

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Gayle Cardo

Communion Committee: Joanne Smith, Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Matthew Voss

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 5– 136 (7:45) 92 (10:30) Bible Class – 91

Wednesday, May 8 – 98

Thursday, May 9 – Communion Matins – 51 CBBS - 37

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,468.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 100.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 100.00
	<u>\$ 8,768.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY 2024:

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Exaudi


May 12, 2024

THEME: The Holy Spirit 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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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 7**
Bible Class 9:15 — Divorce and Remarriage
in the Church
- **Daily Chapel Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30 — Easter 7**
- **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 *Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Is Poured Out*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Limited Space for “Making the Case” Conference ... There are less than 100 slots left for the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: 12 Time All-American Swimmer Riley Gaines, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Pastor Chris Rosebrough of Fighting for the Faith, Aaron Renn of The American Conservative, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of “Has American Christianity Failed?,” and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

NEWS AND NOTES

Christ and Culture: Catechesis on the Apostles Creed

The Concordia Catechetical Academy will host its annual **CCA Symposium at Peace** on June 19-21. This symposium is for laity and pastors. It is offered at no charge to members of Peace. Speakers will be Rev. Dr. Jon Bruss and Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne; Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa, Chairman of the Board for National Mission; Rev. Dr. Karl Fabrizio and Rev. Bender of the CCA. Register your attendance with the forms located in the narthex.

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.

Moving Forward — Open Budget Forum on Sunday, May 19

As we look to the future and put in place plans for the growth of our Academy, we give thanks for the many blessings we have enjoyed in the past and look forward to a bright future. Come to the Budget Open Forum on Sunday, May 19, at 9:15 a.m. We want the congregation to listen to a presentation on the proposed budget, ask questions, and offer feedback to the Parish Council and Board of Education in advance of approving a final budget for the next fiscal year.

The Congregational Assembly to approve a budget will be Sunday, June 2, at 9:15.

Spring Children’s Choir Concert — Light of the World! and Fine Arts Festival, Friday, May 24.

The open house begins at 6pm followed by the concert at 7pm.

Mark your calendars for the annual spring concert. Come and enjoy secular and sacred music centering on the theme of light. This year, previous choir graduates will join the children’s choirs for their grand finale, “Light of the World.” Come and celebrate the wonderful gift of singing that is so much a part of our congregation!

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), is excited to host the second **Christ Academy Family Institute (CAFI)** June 13–16, 2024, right before our Christ Academy High School program begins. At the heart of CAFI’s mission is a belief that strong families are the foundation of a healthy and thriving church. A key to building strong families is recognizing the essential role of parents in the spiritual development of their children. CAFI programs aim to equip parents with the tools they need to lead their families in the faith. **Registration for this event is NOW OPEN.** For more information visit ctsfw.edu/cafi.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 5/5/2024

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

Gross sales: \$1,300.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$34.72

Attendance: 262 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$4,995.91

\$5 and \$10 cards are now available for some brands. An order form for these is available at the RR counter.

Sunday Order of Service
The Seventh Sunday of Easter / Exaudi
May 12, 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 **464**
“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

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

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 Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading **Ezekiel 36:22-28**
“I will give you a new heart and a new spirit.”

Epistle **1 Peter 4:7-14**
Do everything to the glory of Christ.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the congregation*

Alleluia. God reigns over the | nations; *
God sits on His holy throne. Alle-|luia.
I will not leave you orphans;
I am going away and coming | back to you, *
and your heart will rejoice. Alle-|luia.
(Ps. 47:8; John 14:18a, 28, 16:22b)

Holy Gospel **John 15:26-16:4**
Jesus foretells persecution and promises the Holy Spirit.

Hymn of the Day **539**
“Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

Distribution Hymns
“Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying” **597**
“If God Himself Be for Me” **724**
“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace” **693**

Hymn to Depart **477**
“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”