

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

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: Philip Gehlbach

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, April 7 – 144 (7:45) 61 (10:30) Bible Class – 80

Wednesday, April 10 – 45

Thursday, April 11 – Communion Matins – 35 CBBS - 45

Altar flowers given by Joanne Smith.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 11,498.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 5.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
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TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2024:

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Third Sunday of Easter / Misericordias Domini


April 14, 2024

THEME: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Jesus said, "I lay down My life for the sheep." These words are spoken in the context of explaining that a hireling does not care for the sheep as the Good Shepherd does, but rather flees when he sees the wolf coming. The wolf is Satan. He attacks us by using our sin against us. We have no defense in ourselves. But we have a Good Shepherd. He stood up to the devil by laying down His life on our behalf. The devil was out for blood. He demanded that blood be shed because of sin. Jesus was the only One who could make atonement for our sin. He loved us to the point of laying down His life for us that we might be rescued from Satan and the condemnation of hell. The flock of Christ is kept safe solely by the forgiveness of sins which is ours in the Good Shepherd. The ministry of every pastor is to be patterned after the ministry of our Lord. As He loved us and laid down His life for our forgiveness, so pastors are to love their flocks and lay down their lives, so to speak, for the cause of proclaiming that Word of forgiveness that sets them free.

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 3**
Bible Class 9:15 — Learning the Art and Power of Objective Prayer in the Divine Service
- **Daily Chapel Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30** — Jesus is the Good Shepherd
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:30**
NO Coffee Break Bible Study this week

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 is the Good Shepherd*. 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 Today, Sunday, April 14, at noon

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.

1 Peter 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 1 Peter. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

The Communion Committee would like to remind the women in the congregation to please blot your lipstick before receiving the Lord’s Supper. This will help reduce stains on the communion linens which can be difficult to remove.

Fish Fry Drive-thru. The next one is Friday, April 26, from 5:00-7:00. Please join us and help support the Academy.

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

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

Board of Education meets Tuesday, April 16 at 7:15 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!

Grace Lutheran Ministries – Menomonee Falls - our April Pop-Up Food Pantry event is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th from 11 am – 1 pm in our church parking lot. We have partnered with Ebenezer Stone Ministries which will be providing a food truck with various produce and food supplies that will be distributed to anyone who is currently dealing with food insecurity.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 4/7/2024

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 9 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,790.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$300.03

Attendance: 244 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,755.32

Sunday Order of Service

The Third Sunday of Easter / Misericordias Domini

April 14, 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

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“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps.33:5b, 6a)

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. Alleluia.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

Psalm (Ps. 33:1, 18-20)

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

on those who hope in His steadfast love.

that He may deliver their soul from death

and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD;

He is our help and our shield.

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

Ezekiel 34:11-16

The Lord is Our True and Faithful Shepherd.

Psalm 23 *sung by the choir*

setting by Stephen P. Johnson

Antiphon

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. *Antiphon*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be...

Antiphon

Epistle

1 Peter 2:21-25

Called by the Shepherd and Overseer of Our Souls

Verse *sung by the choir*

(Luke 24:35b, John 10:14)

Alleluia. The Lord was known to them

in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16

Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Hymn of the Day

709

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Choir sings stanza 3

Distribution Hymns

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

710

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

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“The Day of Resurrection”

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Hymn to Depart

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“Praise to You and Adoration”