

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

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: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 24th – 114 (7:45); 82 (10:30); 90 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, May 27th – 23

Altar flowers: Given by Doreen Corso in remembrance of her sister's birthday.

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,047.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 75.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 300.00
	<u>\$ 8,422.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY 2026:

General funds received in May:	\$ 30,175.00
Capital Improvement funds received in May:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in May:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in May:	\$ 920.00
International Mission funds received in May:	\$ 150.00
Mercy funds received in May:	\$ 380.00
	<u>\$ 31,625.00</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Feast of the Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026


THEME: Blessed Be the Holy Trinity

In the last verses of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives His final command to the disciples, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age." It is in this command to baptize the nations that we have the clearest expression of the Holy Trinity in all of Scripture. We are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In our Baptism the triune God of love is revealed to us. Through catechesis, "teaching them to observe all things," the mystery of the Holy Trinity is revealed to us. The God of the first commandment is the Triune God: "You shall have no other gods." The unique work of the three persons and their relationship to each other and to us is revealed in the Apostles' Creed. We approach God the Father, through the Son, by the faith given by the Holy Spirit in the Lord's Prayer. Each chief part of the Catechism reveals "all things" we need to know and believe about the Holy Trinity for our salvation.

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.

The Mystery of the Holy Trinity – "We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal" (Athanasian Creed)



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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 — Propers for Holy Trinity
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Holy Trinity**
- **Thursday:** **Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00**

Sunday School is on break until fall. Parents, please have your children sit with you in Bible Class today and throughout the summer as we take a deeper look at each week’s scripture readings. Also, please continue to use the online Sunday School lessons under the Family Prayer tab on our website with your family at home over the summer hiatus.

Sunday School is for the whole family! Lessons are posted under the Family Prayer tab on our website for your family to meditate upon during the week. There are printable lessons with related artwork as well as recordings by Pastor Bender to help guide the study. The lesson this week is *The Rich Man and Lazarus — Luke 16:19-31.*

Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule

June: Every Thursday

July: Thursdays through July 16.

NEWS AND NOTES

Pastor Bender is in St. Louis this Weekend for floor committee meetings in preparation for the LCMS convention in July.

Three of our Academy students won prizes in the national CCLE Penmanship and Calligraphy contest this year! Mary Bender was the runner-up winner in the cursive category for ages 9-12, Edith Hermanson was the runner-up winner in the black letter calligraphy category, and Sarah Bender was the Grand Prize winner in the black letter calligraphy category. Congratulations to these young ladies on a job beautifully done!

Congregational Budget Forum will be held today 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. Packets are in the narthex.

Summer office hours, 8:00 a.m. – noon, will begin tomorrow, June 1. Regular hours will resume in August.

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.

Youth Group Fryer-Cleaning Day. Once again, we are asking for high school and college-age volunteers to help clean the church fryers over the summer. Please contact Lily Ficken or the church office with your June availability. Many hands make light work!

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!



Walkers and non-walkers! You are invited to the annual A Place of Refuge Life Walk at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Mequon, on September 12, 2026. Invite your friends and family to sponsor your walk or bid on a silent auction item. All are Welcome. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. APlaceOfRefuge.org/life-walk-registration.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 5/24/2026

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 9 (online)

Attendance: 296

Gross sales: \$1,930.00 Profit earned this week \$59.91

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$7,576.10

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 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 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

The Feast of the Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation **525**
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity;*

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown his mer- | cy to us.

Psalms *Psalms 16:8-11*

I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*

because He is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul | to Sheol;*

or let Your Holy One see cor- | ruption.

You make known to me the | path of life;*

in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

at Your right hand are pleasures 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)

Old Testament Reading **Genesis 1:1—2:4a**
The Creation of the Heavens and the Earth

Gradual *Sung by the congregation* *Psalms 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and His greatness in un- | searchable.

On Your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare Your | greatness.

Second Reading **Acts 2:14a, 22–36**
Peter’s Pentecost sermon focuses on Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 28:16-20**
The Great Commission

Athanasian Creed *confessed responsively* **319**

Hymn of the Day **604**
“I Bind unto Myself Today”

Proper Preface for the Feast of the Holy Trinity

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” **590**

“We All Believe in One True God” **954**

“O Blessed, Holy Trinity” **876**

Hymn to Depart **601**
“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”