

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Polly Joubert

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy,

Anna Steinhilb, Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Matthew Voss

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 4 – 136 (7:45) 86 (10:30) Bible Class – 72

Wednesday, May 7 – 33

Thursday, May 8 – 34 Coffee Break Bible Study – no class

Sanctuary Candle given for Doug and Pat Pom's 55th wedding anniversary.

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,640.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 20.00
Memorials:	<u>\$ 755.00</u>
	\$ 9,415.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY 2025:

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The Rev. Peter C. Bender, Senior Pastor — (262) 370-1189
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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.

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter / Jubilate

May 11, 2025

THEME: Our Sorrow Will Be Turned to Joy!

Jesus describes His suffering and death as “a little while.” During this “little while” He goes to the Father to offer His lifeblood into death for our sins. This “little while” was filled with great grief for the disciples, but their sorrow was turned to joy in His resurrection from the dead. From this “little while” we learn what is characteristic for us and the Church in this world. The “little while” of Christ’s suffering and the lamentation of the disciples corresponds to the “little while” of the Church’s and every individual Christian’s suffering because of sin and persecution. Nevertheless, this “little while” is short-lived. Our Lord is not only risen from the dead, but He comes to us with His grace and forgiveness to turn our sorrow into joy. There is joy in the Christian life now. We do not have to wait for it until the resurrection on the last day. It is a joy in the midst of the cross of affliction.

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.

Easter Greeting!

During Eastertide, the “Easter Greeting” is commonly exchanged among Christians as a confession of our faith and hope in the resurrection of Christ. The greeting is: “**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**” or “**Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!**” The response is: “**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**” The congregation is encouraged to use this greeting throughout the Easter season.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD — “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” (Rom. 13:14). 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, by calling Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday: Divine Service 7:45 & 10:30 — Easter 4**
Bible Class 9:15 — Philippians 4
- **Daily Chapel: Monday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30 — Easter 4**
- **Thursday: Matins with Holy 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 *The Ascension of Our Lord—Acts 1:4-14*. Jesus' ascension is His triumphal exaltation to the Father's right hand. He now reigns over all things for the sake of His church. Sin and death are under His feet. In His Ascension, Jesus calls His Apostles to continue His ministry of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments to the end of the age. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Youth Group Moved to Sunday, May 18—Christians in Enemy Territory. Due to a prior commitment, Youth Group in May is moved to Sunday, May 18. Our high school and college-aged youth will meet with Pastor Bender for lunch and study after the 10:30 service. Bring a sack lunch. May's topic will focus on how Christians are called to live out their faith in these difficult times. Our gathering will conclude by 1:30.

Declaring to You the Whole Council of God ... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent interview topics include: Papal Indulgences, A New Report on the Dangers of the Abortion Pill, God's Revelation in the Genesis Account, Government Incentives for Increased Fertility and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

**SPRING CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT — REMINISCE!
AND FINE ARTS FESTIVAL, TUESDAY, MAY 20, AT 7PM**

An Open house begins at 6pm followed by the concert at 7pm. Mark your calendars for the annual spring concert. While reminiscing, the 8th grade class chose many of the concert selections from their past years in the choirs, hence the title of the program! Come and enjoy the art and musical work of the Academy students and our homeschoolers. Please take note of the new night – **TUESDAY!**

Board of Properties meets on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Board of Education meets on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:15 p.m.
Parish Council meets on Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Congregational Assembly meets on Sunday, May 18 at 9:15. Copies of the agenda, minutes, and the proposed 2025-26 budget are available in the narthex.

After 19 years of service to our congregation as office secretary, Brenda Greschner is retiring. We are grateful to God for Brenda's loving, faithful, and dedicated service to our congregation and wish her every best in retirement. Brenda's last day is May 14.

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, gifts, and flowers as I begin retirement. Thanks to all who helped organize the lunch. It was wonderful.
In Him, Brenda Greschner

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 5/04/2025
Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 10 (online)
Attendance: 252
Gross sales: \$1,595 Profit earned this week \$38.66
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$7,164.94
Profit paid to the Academy: \$6,483.73

\$10 and under gift cards are currently available for order for a limited time. There is a special order form at the Scrip counter.

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**. You will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5.

Sunday Order of Service
The Fourth Sunday of Easter / Jubilate
May 11, 2025

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 **699**
“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Introit *sung by the soloist*

Antiphon (Ps.66:1-2)
Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands! Alleluia!
Sing forth the honor of His name;
make His praise glorious. Alleluia!

Psalm (Ps. 66:3)
Say unto God, “How terrible art Thou in Thy works!
Through the greatness of Thy power
shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.”

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 **Isaiah 40:25-31**
Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

Choral Response
“A Song of Trust” – Franz Schubert

Oh, where shall I find comfort in sorrow unrelenting?
And who will share my gladness when days are crowned with blessing?
To you, to you, O Father, I come whate'er betide;
You send your peace and healing to ease my inmost pain.

Your voice is ever calling, “Come unto me, ye weary;
For I am meek and lowly; Your soul shall dwell in safety.”
With childlike expectation I haste to your strong arms;
In meekness I implore you: Have mercy, dearest Lord.

Before I knew your presence, what joy had earth or heaven?
Now all the world is shining for you my heart have taken.
What peace and deep contentment now fill my quickened spirit;
Oh, ever, ever lead me to dwell with you on high.

Epistle **1 Peter 2:11-20**
Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the soloist* (Ps. 111:9a; Luke 24:26)

Alleluia! The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people. Alleluia!
It behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead:
and thus to enter into His glory. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel **John 16:16-22**
Your sorrow will be turned to joy.

Hymn of the Day **483**
“With High Delight”

Proper Preface for Eastertide

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and arch angels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Distribution Hymns
“Come unto Me, Ye Weary” **684**
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” **793**
“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” **633**

Hymn to Depart **756**
“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”