

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 15th – (7:45) – 111 (10:30) – 84 Bible Class – 92

Wednesday, March 18th – (8:00 am) – 55 (2:30) – 36 (6:30) – 64

Thursday, March 19th – Chapel Matins – 30 Coffee Break – 42 Didache – 17

Today, the family of James Nitzsche recalls the loving-kindness of the Lord shown to and through James during his life.

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,475.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 100.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 75.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 125.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 6,775.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2026:

General funds received in March:	\$ 19,620.00
Capital Improvement funds received in March:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in March:	\$ 5,350.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in March:	\$ 425.00
International Mission funds received in March:	\$ 175.00
Mercy funds received in March:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 25,570.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

THEME: Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life!

Jesus allowed Lazarus to die “for the glory of God” that He might raise him from the dead. In the sign of Lazarus coming back to life again, Jesus proclaimed Himself to be the Lord of life. He is the conqueror of death because He is the source of forgiveness. Since sin brings death and separation from God, where there is forgiveness of sins there must also be life and salvation. Jesus, therefore, confesses to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

The theme of resurrection is further highlighted in today’s Old Testament Reading from Ezekiel. In the Nicene Creed we confess that the Holy Spirit “is the Lord and giver of life,” the very “breath of God” by which we live. In this prophecy, Ezekiel sees the resurrection of the body on the last day at which time the dead will be raised and the Holy Spirit will breathe new and immortal life into the bodies of the dead.

In today’s epistle from Romans, we see that the Holy Spirit not only gives life to our bodies, but also life to our souls. It is the Holy Spirit who creates faith and who leads us in the way of faith. To be “in the Spirit” or to be “led by the Spirit” is to be led by faith in the Gospel of Christ and in daily repentance for sin. To be “led by the Spirit” means that, through faith in the Gospel, the Spirit brings forth in us the “fruits of faith” in love and good works, even as the Spirit is the source of our resurrection from the dead.

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.



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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 — “*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 5**
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 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 and 6:30 p.m.

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

Maudy 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—I am the Bread of Life*. 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' Trial Before Pontius Pilate* — *Matthew 27:1-26*.

NEWS AND NOTES

Many Thanks to ALL who helped and participated in the Auction, which took place yesterday. We will let you know how things went in the weeks ahead.

Join Lutherans for Life for their spring gala at CUW on the evening of May 15. The guest speaker is Katie Coblenz, who has been using her own story to lovingly help those who are or who know someone who is struggling with transgenderism. For information, visit LutheransForLife.org/Spring-Gala-2026.

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. The Easter Breakfast Donations and Volunteer sign up clipboards are also up. Please consider donating items or time. Monetary donations are always welcome. Thank you in advance. If you have questions, please contact Cherí LaFore at 262-370-6711.

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 this Friday, March 27 from 5-7 p.m. Help spread the word and come support the academy!

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

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 03/15/2026

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 9 (online)

Attendance: 345

Gross sales: \$2,650.00 Profit earned this week \$71.39

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$6,188.92

Profit paid to the Academy: \$5,743.84

If you would like to sign up on the RaiseRight app, please contact Julie Goltermann or the church office to get the enrollment code.

Sunday Order of Service

The Week of the Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 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 420
“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 116:15*
Precious in the sight | of the LORD *
is the death | of His saints.

Psalm *Psalm 116:1-4, 8*

I | love the LORD, *
because | He has heard my voice and my suppli- | cations.
Because He has inclined His | ear to me, *
therefore I will call upon Him as long | as I live.
The pains of death surrounded me,
and the pangs of Sheol laid | hold of me; *
I found trouble and | sorrow.
Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: *
“O LORD, I implore You, deliv- | er my soul!”
For You have delivered my | soul from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from | falling.

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 **Ezekiel 37:1-14**
The Valley of the Dry Bones

Gradual *sung by the congregation* *Hebrews 12:2*
[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle **Romans 8:1-11**
The law of the Spirit of life in Christ sets us free from condemnation.

Verse *sung by the pastor* *John 11:25*
I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me, though he may die, yet shall he live.

Holy Gospel **John 11:1-53**
Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

Apostles' Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day 552
“O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life”
Stanzas 1, 9-10, 4

Proper Preface for Passiontide

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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

“In the Very Midst of Life”	755
“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”	685
“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”	490

Hymn to Depart 548
“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”