

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Megan Braunschweig

Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Anna Steinilb,
Rosanne Fell

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Keith Gierach

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Elton Volquardsen

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Elton Volquardsen

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 22nd – (7:45) – 121 (10:30) – 91 Bible Class – 96

Monday, February 23rd – Didache – 20

Wednesday, February 25th – (8:00 am) – 37 (2:30) – 44 (6:30) – 59

Thursday, February 26th – Chapel Matins – 31 Coffee Break – 41

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,515.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 500.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 725.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 287.18
Mercy fund:	\$ 210.00
	<u>\$ 8,237.18</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY 2026:

General funds received in February:	\$ 39,789.52
Capital Improvement funds received in February:	\$ 480.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in February:	\$ 3,235.00
Memorials received in February:	\$ 25.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in February:	\$ 1030.00
International Mission funds received in February:	\$ 762.18
Mercy funds received in February:	<u>\$ 545.00</u>
	<u>\$ 45,866.70</u>

*Full month numbers include online gifts.



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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.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

THEME: God So Loved the World that He Gave His Only Son!

Jesus' catechesis of Nicodemus amplifies the meaning of Jesus' command to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Holy Baptism is God's work. It is the "new birth from above" by which the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us and we are made the children of God. The Holy Spirit is given in Baptism that we might believe in the only begotten Son of God who was "lifted up" on the cross for our salvation. Jesus' teaching that we must be "born of water and the Spirit" confirms the teaching of the Small Catechism that "Baptism is not just plain water but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word." God's Spirit is promised in the water of Baptism by God's Word and command to baptize. That no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born from above confirms the catechism's teaching that Baptism works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe as the words and promises of God declare. Jesus' teaching that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" helps us to understand Jesus' promise, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16). Jesus' forgiveness and salvation is the very content of Holy Baptism to be received by faith. Faith, therefore, clings to the promises of God in the water of Baptism. It is not ordinary water that saves, but the Word of God that is in and with the water that carries the promise of everlasting life. ... Throughout Jesus' catechesis with Nicodemus, He emphasizes the work of the Triune God by whose name Baptism receives its power to give the new birth from above that sinners might see the kingdom of God. God the Father gives the new birth by water and the Holy Spirit that we might believe in the only-begotten Son of God who was lifted up for our salvation.

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.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD — “*Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God*” (Deut. 8:3/Matthew 4:4). 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 or texting Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service at 7:45 & 10:30 — Lent 2**
Bible Class at 9:15 — God’s Institution of Marriage; Fidelity, Fornication, and the Role of the State
- **Monday:** **Didache at 6:00 pm**
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **LENTEN Divine Service at 8:00, 2:30 & 6:30**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 am**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 am

Holy Baptism – We rejoice with Tyler and Rachel Haga as their daughter Heidi Isabelle is received into the kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism at the 10:30 service this morning. “Be baptized ... for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit ... the promise is to you and your children” (Acts 2:38-39). Heidi’s sponsors are Timothy and Adelia Haga.

Lenten Midweek Divine Services through Holy Wednesday, Apr. 1

Lent is a season of penitence and preparation through catechesis that leads us into Holy Week with anticipation of Easter joy. Midweek services will follow the readings in the Congregation at Prayer. There are three divine service opportunities each Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. as part of chapel; 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Communion is offered at all three services.

March 4:	“The Lord Fights for Israel”	Exodus 14:10-31
March 11:	“The First Battle”	Exodus 17:8-16
March 18:	“The Way, the Truth, and the Life”	John 14:1-6
March 25:	“Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet”	John 13:1-20
April 1:	“Jesus Is Crucified Under Pontius Pilate”	John 19:1-24

Upcoming Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday—March 29: The Passion according to St. Matthew

Holy Wednesday—April 1: “Jesus Is Crucified Under Pontius Pilate”—Jn. 19:1-24

Maundy Thursday—April 2: Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet—Jn 13:1-15, 34-35

Good Friday—April 3: Tenebrae: The Seven Last Words from the Cross

Chief Divine Services: The St. John Passion

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil—April 4: Reception of new members

Easter Festival Divine Service—April 5 at 7:45 and 10:30

Coffee Break Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m., and we will continue our study in the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday School is for the whole family! The lessons your children begin learning on Sunday morning are posted under the Family Prayer tab on our website for your family to meditate upon during the rest of the week. There are lessons to print as well as recordings by Pastor Bender to help guide the study. The lesson this week is ***Palm Sunday — Matthew 21:1-11.***

“Wonderfully Made” – the Theology of the Body at Youth Group today after the 10:30 service. Copies of the book by Dr. John Kleinig remain available for our youth and others who desire one.

Didache Meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00

This week’s lesson is ***Confession—Nathan Confronts David with His Sin.*** Past lessons are available on the church website (under “Additional Recordings”) and at your favorite podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

You're Invited!

The Academy Auction is March 21st from 4pm to 8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. Remember to reserve a spot at the auction. The current prices are:

Individual Ticket: \$38 — **Table of 8:** \$264 (\$33 per person)

Buy your tickets today at www.plaauction.com.

The theme this year is The Roaring Twenties. Feel free to get dolled up in the 1920's style!

Free Acorn single-rail stairlift available in Brookfield. New battery installed in December 2024. If you would benefit from having this lift in your home or if you know someone who needs it, please contact Fritz or Robin Theilacker at 262-920-9220 (landline).

If you have Thrivent accounts, 2025 Choice dollars must be directed by March 31. Please consider using your Choice dollars to support the church or academy.

Lenten fish fries: March 6, 13 & 27 from 5-7 p.m. Mark your calendars and tell your friends!

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 02/15/2025

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

Attendance: 419

Gross sales: \$2,050.00 Profit earned this week \$55.75

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$5,720.04

Profit paid to the Academy: \$5,015.19

Sunday Order of Service
The Week of the Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

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 **504**
“Father Most Holy”

Sacrament of Holy Baptism *(in the 10:30 a.m. service)*
Heidi Isabelle Haga

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *Psalm 105:8*
He remembers His covenant forever,
the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

Psalm *Psalm 105:4-7*

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that He has done,
His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, His servant,
children of Jacob, His chosen ones!
He is the Lord our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.
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)

Kyrie *sung by the choir*

Kyrie! Eleison! Translation: “Lord, have mercy upon us!”

Old Testament Reading **Genesis 12:1-9**
God’s Covenant with Abraham

Choral Response

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”
The text is LSB 555 stanzas 1, 6, & 10

Epistle **Romans 4:1-8, 13-17**
Abraham was justified by faith in the promise.

Verse *sung by the choir* *John 3:16*
For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son,
that whosoever believes in Him
should not perish, but have eternal life.

Holy Gospel **John 3:1-17**
Jesus Catechizes Nicodemus

Apostles’ Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **571**
“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

Proper Preface for Lent

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, holy, holy...

Distribution Hymns

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” **623**
“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” **437**
“What Wondrous Love Is This” **543**

Hymn to Depart **919**
“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”