

## 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 10th – 101 (7:45); 90 (10:30); 85 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, May 13th – 80 (Ascension)

Thursday, May 14th – Chapel Matins – 25

Today, Bill and Donna Schaefer give thanks to God for the joy and blessings that He has granted to them in the solemnization of their marriage yesterday.

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### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 4,717.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 825.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 150.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 60.00
	<u>\$ 5,752.00</u>

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY 2026:

General funds received in May:	\$ 15,234.00
Capital Improvement funds received in May:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in May:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in May:	\$ 845.00
International Mission funds received in May:	\$ 150.00
Mercy funds received in May:	\$ 80.00
	<u>\$ 16,309.00</u>

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026


### THEME: Jesus Prays for His Church

In the Sunday between Jesus' Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, we hear the words of Jesus in His "High Priestly Prayer" to the Father for the ministry of His Apostles and for the future of the Church. This prayer signifies the very content of the prayer Jesus is still praying. He continues to intercede for us today in the same language of this wonderful prayer: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. <sup>6</sup> "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup> For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. <sup>9</sup> "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me that they may be one as We are." (NKJV)

### 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.



**Peace Lutheran Church and Academy**

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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.

**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 7 Propers**
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Easter 7**
- **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 Teaches His Disciples to Pray — Luke 11:1-13.*

**Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule**

May: May 21 only

June: Every Thursday

July: Thursdays through July 16.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Congregational Budget Forum** will be held on Sunday, May 31 at 9:15 a.m. This will give us the opportunity to preview and discuss the budget to be formally approved by the congregation on June 7.

**Congregational Assembly** will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 9:15 a.m. for the approval of the 2026-2027 fiscal budget and the election of members of the board of elders, the board of education, and the board of properties.

## 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!

### 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!

**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.

### No Board of Elders meeting in May

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

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

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### Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 5/10/2026

Number of families participating: 8 (in-person) + 10 (online)

Attendance: 217

Gross sales: \$2,875.00 Profit earned this week \$426.36

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$7,476.75

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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** **490**  
“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

**Introit** *sung responsively with the pastor*

*Antiphon* *Psalm 101:1*

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;\*  
to You, O LORD, I will make | music.

*Psalm* *Psalm 100*

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!\***

**Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into His presence with | singing!**

**Know that the LORD, | He is God!\***

**It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people,  
and the sheep of His | pasture.**

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His | courts with praise!\***

**Give thanks to Him; | bless His name!**

**For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures for- | ever,\*  
and His faithfulness to all 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.**

*(Antiphon is repeated)*

**First Reading** **Acts 1:12-26**  
The church chooses Mathias to replace Judas Iscariot.

**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 4:12-19; 5:6-11**

The suffering Church in the latter days.

**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.**

I will not leave you | orphans; \*

I will | come to you.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*(Rom. 6:9; John 14:18)*

**Holy Gospel**

**John 17:1-11**

Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer

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

**Hymn of the Day**

**754**

“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”

**Proper Preface for the Ascension of Our Lord**

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine nature. Therefore 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**

“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”

**766**

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”

**773**

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

**874**

**Hymn to Depart**

**479**

“Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living”