

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May and 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

Sunday, April 19th – 120 (7:45) – 88 (10:30) – 90

Wednesday, April 22nd – 25

Thursday, April 23rd – Chapel Matins – 30 Coffee Break – 37

Today, Bob and Cheryl Piper give thanks to God for the joy and blessings that He has granted to their son, Aaron, and his bride, Ellysa, married yesterday.

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Last Week's Offering

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| General fund: | \$ 6,325.00 |
| Capital Improvement fund: | \$ 0.00 |
| Sacred Appointments Fund | \$ 0.00 |
| Goehner Scholarship Fund: | \$ 250.00 |
| International Mission Fund: | \$ 287.18 |
| Mercy fund: | \$ 100.00 |
| | <u>\$ 6,962.18</u> |

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2026:

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| General funds received in April: | \$ 26,380.00 |
| Capital Improvement funds received in April: | \$ 0.00 |
| Sacred Appointments Fund received in April: | \$ 200.00 |
| Goehner Scholarship funds received in April: | \$ 925.00 |
| International Mission funds received in April: | \$ 387.18 |
| Mercy funds received in April: | \$ 550.00 |
| | <u>\$ 28,442.18</u> |

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

THEME: I Am the Good Shepherd


There is no salvation outside the holy Christian Church because the Church is where Christ is forgiving sins and bestowing His salvation through the preaching of the Gospel and the holy Sacraments. The Church is described as a sheepfold. Jesus is the door into that sheepfold, which is to say, that He is the only way to salvation by grace alone through His death and resurrection for sinners. Sinners cannot enter into the sheepfold of salvation in any other way than by grace alone through the door, which is Christ Jesus. Similarly, the only pastor, or undershepherd, who is a true and faithful shepherd, is the one who also enters the Church by grace alone and who also preaches only Christ alone. The true sheep of Christ only recognize the voice of the Gospel of His grace. Every other voice of “man-centered salvation” is the voice of a stranger, robber, and thief who has come to snatch the sheep from the sheepfold of Christ’s Church.

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
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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 — *“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 4 Readings
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30** — Easter 4
- **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 Is the Good Shepherd — John 10:11-16.*

Coffee Break Bible Study will meet this Thursday, April 30. However, During the month of May, Coffee Break Bible Study will only meet on May 21. A summer schedule will be provided at this week's class.

Weekly Bach Cantata.... Lutheran Public Radio streams an appointed Bach Cantata uninterrupted at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central on Sundays. This week's cantata will be BWV 103, "You Will Weep and Wail." You can listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and with the LPR mobile app.

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

Save the date for Bill and Donna's wedding!

Bill Schaefer and Donna Fleury will be united in Holy Matrimony Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. here at Peace. Bill and Donna would like to invite all members of the congregation to attend the ceremony in which their marriage will receive the Lord's blessing.

Church Garden Help Needed!

We are looking for more volunteers during the summer season to weed and manage small portions of the church gardens. If you're interested, please contact Beth Boehringer at 920-285-8626.

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!

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 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!

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.

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

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 04/19/2026

Number of families participating: 12 (in-person) + 9 (online)

Attendance: 226

Gross sales: \$3045.00 Profit earned this week \$88.99

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$6,932.78

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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

602

“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

St. 2: Women and Children; St. 4: Men

Entrance Choral Hymn

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”—Carl Schalk

My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His name.

In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.

He brings my wand’ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways

And leads me, for His mercy’s sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,

Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;

My cup with blessing overflows,
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;

O may Thy house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;

No more a stranger, nor a guest,
But like a child at home.

First Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

The life of the Church of the baptized faithful

Gradual Hymn

753

“All for Christ I Have Forsaken”

St. 1-3: Choir; St. 4-5: Congregation

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19-25

Redeemed by the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Rom 6:9; John 10:14)

Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day

709

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

St. 1: All

St. 4: Men

St. 2: Women and Children

St. 5: Choir

St. 3: All

St. 6: All

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...

Distribution Hymns

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

710

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

641

“In Adam We Have All Been One”

569

Hymn to Depart

692

“Praise to You and Adoration”