

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Lynn Leider

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

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Matthew Voss

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 3rd – 102 (7:45); 108 (10:30); 80 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, May 6th – 26

Thursday, May 7th – Chapel Matins – 26

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 10,517.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 20.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 0.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 20.00
	<u>\$ 10,557.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN APRIL 2026:

General funds received in April:	\$ 42,640.28
Capital Improvement funds received in April:	\$ 180.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in April:	\$ 300.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in April:	\$ 1,015.00
International Mission funds received in April:	\$ 437.18
Mercy funds received in April:	\$ 590.00
	<u>\$ 45,162.46</u>

*Total offerings for the month include online giving



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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

THEME: If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments

What is it “to keep the commandments or the Word of the Lord Jesus”? “Keeping” is a word that describes the nature of faith. Faith clings to Christ. Faith trusts His Word. Faith relies upon everything He says. Faith draws its life and strength from Jesus’ Words. “His commandments” are not burdensome, like the Law is burdensome, because the “commandments” of the Lord Jesus invite us to trust in Him and to live from what He commands. Here are some of His commands: “It is finished! Your salvation is complete! Your sins are forgiven! Peace be with you! Take, eat, this is My body. Take and drink, this is My blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” “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.” We love Christ and cling to His Words and commandments, because they give us life and salvation. Even His command to “love one another as I have loved you” is not burdensome, because it is the invitation to live by faith in His love and sacrifice for us in our love and forgiveness toward one another. Jesus’ words and commands always give freedom to the conscience and heart of a Christian who trusts in 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.

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 6 Propers
- **Mon-Friday: Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service at 6:30 — Ascension**
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:00 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 *The Ascension of Our Lord — Acts 1:1-14*.

The Ascension of Our Lord—Celebrated on Wednesday, May 13

The celebration of our Lord’s Ascension to the Father’s right hand, 40 days after His resurrection, will be celebrated at the 6:30 Divine Service this Wednesday, May 13. All enemies have been placed under His feet and He rules all things for the sake of His Church.

Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule

May: May 21 only; June: Every Thursday; July: Thursdays through July 16.

NEWS AND NOTES

Spring Cleanup and playground mulching Saturday, May 16 at 8am!

Please come out on May 16 for our annual spring cleanup. We need volunteers to help clear the grounds of sticks and pinecones, break down and remove the logs from the felled tree, and spread new rubber mulch around the playground. Tools will not be provided—please bring rakes, shovels, and chainsaws. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall. Thank you!

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!

Registration for Theater Camp has been extended. If you have children or grandchildren who have completed grades 3-8 who would like to be a part of the fun, please see the insert for more information.

SPRING CHILDREN’S CHOIR CONCERT — GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Friday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

All of the children’s choirs at Peace will present highlights from this past season along with your favorite patriotic music, flag dances, drama club presentations of American historical figures, and a set of songs dedicated to those who serve in the armed forces. Bring your family and friends for an evening of inspirational music!

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.

You’re invited to Bill and Donna’s Wedding

Bill Schaefer and Donna Fleury will be united in Holy Matrimony this 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.

No Board of Elders meeting in May

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 will be Sunday, May 31 at 9:15 a.m.

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

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 5/03/2026

Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 7 (online)

Attendance: 258

Gross sales: \$1,650.00 Profit earned this week \$39.13

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$7,050.39

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.

Spring Gift Guide is available online, with ideas for 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 learn of special earnings opportunities is to enable notifications in your RaiseRight account.

\$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.

Sunday Order of Service

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 **462**
“All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 119:105*

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

Psalm *Psalm 119:89-93*

Forever, O | LORD, your word*
is firmly fixed | in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations;*
you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.

By your appointment they | stand this day,*
for all things are your | servants.

If your law had not been | my delight,*
I would have perished in my af- | fliction.

I will never forget your | precepts,*
for by them you have giv- | en me life.

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 17:16-31**
Paul testifies to the Christian faith in Athens.

Gradual *Sung by the congregation* *adapt. from 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 3:13-22**

Suffering Persecution for Christ's Sake

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.

In the world you will have tribu- | lation; *
but be of good cheer, I have over- | come the world.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. *(Rom. 6:9; John 16:33b)*

Holy Gospel **John 14:15-21**

If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **834**

“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

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

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” **821**

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” **631**

“Come Down, O Love Divine” **501**

Hymn to Depart **468**

“I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives”