

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May
Altar Committee: Melissa Brendel and Sherry Prowatzke
Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Anna Steinhilb, Sharon Murphy
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, June 16– 138 (7:45) 94 (10:30) Bible Class – 86
Wednesday, June 19 (Symposium) – 104
Thursday, June 20 (Symposium) – 92

Altar Flowers are given by the Schneider family in honor of David and Ravyn's first wedding anniversary.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,074.25
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 10.00
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	\$ 8,134.25

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JUNE 2024:

General funds received in June:	\$ 26,020.25
African Mission fund received in June:	\$ 250.00
Capital Improvement fund received in June:	\$ 370.00
Goehner Scholarship fund in June:	\$ 200.00
Mercy funds received in June:	\$ 135.00
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	\$ 26,975.25

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity


June 23, 2024

THEME: *Be Merciful as Your Father in Heaven Is Merciful!*

“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 — “*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 Gehlbach at 262-246-3200 or 262-325-3032.*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service 7:45 & 10:30 —Trinity 4**
Bible Class 9:15 — Vocation of the Unmarried
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service 6:30 – Trinity 4**

Family Prayer Devotional Studies This summer we will be going through the stories in the book of Acts. The lesson this week is ***The Lord Rescues Peter from Herod’s Violence.*** Material from New Testament Catechesis is posted online. This material provides a general introduction to the Church in Acts and St. Paul’s missionary journeys. It should be used as a resource throughout the summer. Look for it under the Family Prayer tab.

Weekly Bach Cantatas.... Lutheran Public Radio streams an appointed Bach Cantata uninterrupted at 1 pm and 8 p.m. Central on Sundays. This week’s cantata will be BWV 24 “An Untainted Disposition.” You can listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and on the LPR mobile app.

NEWS AND NOTES

Parish Council meets Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee Break Bible Study is on summer hiatus. When classes resume in early fall, we will begin a study of the Gospel according to St. Luke. Watch the bulletin for date and time.

Summer Office Hours — The church office hours will be 8am-12pm Monday through Friday (in June and July).

Pastor Bender on Sabbatical

What is a sabbatical? Sabbatical is based on the Hebrew word “sabbath” which means rest. A sabbatical is a time of rest and refreshment in the Word of God and often involves study, research, and writing for pastors or professors. After 37 years in the ministry and 33 years at Peace the Board of Elders and Parish Council have granted a sabbatical for Pastor Bender from **June 24 through August 24**. In addition to his vacation, Pastor Bender will be working on the Family Prayer/Sunday School Curriculum, third editions to Old and New Testament Catechesis, Sunday School Christmas Programs, and the Marriage and Family Catechesis materials for pastoral counselling. Keep Pastor Bender in your prayers during this time.

Pastoral Care and Emergencies During Pastor Bender’s Sabbatical

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or has spiritual care needs this summer, please call the church office (262-246-3200) to let us know so that Pastors Christiansen and Gehlbach can minister to you while Pastor Bender is on sabbatical.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 6/16/2024

Number of families participating: 12 (in-person) + 6 (online)

Gross sales: \$2,960.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$122.87

Attendance: 266

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$5,896.89

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Sign up for the RaiseRight App to use on your phone while shopping. The app is available from the App Store or Google Play as RaiseRight Fundraising.

For both an online account or to sign up for the app, you will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5

Sunday Order of Service

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
June 23, 2024

Divine Service Setting Two
Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation 599

“O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near”

The Rite of Blessing:

Baptismal Font, Paschal Candle Stand, and Service Cabinet

Invocation

Address

Psalmody: 51:7; 29:1-4, 10-11

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

The Blessing of the Font and Paschal Candle Stand

The Blessing of the Service Cabinet

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

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

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph forgives his brothers.

Gradual *sung by the congregation* (Ps. 79:9-10a)

Provide atonement for our sins, for Your | name's sake! *

Why should the nations say, “Where | is their God?”

Help us, O God of our sal- | vation, *

for the glory of Your name de- | liver us.

Epistle Romans 8:18-23

God's promise of resurrection is the source of our comfort.

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

“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine” 815

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” 683

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” 617

Hymn to Depart 766

“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”

Stanzas 1-2, 6, 9