

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May and Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Lynn Leider

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Melody Ruhbusch,
Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Matthew Voss

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, April 26th – 145 (7:45) – 82 (10:30) – 110

Wednesday, April 29th – 28

Thursday, April 30th – Chapel Matins – 27 Coffee Break – 37

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,231.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 100.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 50.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 0.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 0.00
	<u>\$ 5,481.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2026:

General funds received in April:	\$ 31,611.00
Capital Improvement funds received in April:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in April:	\$ 300.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in April:	\$ 925.00
International Mission funds received in April:	\$ 437.18
Mercy funds received in April:	\$ 550.00
	<u>\$ 33,923.18</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

THEME: I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life


Jesus' words in the upper room were filled with comfort: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you ... I am the way, the truth, and the life ... whatever you ask in My name, that I will do." Faith lives upon the promises of God in Jesus. We draw our comfort and strength of life from the Gospel. Jesus' promises are what give us hope and the certainty of salvation because they teach us to rely upon Him and not ourselves. He is "the way, the truth, and the life" because He has fulfilled the Old Testament Torah for us (often called the Way) in His death and resurrection. He prepared the mansions of heaven for us through His faithful fulfilling of the Torah on our behalf that we might enjoy eternal fellowship with Him.

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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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 5 Propers
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Easter 5**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 am**

“Wonderfully Made” – the Theology of the Body at Youth Group
Meets today after the 10:30 service. Copies of the book by Dr. John Kleinig remain available for our youth and others who desire one.

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 Catechizes Nicodemus — John 3:1-17.*

Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule

May: May 21 is the only class

June: Every Thursday

July: Every Thursday through July 16.

Providing Artillery Support for the Church Militant on the Front

Lines... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Intercessory Prayer in a Post-Christian Culture, Understanding Difficult Old Testament Passages, Roman Catholicism on Free Will, “The Population Bomb” by Paul Ehrlich, Luther’s Large Catechism on Holy Baptism and more.

NEWS AND NOTES

Try out our new mower!

We’re looking for several volunteers to keep our grounds looking great. If you are willing to help mow, please speak to Paul Schneider or call the church office. Thank you!

Need fire wood? Members are free to take wood from the tree that was cut down at the southwest corner of the parking lot by the playground.

Countdown to 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.

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

Board of Properties meets Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education meets Monday, May 18 at 7:15 p.m.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Congregational Budget Forum is Sunday, May 31 at 9:15 a.m.

Congregational Assembly is Sunday, June 7 at 9:15 a.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 04/26/2026

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 10 (online)

Attendance: 252

Gross sales: \$2,225.00 Profit earned this week \$78.48

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$7,011.26

Profit paid to the Academy: \$6,325.73

If you would like to sign up on the RaiseRight app, please contact Julie Goltermann or the church office to get the enrollment code.

RaiseRight Special Earnings Opportunities

RaiseRight Mother's Day Promotion runs from April 25 through May 8. There are special bonuses for many brands, both online and gift cards. You can order them online or on the long form at the Scrip Counter. Any brands you see online that are available in card form can be written on the long form if they don't show up there.

Raise Days This promotion is only for online or in-app orders of eGift cards. It runs from May 1 through May 4.

Spring Gift Guide is available online, with ideas for those special spring gifting opportunities. Any brand that offers a physical card can be written on the long form and ordered at the Scrip Counter, or you can order online. The best way to be aware of special earnings opportunities is to enable notifications in your RaiseRight account. They will email you with all the info you need to plan your shopping.

\$5 and \$10 cards are also still available.

Sunday Order of Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 **726**
“Evening and Morning”
choir sings stanza 2

Introit *Sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon *Psalm 149:1*
Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*

His praise in the assembly of the | godly!

Psalm *Psalm 30:1-5*

I will extol you, O LORD, for You have | drawn me up*
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to | You for help,*
and You have | healed me.

O LORD, You have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*
You restored me to life from among
those who go down | to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,*
and give thanks to His | holy name.

For His anger is but for a moment,
and His favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the | morning.

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 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60**
The Martyrdom of Stephen

Gradual Hymn **411**
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
choir sings stanza 1

Epistle **1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn babes: desire the pure milk of the Word.

Alleluia Verse *congregation sings triple alleluias; the pastor sings the 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.

If anyone loves Me, he will | keep My word; *
and My Father will love him,
and We will come to him and make Our | home with him.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. *(Rom. 6:9; John 14:23)*

Holy Gospel **John 14:1-14**

I Am the Way

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **633**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
choir sings stanza 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

“You Are the Way; through You Alone” **526**

“This Joyful Eastertide” **482**

“Christ the Eternal Lord” **829**

Hymn to Depart **722**

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”