

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Gayle Cardo

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Anna Steinhilb,
Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Lance Carus

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, May 31st – 105 (7:45); 112 (10:30); 66 (Budget Forum)

Wednesday, June 3rd – 28

Thursday, June 4th – 31

Today, Frank & Rosie Koplring recall the loving-kindness of the Lord shown to and through Frank Koplring and George Schiellack during their lives.

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,163.25
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 100.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 00.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 5,263.25</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN MAY 2026:

General funds received in May:	\$ 45,461.98
Capital Improvement funds received in May:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in May:	\$ 100.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in May:	\$ 960.00
International Mission funds received in May:	\$ 250.00
Mercy funds received in May:	\$ 420.00
	<u>\$ 47,291.98</u>

*Full month giving includes online gifts.



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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

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

THEME: FOLLOW ME—THE CALL TO REPENTANCE AND FAITH

“Follow Me!” is Jesus’ call to every sinner. “Follow Me!” is the call to repentance. “Follow Me!” means the forsaking of self. “Follow Me!” means clinging to Christ in the struggle with sin, in the need for forgiveness, and in the strength to live as a forgiven sinner. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus calls Matthew the Tax Collector to be His disciple. It was shocking to the Pharisees. Tax Collectors were despised because of their allegiance to Rome and because they often collected more than the required tax revenue from the defenseless poor. Jesus’ call to Matthew is an indication that salvation is a gift given and not a reward for works. Yet Jesus’ call still took sin very seriously. One could not “follow Jesus” and continue in the lifestyle of a crooked Tax Collector. But it was the call of Jesus himself that turned Matthew around and brought Him to repentance. Jesus did not merely preach the law and show His listeners the seriousness of sin, He also preached the Gospel and God’s earnest desire to save even the worst of sinners. When asked, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus replied, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” At the heart of Jesus’ words is the great truth that God’s grace and mercy is what motivated Jesus. More than anything else, He desired to rescue sinners from destruction and restore their lives to God.

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
Congregational Assembly at 9:15**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 2**
- **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 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 *Joseph Forgives his Brothers — Genesis 50:15-21.*

Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule

June: Every Thursday

July: Thursdays through July 16.

NEWS AND NOTES

Welcome to Miss Anna Hahn, Peace Lutheran Academy's newest teacher! We are happy to have her with us today.

Summer office hours, 8:00 a.m. – noon, are in effect. Regular hours will resume in August.

Congregational Assembly will be held today 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.

America 250 Piano/Organ Concert at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, 945 Terrace Dr., Saturday, June 20 at 3:00pm. Enjoy the music of American composers George Gershwin and Charles Ives performed by Richard Ewert, music director at Elm Grove, and Dr. Aaron Wunsch, concert soloist and teacher at Julliard in NYC. Free admission.

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 5/31/2026

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 8 (online)

Attendance: 240

Gross sales: \$2,835.00 Profit earned this week \$80.26

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$7,656.36

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 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 **555**

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

<i>St. 1 – All</i>	<i>St. 6 – Women and Children</i>
<i>St. 2 – Men</i>	<i>St. 7 – All</i>
<i>St. 3 – Women and Children</i>	<i>St. 8 – Men</i>
<i>St. 4 – All</i>	<i>St. 9 – Women and Children</i>
<i>St. 5 – Men</i>	<i>St. 10 – All</i>

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 50:1*
The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth*
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Psalm *Psalm 50:7-10*

Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.*
I am | God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;*
your burnt offerings are continually before Me.

I will not accept a bull | from your house*
or goats | from your folds.

For every beast of the forest is Mine,*
the cattle on a | thousand hills.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated)

Old Testament Reading **Hosea 5:15-6:6**

He Kills to Make Alive: The Call to Repentance

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

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and His greatness is un- | searchable.
On Your wondrous works, I will | meditate,*
and I will declare Your | greatness.

Epistle **Romans 4:13–25**

Abraham is accounted righteous through faith in the promise.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 9:9-13**

The Call of the Tax Collector

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **689**

“Let Me Be Thine Forever”

Common Proper Preface III

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way” **557**

“By Grace I’m Saved” **566**

“O Lord, We Praise Thee” **617**

Stanzas 1-2

Hymn to Depart **617**

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

Stanza 3