

## 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 14– 151 (7:45) 94 (10:30) Bible Class – 104

Wednesday, May 17 (Ascension) – 95

Thursday, May 18 – Communion Matins – 49 Coffee Break – 37

**Altar Flowers** are given in honor of Harold Kampin's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,592.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 150.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 10.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 20.00
	<u>\$ 7,772.00</u>

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY 2023:

General funds received in May:	\$ 23,223.66
Capital Imp. funds received in May:	\$ 200.00
Goehner Schlr funds received in May:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in May:	\$ 70.00
Mercy funds received in May:	\$ 120.00
Nigeria funds received in May:	\$ 100.00
	<u>\$ 23,813.66</u>

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Exaudi


May 21, 2023

### THEME: *The Spirit of Truth Will Testify of Christ*

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 LCMS and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender



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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** — “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” (John 17:17). 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 7**  
**Bible Class 9:15** – Genesis 19 and 20
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service 6:30—Easter 7**
- **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 *Elijah Ascends to Heaven* 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Acts 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 begins a study this week on The Book of Acts. 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, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**Did you miss the Academy Spring Concert and Fine Arts Festival?**

Today is your last chance to view the outstanding artwork created by all the Academy students over the year. It fills the halls of the Academy – you can't miss it. After church or Bible Class take a few minutes to see what the kids have produced. Tomorrow it all comes down.

**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.

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

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

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 5-14-23

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

Gross sales: \$1,990.00      Profit paid to Academy: \$274.01

Attendance: 291      Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$5,309.57

\$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.

**Sunday Order of Service**  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Exaudi  
May 21, 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** **689**  
“Let Me Be Thine Forever”

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

*Antiphon* *(Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a)*  
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.

*Psalm* *(Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12)*  
**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 sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

**Choral Response** Michael Praetorius  
“O Jesus, Lord of Life and Breath”

O Jesus, Lord of life and breath, who, robed in flesh of mortals,  
Didst overcome the sting of death by passing through its portals;  
Who on the third day didst arise, whose precious blood did bathe us,  
Yea, and save us; who opened Paradise, and full redemption gave us.

Lord Jesus Christ, be Thou our Guest,  
guard Thou our home, dear Savior;  
Art Thou with us, we're richly blessed, made happy by Thy favor.  
With Thee at hand, we fear no ill, we suffer all with gladness,  
Fear no sadness, submit to Thy good will, surrender all that we possess.

**Epistle** **1 Peter 4:7-14**  
Encouragement for the latter days

**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 15:26-16:4**  
The Spirit of Truth will Testify of Jesus.

**Hymn of the Day** **585**  
“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

**Distribution Hymns**  
“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head” **647**  
“The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns” **532**  
“Christ Is the World’s Redeemer” **539**

**Hymn to Depart** **828**  
“We Are Called to Stand Together”