

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May and 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: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 22nd – (7:45) – 123 (10:30) – 116 Bible Class – 78

Monday, March 23rd – Didache – 21

Wednesday, March 25th – (8:00 am) – 53 (2:30) – 40 (6:30) – 61

Thursday, March 26th – Chapel Matins – 29 Coffee Break – 42

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,715.26
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 100.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 599.36
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 7,414.62</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2026:

General funds received in March:	\$ 26,335.26
Capital Improvement funds received in March:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in March:	\$ 5,350.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in March:	\$ 525.00
International Mission funds received in March:	\$ 744.36
Mercy funds received in March:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 32,954.62</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Palm Sunday—The Sunday of the Passion

March 29, 2026

THEME: His Blood Be on Us and on Our Children!

Each Gospel highlights different aspects of Our Lord's Passion. Unique to St. Matthew's Passion is the message from Pilate's wife: "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him." What does it mean? Pilate's wife was tormented in her soul and conscience. Jesus and His Gospel are unsettling to sinful man. We either embrace it in faith or we flee from it. Pilate's wife, like so many, did not want to face the reality of her own sin and the need for salvation that only this Man could provide. It was too much for her to bear. "Let us have nothing to do with Him! I cannot bear him!" Like so many, Pilate's wife recognized the righteousness of Christ, but still she was unwilling to let go of herself and embrace Him in faith. Unique also to the Passion according to St. Matthew is the prophecy that proceeds out of the mouth of the people at the end of the trial before Pilate: "His blood be on us and on our children!" Indeed, this is the way it must be or we cannot be saved.

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. 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 — Palm Sunday**
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-Thurs:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Holy Wednesday 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

Upcoming Holy Week Services

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

Jesus Is Crucified Under Pontius 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 4 at 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 Emmaus Disciples*.

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. 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 *Good Friday: Jesus' Crucifixion — Mark 15:16-39*.

NEWS AND NOTES

2026 PLA Auction Results: A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in making the 2026 auction a success! We couldn't have done it without all the volunteers, donations, sponsors, and attendees. With the generous 15K matching funds for our Fund-a-Need, we raised a total of about \$90,600! This includes \$43,400 for the Academy general fund and \$47,200 for the Fund-a-Need security camera project. Thanks be to God for his bountiful gifts!

This year's Easter lilies will be provided by Randy and Pam Kirk in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The church office is closed on Good Friday and will be open from 8 a.m. to noon during the week of Easter Break, April 6-10.

Come One!!! Come All!!!

Easter Breakfast still needs a few more attendees, volunteers, and food donations. Please consider adding your name to the clipboards next to the kitchen. Thank you in advance. If you have questions, please contact Cheri LaFore at 262-370-6711 (text or voice). 100% maple syrup from the trees on the church's property and hard-boiled eggs from the LaFore's chickens will again be on the menu.

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.

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

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 03/22/2026

Number of families participating: 8 (in-person) + 7 (online)

Attendance: 394

Gross sales: \$1,725.00 Profit earned this week \$39.38

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$6,228.30

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.

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Divine Service

Please follow the order of service printed below. Communion Liturgy from LSB Setting 3 begins on page 194.

Choral Invocation

“Blessed is He!” – Matthew Macheimer

Procession of Palms

Stand and face the processional cross

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gospel

John 12:12-19

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading of the Holy Gospel.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn

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“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” – *Choir sings stanza 1*

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Salutation and Collect for the Passion

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord knows how to sustain the weary with His Word.

Gradual Psalm: Choral Setting from Psalm 31

“In Thee, O Lord, I Put My Trust” by Ben Culli

In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed:
deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Bow down Thy ear to me, deliver me speedily,
be my strong rock, a house of defense to save me.

Thou art my fortress and my rock;
for Thy name's sake lead and guide me.

Pull me out of the pit that is laid for me. My times are in Thy hand;
deliver me, O Lord, from the hands of my enemies.

Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant.

Blessed be the Lord, for He has shown me His marv'ulous kindness.

O love the Lord, all ye His saints; for the Lord preserves the faithful;
He rewards the proud do-er.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,
all ye that hope in the Lord.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

He became the obedient servant unto the death of the cross.

Choral Verse

He humbled Himself by becoming obedient unto death.

The Passion According to St. Matthew

Hymn of the Day

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“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament *from LSB Setting 3*

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Distribution Hymns

“Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain”

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“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

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“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

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Hymn to Depart

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“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

Postlude Finale from the “St. Matthew Passion”—J.S. Bach