

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Joanne Smith,
Chris Dubnicka

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Tom Aidich

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, March 29nd – (7:45) – 161 (10:30) – 88 Bible Class – 125

Monday, March 30th – Didache – 24

Wednesday, April 1st – (8:00 am) – 47 (2:30) – 48 (6:30) – 63

Thursday, April 2nd – Chapel Matins – 30 Coffee Break – 30

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 3,851.90
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 500.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 25.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 25.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 25.00
	<u>\$ 4,426.90</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MARCH 2026:

General funds received in March:	\$ 40,740.51
Capital Improvement funds received in March:	\$ 580.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in March:	\$ 5,350.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in March:	\$ 670.00
International Mission funds received in March:	\$ 799.36
Mercy funds received in March:	\$ 145.00
	<u>\$ 48,284.87</u>

*Full month totals 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

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

THEME: Do Not Be Afraid! He Who Was Crucified Is Risen!

The Lord's atonement for sin in His death upon the cross shook the whole of creation with a great earthquake and brought life and immortality to light in the resurrection of the dead. Sin is atoned for and life and salvation spring forth from Jesus' saving work. The angel in brilliant white vestments announced the message of salvation in the proclamation of Jesus' resurrection from the dead! This message is feared by those who do not believe and it is the source of the greatest comfort for those who do believe. "Do not be afraid" the angel declared, "Jesus who was crucified is risen as He said!" The Lord was faithful to His Word. "Go quickly and tell His disciples...Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." The Lord's resurrection from the dead is the concrete expression of our forgiveness and salvation. There is no greater message of comfort than the Lord's resurrection from the dead, because it means that salvation is absolutely guaranteed for those who believe. The message of the Gospel is true, the message of the Gospel saves, and that is why at the heart of the Lord's resurrection is the ongoing preaching of Christ's victory over sin, death, and hell.

Easter Greeting!

During Eastertide, the "Easter Greeting" is commonly exchanged among Christians as a confession of our faith and hope in the resurrection of Christ. The greeting is: "**The Lord is Risen!**" or "**Christ is Risen!**" The response is: "**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**" The congregation is encouraged to use this greeting throughout the Easter season.

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 — Easter Sunday**
No Bible Class – Easter Breakfast 9:15
- **Mon-Friday:** No Chapel – Easter Break
- **Wednesday: Divine Service at 6:30 — Breakfast by the Sea**
- **Thursday: No Coffee Break Bible Study**

No Sunday School Class today. We will be having Easter Breakfast during Sunday School time. But there is an Easter lesson posted under the Family Prayer tab on our website for your family to meditate upon during the the week. There is a lesson and picture to print as well as a recording by Pastor Bender to help guide the study. The lesson this week is **Easter: *Jesus' Resurrection and Appearance to Mary Magdelene — John 20:1-18.***

There is no Youth Group in April. The next class will be May 3 after the 10:30 service.

Coffee Break Bible Study will not meet this week, but it will resume next Thursday, April 16.

Sacred Music for the Easter Season... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

NEWS AND NOTES

All are welcome to partake of the Easter Breakfast in Loëhe Hall following the first service today.

The church office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon this week while the Academy is on Easter Break.

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!

Easter Lilies were provided by Randy and Pam Kirk in honor of their wedding anniversary. Members of the congregation are welcome to take a lily home after the second service.

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.

The two final fish fries for the academic year are April 17 and May 8, from 5:00-7:00. Help support the Academy and tell your friends!

Board of Elders meets Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Properties meets Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education meets Tuesday, April 21 at 7:15 p.m.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 03/29/2026

Number of families participating: 11 (in-person) + 8 (online)

Attendance: 403

Gross sales: \$3,060.00 Profit earned this week \$73.63

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$6,301.93

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

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Stand and face the processional cross

Processional Hymn **475**
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

Entrance Canticle *sung after the absolution* **925**
“Song of Moses and Israel”
Congregation sings the refrain. Verses sung responsively with the choir

First Reading **Acts 10:34-43**
Peter preaches the Gospel to the household of Cornelius

Choral Response
“Christ the Lord Is Risen!” by S. Drummond Wolff

Christ the Lord is risen!
Now is the hour of darkness past;
Christ hath assumed His reigning pow’r.
Behold the great accuser cast
Down from the skies, to arise no more.
Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is risen!
‘Twas by Thy blood, immortal Lamb,
Thine armies trod the tempter down;
‘Twas by Thy word and pow’rful name
They gained the battle and renown.
Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is risen!
Rejoice, ye heav’ns! Let ev’ry star
Shine with new glories round the sky!
Saints, while ye sing the heav’nly war,
Raise your Redeemer’s name on high.
Alleluia!

Epistle **Colossians 3:1-4**
You were raised with Christ; seek those things which are above.

Alleluia-Verse *sung by the choir*

“Alleluia! The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” by Praetorius

Alleluia! Sing praise to Christ, our risen Lord!
The strife is o’er, the battle done;
Now is the victor’s triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun.

The pow’rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions has dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
From death’s sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you.
Alleluia! Sing praise to Christ, our risen Lord!

Stand and face the processional cross for the Gospel procession, signifying that the crucified and risen Lord is with His Church through the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 28:1-10**
St. Matthew gives eyewitness testimony to the resurrection.

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **458**
“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”
St. 1: All *St. 5: Choir*
St. 2: Women and Children *St. 6: Women and Children*
St. 3: Choir *St. 7: All*
St. 4: Men

Proper Preface for Easter

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection...

Distribution Hymns

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” **461**
“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” **633**
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” **457**

Hymn to Depart **481**
“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”