

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke

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

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Elton Volquardsen

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Elton Volquardsen

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 1st – (7:45) – 137 (10:30) – 84 Bible Class – 85

Monday, March 2nd – Didache – 19

Wednesday, March 4th – (8:00 am) – 47 (2:30) – 44 (6:30) – 50

Thursday, March 5th – Chapel Matins – 31 Coffee Break – 39

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### Last Week's Offering

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## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

### THEME: Jesus Is the water of life

Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well teaches us that He is the Savior of all people, especially those who are the most unworthy and the most outcast of society. Samaritans were half-breed Jews who did not believe in the worship at the Temple in Jerusalem. Even more than this, the Samaritan woman is portrayed as a notorious sinner who had many adulterous relationships. When Jesus is shown to be the Savior of all people, it does not mean that He does not take sin seriously. Quite to the contrary, Jesus exposes this woman's sin that she might be drawn to Him for forgiveness. The awesome reality of the Gospel is that, even though she is such a notorious sinner, the Lord really does love her and really does desire to save her from her sin by offering to her the water of life. Jesus' ministry of Law and Gospel to this woman resulted in her conversion. She was brought to repentance and faith in Christ. Out of this repentant faith in Christ, she then began to speak boldly of Him to others who need His salvation. This is always the way it is for those who have been touched by Christ's 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.

**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 *Jesus Celebrates the Passover — Matthew 26:17-19, 26-30*.



**Peace Lutheran Church and Academy**

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The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032

**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** — “*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 3**  
**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**

**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 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**

**Didache Meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00**

This week’s lesson is *The Office of the Keys—The Healing of the Paralytic*. Past lessons are available on the church website (under “Additional Recordings”) and at your favorite podcast provider.

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

**No Chapel on Monday, March 16** as the academy will be on break. The office will be open until noon.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**The Academy Auction is Right Around the Corner!**

**Bake Sale Items Needed for the Auction!** The annual Goods and Services Auction is March 21st from 4pm to 8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. A bake sale is part of the event. Baked goods are needed to end the evening meal with a sweet treat. Please package baked goods in ready to sell portions and deliver them to the Gerhardt Room by noon on Friday, March 20th. If you have any questions, contact Beth Boehringer at 920-285-8626.

**If you ordered tickets to Bach’s St. Matthew Passion**, they are available for pick-up at the Scrip counter on Sundays or in the office during office hours. If you didn’t buy ticket but would still like to go, 2 tickets were donated and are available. Please contact Kathy May for information.

**Come One!!! Come All!!!** The Annual Pancake & Sausage Easter Breakfast will take place between the Divine Services on Easter morning. Please RSVP on the attendance clipboard hanging on the wall to the left of the kitchen. Thank you, Cheri LaFore

**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 choosing to support the church or academy.

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

**Board of Elders** meets Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**Board of Properties** meets Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education** meets Tuesday, March 17 at 7:15 p.m.

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 03/01/2026

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 5 (online)

Attendance: 361

Gross sales: \$1,310.00 Profit earned this week \$36.71

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$5,756.75

Profit paid to the Academy: \$5,015.19

**Sunday Order of Service**  
The Week of the Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 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** **849**  
“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

**Introit** *sung responsively with the choir*

*Antiphon* *Psalm 84:5*  
Blessèd is the man whose strength | is in You, \*  
whose heart is set on | pilgrimage.

*Psalm* *Psalm 84:1-4*

**How lovely is Your taber- | nacle, \***  
**O | LORD of hosts!**

My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts | of the LORD; \*  
my heart and my flesh cry out for the | living God.

**Even the sparrow has | found a home, \***

**and the swallow a nest for herself,**  
**where she may | lay her young—**  
even Your altars, O | LORD of hosts, \*  
my King | and my God.

**Blessèd are those who dwell | in Your house; \***  
**they will still be | praising You.**

**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)*

**Kyrie** *sung by the choir*

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

**Old Testament Reading** **Exodus 17:1-7**  
Water from the Rock

**Choral Response** **542**

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”  
*Choir sings stanzas 1 and 2*  
*Congregation joins on stanzas 3 and 4*

**Epistle** **Romans 5:1-8**  
Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God.

**Verse** *sung by the choir* *John 4:23a*  
The hour is coming, and is now here,  
when the true worshipers will worship the Father,  
the Father in spirit and in truth.

**Holy Gospel** **John 4:5-26**  
Jesus Catechizes the Woman at the Well

**Apostles’ Creed** *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

**Hymn of the Day** **823**  
“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”  
*Choir sings stanza 2*

**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**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” **699**  
“My Song Is Love Unknown” **430**  
“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace” **693**

**Hymn to Depart** **573**  
“Lord, ’Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee”