

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

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

Maundy Thursday – 52, 92 Good Friday – 67, 97, 118 Easter Vigil – 91

Sunday, April 5th – (7:45) – 182 (10:30) – 101

Wednesday, April 8th – 14

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 10,925.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 0.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 0.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 0.00
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TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2026:

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

THEME: Peace Be With you! Christ Is Risen!


It is in Jesus' first resurrection appearance in the upper room that He ordained His disciples "apostles" saying, "Peace to You! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." As Jesus spoke these words He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." The promise of the Holy Spirit is given to every minister of the Gospel in so far as he is faithful to the Word of Christ. Wherever Jesus' Word is preached, there is the Spirit of God "working faith when and where He pleases," forgiving the sins of repentant sinners and withholding forgiveness from the unrepentant. The purpose of the Apostolic Word is defined by John in his Gospel: "these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name" (vs. 31).

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.



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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**
Bible Class at 9:15 — Sunday's readings
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 am**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 am

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' Resurrection Appearance in the Upper Room — John 20:19-31*.

Coffee Break Bible Study resumes this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. We will continue our study in the Gospel of Luke.

Expert guests, expansive topics, extolling Christ ...

Issues, Etc. is a podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: The Easter hymn “The Day of Resurrection;” Worship, Adiphora & the Lutheran Confessions; First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus of Nazareth; Restoring Faith, Freedom & Family; and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Sacred Music for the Easter Season... 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

Pastor James Kirk, son of our congregation and graduate of Peace Lutheran Academy, was ordained in June 2023. Recently James accepted a call as associate pastor at Divine Redeemer in Hartland WI. The installation service is 3:00 p.m. next Sunday, April 19, with a reception following at 4:00 p.m. You can register your plans to attend using their church calendar at <https://www.drlc.org/calendar>. Click on April 19 and then look for the service and reception and click on each of them.

Ladies of Peace, through our Lord's body and blood that He gives for us to eat and to drink at the altar at each Divine Service, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation! What great gifts He gives! Please consider assisting in the preparation of Holy Communion for our congregation. It is a loving service to your brothers and sisters in Christ and does not require a large time commitment. If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Rosanne Fell or call the church office.

Join Lutherans for Life for their spring gala at CUW on the evening of May 15. The guest speaker is Katie Coblentz, 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 04/05/2026

Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 9 (online)

Attendance: 441

Gross sales: \$1425.00 Profit earned this week \$32.25

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$6,334.18

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

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 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 941

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

Choir sings stanza 2

Introit *Sung responsively with the choir*

Refrain *1 Peter 2:2-3*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Psalm *105:1-5, 8*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength; *

seek his presence con- | tinually! (*Refrain*)

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, *

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever, *

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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.

(Refrain)

First Reading Acts 5:29-42

The apostles are threatened with death for preaching the Gospel.

Gradual *sung by the congregation*

Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Christ has risen | from the dead. *

[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and | honor.

He has given Him dominion over the works | of His hands; *

He has put all things un- | der His feet.

Epistle 1 Peter 1:3-9

The Apostle Peter’s Baptismal Doxology

Alleluia-Verse *sung by the choir* *Rom 6:9, John 20:29*

Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

Alleluia! Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia!.

Holy Gospel John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples in the Upper Room

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day 471

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

St. 1: Choir

St. 6: Men

St. 2: Women and Children

St. 7: Choir

St. 3: Men

St. 8: Women and Children

St. 4: Choir

St. 9: All

St. 5: Women and Children

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

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior”

640

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”

741

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

480

Hymn to Depart 484

“Make Songs of Joy”