- **Daily Chapel Monday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Youth Catechesis at 4:30**
Divine Service 6:30—Ascension
- **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 ***The Ascension of Our Lord.*** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 pm we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord into heaven. In these troubling times, the Ascension and Lordship of Jesus gives us great comfort and hope. Christ reigns at the Father's right hand for the sake of His Church and He promises to work in all things for the good of His Church and for the spiritual welfare of every Christian. Join us and the Senior Choir in a celebration of our Lord's victory!

High School/College Youth Group, Sunday, May 21

Youth Group will meet for lunch, study, and prayer after the 10:30 Divine Service from noon to 1:30. The topic for May: The relationship between the 7th and 8th Commandments will be discussed as we explore the gift of temporal blessings and a good name and reputation. Those attending the Theatre Camp will be able to do so. Our Youth Group catechesis will be recorded.

The Light of God's Word in a World of Darkness... Issues, Etc.

is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Ascension of Christ, The Movie “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3,” The Hymn “Christ Is the World's Redeemer,” Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Board of Elders meets Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m.
Board of Properties meets Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Board of Education meets Tuesday, May 16 at 7:15 p.m.
Parish Council meets Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**Spring Children's Choir Concert - Water of Life!
and Fine Arts Fair
this Friday, May 19.**

The Fine Arts Fair begins at 6pm followed by the concert at 7pm. Mark your calendars for the annual Spring Concert and Fine Arts Fair. 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 and celebrate the wonderful gift of singing that is so much a part of our congregation along with the fine art display of the Academy youth.

CCA Symposium – *Christ and the Law: Catechesis on the Ten Commandments* will be held at Peace on June 21-23. The schedule is available online at <https://peacesussex.org/cca/symposium/> Registration forms for members are available in the narthex. Please turn them in to the office or place in the CCA/Financial Clerk mailbox.

Communion Registration — For those receiving the gift of Holy Communion, please remember to please clearly sign or print your name on the “communion register,” located next to the guest register in the narthex. Thanks for your cooperation.

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 17th. This event is free to members. Your friends are welcome to join us. Please speak with Pastor Christiansen if interested. **Theater Pre-camp 2 will be on Sunday, May 21, 12:30-3:00pm.** Lunch will be provided.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 5-7-23

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 6 (online)
Gross sales: \$1,815.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$121.81
Attendance: 280 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$5,035.56

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

Distribution Hymns

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray” 773
“Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit” 746
“If God Himself Be for Me” 724
Stanzas 6-10

Hymn to Depart

“To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” 768

Sunday Order of Service

The Sixth Sunday of Easter / Rogate
May 14, 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

724

“If God Himself Be for Me”
Stanzas 1-5

Introit *sung by the congregation*

Antiphon (Is. 48:20b)

With a voice of singing, declare, proclaim this,
utter it to the end of the earth. Alle-|luia. *

“The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob!” Alle-|luia.

Psalm (Ps. 66:1-2, 17, 19-20)

Make a joyful shout to God, | all the earth! *

Sing out the honor | of His name.

I cried to Him | with my mouth, *

and He was extolled | with my tongue.

Certainly God has | heard me; *

He has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd be God, who has not turned a-|way my prayer, *
nor His mer-|cy from me!

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

Numbers 21:4-9

The Bronze Serpent Is Lifted Up

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Catechesis on the Prayer of the Church

Holy Gospel

John 16:23-33

“Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give it.”

I Will Sing My Maker's Praises

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Eph. 5: 19, 20

Sollt' ich meinem Gott nicht singen

Paul Gerhardt, 1659, cento

Tr., composite

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Sollt' ich meinem Gott

Johann Schop, 1641

1 I will sing my Mak-er's prais-es And in Him most joy-ful be,
2 Yea, so dear did He es-teem me That His Son He loved so well

For in all things I see trac-es Of His ten-der love to me.
He hath giv-en to re-deem me From the quenchless flames of hell.

Noth-ing else than love could move Him With such sweet and ten-der care
O Thou Spring of bound-less bless-ing, How could e'er my fee-ble mind

Ev-er-more to raise and bear All who try to serve and love Him.
Of Thy depth the bot-tom find Tho' my ef-forts were un-ceas-ing?

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

I Will Sing My Maker's Praises

All things else have but their day, God's great love a-bides for aye.
All things else have but their day, God's great love a-bides for aye. A - men.

3 All that for my soul is needful
He with loving care provides,
Nor of that is He unheedful
Which my body needs besides.
When my strength cannot avail me,
When my powers can do no more,
Doth my God His strength outpour;
In my need He doth not fail me.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

4 When I sleep, He still is near me,
O'er me rests His guardian eye;
And new gifts and blessings cheer me
When the morning streaks the sky.
Were it not for God's protection,
Had His countenance not been
Here my guide, I had not seen
E'er the end of my affliction.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

5 As a father never turneth
Wholly from a wayward child,
For the prodigal still yearneth,
Longing to be reconciled,
So my many sins and errors
Find a tender, pardoning God,
Chastening frailty with His rod,
Not, in vengeance, with His terrors.
All things else have but their day,
God's great love abides for aye.

6 Since, then, neither change nor coldness,
In my Father's love can be,
Lo! I lift my hands with boldness,
As Thy child I come to Thee.
Grant me grace, O God, I pray Thee,
That I may with all my might,
All my lifetime, day and night,
Love and trust Thee and obey Thee
And, when this brief life is o'er,
Praise and love Thee evermore.