

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May
Altar Committee: Polly Joubert
Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert and Jennifer Scheler
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 24 – 148 (7:45) 78 (10:30) Bible Class – 93
Wednesday, March 27 – 148
Thursday, March 28 – Communion Matins – 40 CBBS - 29

Altar flowers and sanctuary Candle are given for Randy and Pam Kirk's 31st wedding anniversary.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,790.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 55.00
African Mission fund:	\$ 450.00
	<u>\$ 8,345.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2024:

General funds received in March:	\$ 41,022.05
Music funds received in March:	\$ 50.00
Memorials received in March:	\$ 100.00
Capital Imp. funds received in March:	\$ 150.00
Goehner Schlr. funds received in March:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in March:	\$ 150.00
Mercy funds received in March:	\$ 225.00
African Mission funds received in March:	\$ 650.00
	<u>\$ 42,397.05</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Easter Sunday


March 31, 2024

THEME: Christ Is Risen! Death Is Defeated! Alleluia!

The scene of our Lord's resurrection begins in a garden in the early morning on the first day of the week. The evangelist intends to remind us of creation and the Garden of Eden. After God finished His work on the sixth day of creation, man quickly turned away from the Lord's Word and plunged himself and all of creation into sin and death. After Jesus finished His work on the sixth day of Holy Week, Jesus quickly rose from the dead and the new creation was born out of the forgiveness of sins that Jesus earned for us in His death. The women's question, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" indicates that they and we were powerless to rescue ourselves from sin and death. Only Jesus could roll away the stone of death because only Jesus could conquer sin and vanquish the age-old Serpent's power to condemn. The message of the resurrection Gospel is that Jesus is risen from the dead to give forgiveness, new life, and salvation to sinners. This message was to be proclaimed to all His disciples, and especially to broken and contrite sinners, like Peter, who had left the courtyard of the High Priest in misery and shame. "Go and tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is risen from the dead!"

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 — “*LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells*” (Psalm 26:8). 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 Sunday**
No Bible Class - Easter Breakfast 9:15
- **Monday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**
- **Tuesday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**
- **Wednesday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**
Divine Service 6:30 — Easter Wednesday: Breakfast by the Sea.
- **Thursday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30
- **Friday:** **No Chapel – Spring Break**

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 *Easter: Jesus' Resurrection and Appearance to Mary Magdalene*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat During Sunday Bible Class

The study is meant to be encouraging to marriage, family, the vocation of being single, and what it is to be human. This “retreat in the Word” is for everyone! Recordings will be made, and handouts will provide a resource for continued study and encouragement in the Word of God.

Youth Group in April Meets on Sunday, April 14 at Noon

Remember, the Youth Group meets on the second Sunday in April rather than the first Sunday of this month. In May the Youth Group will meet on the usual first Sunday of the month, May 5, and will begin with a choir reunion rehearsal with all former Academy and Cantate Choir members.

Sacred Music for the Easter Season... “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today,” “Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands,” “I Know That My Redeemer Lives,” “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness,” “He's Risen, He's Risen.” You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

NEWS AND NOTES

Easter Breakfast!!! Please join us for Easter breakfast today, Sunday March 31, after the 7:45 Divine Service.

Office Hours – The week of March 31st, the Academy is on Easter break and the office will have limited hours (8am to 12pm).

Fish Fry Drive-thru. The next one is Friday, April 12th from 5:00-7:00. Please join us and help support the Academy. Anyone wishing to help, please speak with Sherry Prowatzke.

Board of Education meets Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Elders meets Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Properties meets Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Many Thanks to ALL who Helped and Participated in the Auction
We will publish a report in the weeks ahead.

Locks – To increase security in the Academy, narthex doors are now locked most of the time during the school day, except during service times and Bible class. If the doors are locked, please ring the doorbell to contact the office and we will buzz you in. Give us a moment to answer your call. Those who have a key may still use it to unlock the door. Remember, you are all welcome and encouraged to stop by church anytime.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 3/24/2024

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 6 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,825.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$54.46

Attendance: 383

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,380.66

Sunday Order of Service
Easter Sunday—March 31, 2024
Divine Service Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book p. 184

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

Stand and face the processional cross

Processional Hymn

461

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”
choir sings stanza 4 and 6

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *(Luke 24:5b-6b)*

He is risen! Alleluia!

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia!

Remember how He told you, Alleluia,

That the Son of Man must be crucified
and on the third day rise. Alleluia!

Psalm *(Ps. 8:1, 5-6, 9)*

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Yet You have made Him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned Him with glory and honor.

You have given Him dominion over the
works of Your hands;

You have put all things under His feet.

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

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

Job 19:23-27

Job's confession of the certain hope of the resurrection of the body.

Psalm 118:15–29

Stephen P. Johnson

Choir: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.

Congregation: REFRAIN



Congregation sings verses in bold. Choir may sing in parts or in unison.



Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.*

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

the right hand of the LORD exalts,*

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

I shall not die, but I shall live,* and recount the deeds I of the LORD.

The LORD has disciplined me severely,*

but He has not given me over to death.

REFRAIN

Open to me the gates of righteousness,*

that I may enter through them and give thanks I to the LORD.

This is the gate I of the LORD;*

the righteous shall enter I through it.

I thank You that You have answered me* and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected*

has become the I cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s I doing;* it is marvelous I in our eyes.

This is the day that the I LORD has made;*

let us rejoice and be I glad in it.

REFRAIN

Save us, we pray, I O LORD!* O LORD, we pray, give I us success!

Blessèd is He who comes in the name I of the LORD!*

We bless You from the house I of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine up- I on us.*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the I altar!

You are my God, and I will give I thanks to You;*

You are my God; I will ex- I tol You.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for I He is good;*

for His steadfast love endures for- I ever.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son* and to the Holy I Spirit;

as it was in the be- I ginning,* is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

We shall be raised to incorruption and immortality.

Verse *sung by the choir*

(1 Cor. 5:7b-8a)

Alleluia! Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

Let us therefore celebrate the festival

with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Mark the Evangelist testifies to Jesus’ bodily resurrection.

Hymn of the Day

458

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

choir sings stanzas 4 and 6

Offertory Hymn

457

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Distribution Hymns

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

741

“No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone”

747

“For Me to Live Is Jesus”

742

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

633

Hymn to Depart

464

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”