

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Melissa Brendel and Sherry Prowatzke

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Melody Ruhbusch and Mary Nitzsche

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Kent Franklin

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mike Ferguson

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, June 25– 112 (7:45) 109 (10:30) Bible Class – 82

Wednesday, June 28 – 29

Altar Flowers; given in honor of the wedding of David and Ravyn Uttenreither.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 9,567.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 175.00
African Mission fund:	\$ 200.00
	\$ 9,942.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JUNE 2023:

General funds received in June:	\$ 36,973.66
Capital Imp. funds received in June:	\$ 390.00
Goehner Schlr funds received in June:	\$ 250.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in June:	\$ 125.00
Mercy funds received in June:	\$ 255.00
African Mission funds received in June:	\$ 750.00
	\$ 38,743.66

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Fourth Sunday after Trinity


July 2, 2023

THEME: Judge Not, and You Will Not Be Judged

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (vs. 36). “Jesus is not speaking here of the kind of mercy that human reason commends and suggests to us. This is a mercy which is selfish and self-seeking, which gives to those who are important and learned, to those who have earned it and merited it, to those whom it loves or who are beautiful, to those from whom it can expect some benefit or advantage. This is a particular, beggarly, tattered and tousled mercy. For if I give to him who has earned it, or if I consider beauty or friendship, I am only performing a duty or paying a debt and not carrying out an act of mercy at all... The mercy of Christians does not seek its own advantage or repayment of any kind. It ... [is] always extended in all directions. We ... open our eyes and keep them fixed on all men alike, on friend and foe, and [are] merciful, even as our heavenly Father is merciful.” - Martin Luther

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 — *“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—Trinity 4**
Bible Class 9:15 – Genesis 23
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30— Trinity 4**

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer lesson. The lesson this week is *The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Expert Guests, Expansive Topics, Extolling Christ... 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 topics include: The Toxic War on Masculinity; The Battle for the Bible in the LCMS; Women & Head Coverings; Does the Bible Condone the Killing of Homosexuals? and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Invitation – to the ordination and installation of James Kirk as Associate Pastor of Immanuel Crystal Lake, IL. James is the son of Randy and Pam Kirk. The service is Sunday, July 9th at 3:00 p.m. There will be an appetizer reception to follow. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to so many in the congregation who helped make CCA symposium possible. Thank you to those who cooked and baked, to those who served food and beverages and decorated, to elders and choir, to those who attended and who gave gifts, and to those who helped in so many other ways. What a joy to join for worship and meditating on the word of Christ and enjoying the company of brothers and sisters!

Summer Office Hours — the church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th. The office hours for the remainder of the week will be 8am to 12pm.

Be on the Look Out!

You will soon be receiving a survey in the mail about the highly successful fundraisers which help to support the Academy and keep tuition costs affordable. We are planning for next year and need to expand the base of volunteers so that the Fish Fry and Auction are a joy and not a burden. When you receive your survey, please fill it out and return it to Peace as soon as possible! Thank you in advance for your help.

Plants Needed We are looking to fill in blank spots in the church gardens. If anyone has too many perennials in their own garden, please consider donating. You can contact Beth Boehringer at 920-285-8626. Thank you!

Board of Properties Meeting Tuesday, July 18 at 7:00 pm.

Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, July 18 at 7:15 pm.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers are Still Needed – Synod Convention

The LCMS Convention will be held July 29-August 3 at the Wisconsin Convention Center in downtown Milwaukee. Many volunteers are needed to serve in the days leading up to and throughout the convention in various areas – Hospitality, Information, Registration and more. Visit swd.lcms.org/serve or scan the QR code below to review the available slots. If you can speak Russian, Korean or Spanish, the International Guests Hospitality Committee could use your assistance in greeting guests at the airport and assisting at the convention. Thank you for serving at the Convention!

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 6-25-23

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 2 (online)

Gross sales: \$3,010.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$30.13

Attendance: 318 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$5,742.91

No Scrip will be ordered the week of July 4th.

Sunday Order of Service

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

July 2, 2023

LSB Divine Service Setting Three, p. 184

“**And with thy spirit**” is the response in this service to the salutation, “The Lord be with you.”

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation

719

“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor; the Gloria Patri is sung from Setting 3.*

Antiphon (Ps. 27:1-2)

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?

When the wicked came against me to eat | up my flesh, *

my enemies and foes, they stum- | bled and fell.

Psalm (Ps. 27:3-4a, 5)

Though an army may encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear; *

though war may rise against me, in this I will be | confident.

One thing I have desired of the LORD, that | will I seek: *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days | of my life.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pa- | vilion; *

in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me;

He shall set me high up- | on a rock.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph forgives his brothers.

Psalm 138 (antiphon: v. 8b) *sung responsively with the pastor; congregation sings the even verses.*

Epistle

Romans 12:14-21

St. Paul describes the life of faith in God’s mercy.

Alleluia Verse *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the verse of the day. The pastor sings the appointed verse.*

You sat on the throne judging in | righteousness. *

The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,

a refuge in times of | trouble.

(Ps. 9:4b, 9)

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:36-42

“Be merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful!”

Hymn of the Day

696

“O God, My Faithful God”

Distribution Hymns

“What God Ordains Is Always Good”

760

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

843

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

932

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

623

Hymn to Depart

766

“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”

stanzas 1, 6, and 9