

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer
Altar Committee: Lynn Leider and Sherry Prowatzke
Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Melody Ruhbusch
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson
Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Maundy Thursday – 52 (2:30) 111 (7:00)
Tenebrae – 43 Good Friday – 102 (1:00) 103 (7:00)
Easter Vigil – 93 Sunday, March 31 – 212 (7:45) 109 (10:30)
Wednesday, April 3 – 39
Thursday, April 4 – CBBS - 36

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 10,647.00
African Mission fund:	\$ <u>100.00</u>
	\$ 10,747.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2024:

General funds received in March:	\$ 51,669.05
Music funds received in March:	\$ 50.00
Memorials received in March:	\$ 100.00
Capital Imp. funds received in March:	\$ 150.00
Goehner Schl. 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:	\$ <u>750.00</u>
	\$ 53,144.05

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Second Sunday of Easter / Quasimodo Geniti


April 7, 2024

THEME: Peace be with you! Christ is risen!

It is in Jesus' first resurrection appearance in the upper room that He ordained His disciples "apostles" saying, "Peace to You! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." As Jesus spoke these words He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The promise of the Holy Spirit is given to every minister of the Gospel in so far as he is faithful to the Word of Christ. Wherever Jesus' Word is preached, there is the Spirit of God "working faith when and where He pleases," forgiving the sins of repentant sinners and withholding forgiveness from the unrepentant. The purpose of the Apostolic Word is defined by John in his Gospel: "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (vs.31).

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 2**
Bible Class 9:15 — Confession and Absolution in Marriage and Family
- **Daily Chapel Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30** — Jesus appears in the upper room.
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30

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 *Jesus appears in the upper room*. 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 Next Sunday, April 14, at noon

Youth Group will meet on the second Sunday in April rather than the first Sunday for 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.

Lutheran Worship Series: The Kyrie, Sanctus, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei, Nunc Dimittis...Why do Lutherans worship the way they do? **Issues, Etc.**, a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a Classical Christian Worship series with Dr. Arthur Just, author of Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service. Listen to the six-part series at issuesetc.org/classicalworship.

NEWS AND NOTES

The Communion Committee would like to remind the ladies taking communion to please blot your lipstick before communion because it leaves stains on the communion linens.

Fish Fry Drive-thru. The next one is Friday, April 12, 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.

2024 PLA Auction Results —A big thank you to everyone involved in making the 2024 auction a success! We couldn't have done it without all the volunteers, donations, and attendees. In total, with the matching funds for our fund-a-need, we raised over \$90,000! This total includes over \$50,000 for the Academy general fund and \$40,000 for the fund-a-need.

Tour the Holy Land in Lent of 2025! There is something special about meditating on the Scriptures in the very places where the events occurred. Pastor Aaron Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield will be leading a tour back to the Holy Land next March. Destinations include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea Philippi, Qumran, Masada, and of course the temple mount, Gethsemane, and the places of Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem. We will visit the site of Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River, take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, and take a swim in the buoyant Dead Sea. PLUS there is an optional trip extension to Egypt to ascend the Mountain of Moses in Sinai, and see the Sphinx and the Great Pyramids of Egypt. It only takes a \$500 registration to hold your spot for this tour. Spaces are limited, so you are encouraged to sign up soon. (There are discounts if you register before May 17th.) Just go to registernow.ittworld.com and put in the tour code Koch25 to get a downloadable brochure with all the information you need. If you have any questions, feel free to call Pastor Koch at 414-795-9005. We hope you'll be able to take part in this great experience!

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 3/31/2024

Number of families participating: 10 (in-person) + 2 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,750.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$74.63

Attendance: 569 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,455.29

Sunday Order of Service

The Second Sunday of Easter / Quasimodo Geniti
April 7, 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.

Hymn of Invocation **482**
“This Joyful Eastertide”

Introit sung responsively with the pastor; with the Gloria Patri from DS 3

Antiphon *(1 Peter 2:2a)*
As newborn babes, Alle-|luia, *
desire the pure milk of the word. Alle-|luia.

Psalm *(Ps.81:1, 7a, 10, 16b)*

Sing aloud to | God our strength; *
make a joyful shout to the God of | Jacob.
“You called in trouble, and I de-|livered you; *
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
I am the | LORD your God, *
who brought you out of the land of | Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it; *
and with honey from the rock I would have satis-|fied you.”

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 **Ezekiel 37:1-14**
The Valley of the Dry Bones

Epistle **1 John 5:4-10**
Faith in Christ is the victory that overcomes the world and all evil.

Verse sung by the pastor *(Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a, c)*

Alleluia. He is risen | from the dead, *
and indeed He is going before you into Galilee. Alle-|luia.
After eight days, Jesus came and stood | in the midst, *
and said, “Peace to you!” Alle-|luia.

Holy Gospel **John 20:19-31**
Jesus appears in the upper room with the disciples.

Hymn of the Day **471**
“O Sons and Daughters of the King”
St. 1: All *St. 6: Men*
St. 2: Men *St. 7: Women & Children*
St. 3: Women & Children *St. 8: All*
St. 4: Men *St. 9: All*
St. 5: Women & Children

Distribution Hymns
“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” **467**
“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” **487**
“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives” **468**

Hymn to Depart **488**
“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”