

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 8th – (7:45) – 134 (10:30) – 90 Bible Class – 93

Monday, March 9th – Didache – 21

Wednesday, March 11th – (8:00 am) – 51, (2:30) – 41 (6:30) – 58

Thursday, March 12th – Chapel Matins – 27 Coffee Break – 39

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 4,925.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 5,250.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 250.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 10,475.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2026:

General funds received in March:	\$ 13,145.00
Capital Improvement funds received in March:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in March:	\$ 5,250.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in March:	\$ 350.00
International Mission funds received in March:	\$ 50.00
Mercy funds received in March:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 18,795.00</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

THEME: Jesus Gives Sight to the Spiritually Blind

Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the subsequent excommunication of this man from the Temple illustrates the contrast between penitent faith in Christ and the blindness of unbelief. Those who believed that they could see were really blind because they refused to heed the call to repentance. Those who can truly see are not those who have no sin, but those who acknowledge their sin in repentant faith that clings to Christ. The man born blind became a disciple of Jesus because of the spiritual miracle that opened up his eyes to see who he really was and that Christ alone was his Savior. When Jesus came to the man born blind, He teaches us that faith clings to what Jesus says and does. The man reported to those who had known of his affliction the simple truths of what Jesus did and said: "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." Jesus did things that human reason would place no value in: spittle, clay, and God's Word applied to the eyes of a blind man. Whenever God's Word is joined to earthly elements, extraordinary miracles take place. As they continued to press the man on what had happened, he replied very simply: "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" But they rejected the man's testimony. Even though they knew that a miracle had taken place, they still persisted in the darkness of their unbelief. They closed their eyes to Him who is the Light of the world: "We do not know where Jesus is from." But the man answered them, saying, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He has opened my eyes!" His simple confession cut across the darkness of their unbelief and clearly proclaimed that Jesus is the Christ.

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.



Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

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

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 4**
Bible Class at 9:15 — God's Institution of Marriage; Fidelity, Fornication, and the Role of the State
- **Monday: Didache at 6:00 pm**
- **Tues-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.

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| 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 at 7:45 and 10:30 a.m.

The Passion according to St. Matthew

Holy Wednesday—April 1 at 8:00 a.m., and 2:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Jesus Is Crucified Under Pontious Pilate—Jn. 19:1-24

Maundy Thursday—April 2 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet—Jn 13:1-15, 34-35

Good Friday—April 3

9:00 a.m.: Tenebrae – The Seven Last Words from the Cross

1:00 and 7:00 p.m.: Chief Divine Service – The St. John Passion

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil—April 7:30 p.m.

Reception of new members

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

Didache Meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00

This week's lesson is *The Sacrament of the Altar—The Passover*. 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.

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 Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane* — *Matthew 26:36-56*.

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

NEWS AND NOTES

“The Roaring Twenties Academy Auction” Don't forget! The auction is happening this coming Saturday, March 21st, from 4-8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. We hope to see you at this fun event!

Bake Sale Items Needed for the Auction!

For the annual Goods and Services Auction, we will be holding a bake sale at the event and need donated baked goods delivered to the Gerhardt Room by noon on Friday, March 20th. Please package baked goods in ready-to-sell portions.

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. We also have opportunities to assist in setup, serving and cleanup. Food, supplies, and monetary donations are welcome. For questions or other inquires, contact Cherí LaFore at 262-370-6711 (text or voice) or email: ladyhawk4969@gmail.com

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

The final Lenten fish fry is March 27 from 5-7 p.m.

Board of Elders Meet Tuesday, March 17 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education and Board of Properties, meet at 7:15 p.m.

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

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 03/08/2026

Number of families participating: 10 (in-person) + 6 (online)

Attendance: 365

Gross sales: \$2,790.00 Profit earned this week \$360.78

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$6,117.53

Profit paid to the Academy: \$5,743.84

Sunday Order of Service
The Week of the Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 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 **914**
“Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten”

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *Psalm 25:15*

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Psalm *Psalm 27:4–6*

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.
And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

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 **Isaiah 42:14-21**

The Lord’s faithful call to repentance and the hope of salvation.

Choral Response **627**

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

The text is LSB 627 stanzas 1, 4, & 7

Epistle **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Walk as children of the light.

Verse *sung by the choir* *Psalm 36:9*

With You is the fountain of life;
in Your light do we see light.

Holy Gospel **John 9:1-41**

Jesus heals the man born blind.

Apostles’ Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **Insert**

“In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord”

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

“When In the Hour of Deepest Need” **615**

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” **570**

“Before the Throne of God Above” **574**

Hymn to Depart **890**

“O Blessed Light, O Trinity”