

## 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, April 12 – 118 (7:45) – 87 (10:30) – 94

Wednesday, April 15th – 18

Thursday, April 16 – Chapel Matins – 27 Coffee Break – 38

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### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,125.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 0.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 0.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 325.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 0.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 0.00
	<u>\$ 5,450.00</u>

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2026:

General funds received in April:	\$ 20,055.00
Capital Improvement funds received in April:	\$ 0.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in April:	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in April:	\$ 675.00
International Mission funds received in April:	\$ 100.00
Mercy funds received in April:	\$ 450.00
	<u>\$ 21,480.00</u>

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

### THEME: By the Scriptures We See Jesus Rightly


Two disciples of Jesus walked from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus on Easter Sunday afternoon. When they started their journey, they knew that Jesus had been crucified, but they did not yet believe in the resurrection, even though there were reports that He had risen from the dead. The resurrected Lord Jesus appeared to them on that road and walked with them to Emmaus, but He prevented them from recognizing Him so that He might bring them to faith in the resurrection by opening up the Old Testament Scriptures to them. "Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself" and that it was "necessary according to the Scriptures" that the Christ suffer for sins and rise from the dead. Jesus' catechesis of these disciples led them to finally see Him in the breaking of the bread. So it is for us, faithful preaching and teaching of God's Word is the only way we will truly "see Jesus" and come to faith in Him. This kind of faithful preaching and teaching always leads us to "see" and receive our Savior in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

### 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.



**Peace Lutheran Church and Academy**  
**W240 N6145 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 123, Sussex, WI 53089**  
**Office: (262) 246-3200**

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** — “*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it*” (Luke 11:28). 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** — Easter 3 Readings
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Easter 3**
- **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 Appears to the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus — Luke 24:13-35*.

**Join us for Coffee Break Bible Study** on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. We are continuing our study in the Gospel of Luke.

**Book of 2 Timothy Bible Study ...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of 2 Timothy. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org).

**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."

## NEWS AND NOTES

**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](http://LutheransForLife.org/Spring-Gala-2026).

**The final fish fry for the academic year is May 8**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Help support the Academy and tell your friends!

**Thank you to everyone** who volunteered to set up, clean up, and serve; those who donated food; who came to eat; and those who in any way helped to make the Easter breakfast a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration. Your assistance and participation are much appreciated!

**Pastor James Kirk**, son of our congregation and graduate of Peace Lutheran Academy, has accepted a call as associate pastor at Divine Redeemer in Hartland WI. The installation service is 3:00 p.m. today, with a reception following at 4:00 p.m.

**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.

**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 04/12/2026

Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 8 (online)

Attendance: 219

Gross sales: \$1450.00 Profit earned this week \$509.61

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$6,843.79

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.

**\$5 and \$10 cards are back just in time for summer gifting!** Please see the \$5 and \$10 order form at the Scrip counter or look/shop online. Any physical cards available online can be ordered at the Scrip counter....just add them to your form!

# Sunday Order of Service

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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** **469**  
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

**Introit** *Sung responsively with the soloist*

*Antiphon* *Psalm 133:1*

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in | unity.

*Psalm* *Psalm 133:2-3*

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,  
on the beard of | Aaron,\*  
running down on the collar | of his robes!

**It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of | Zion!\***  
**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life for- | evermore.**

**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)*

**First Reading** **Acts 2:14a, 36-42**

The call to faith in Christ leads to Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 116:1-14 (ant. v. 5)** *Sung responsively with the soloist*

**Epistle** **1 Peter 1:17-25**

We were born again through the incorruptible Word of God.

**Alleluia Verse** *congregation sings triple alleluias; soloist sings verses*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

We know that Christ having been raised from the dead, |  
dies no more.\*

Death no longer has dominion | over Him.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us |  
on the road,\*

And while He opened the Scrip- | tures to us?

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.** *(Rom 6:9; Luke 24:32)*

**Holy Gospel** **Luke 24:13-35**

Jesus Appears to the Emmaus Disciples

**Nicene Creed** *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

**Hymn of the Day** **483**

“With High Delight”  
*Soloist sings st. 2*

**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, 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**

“Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying” **597**

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” **620**

“Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow” **476**

**Hymn to Depart** **477**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”