

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, June 14th – 102 (7:45); 118 (10:30); 83 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, June 17th – 19

Thursday, June 18th – 32

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,085.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 50.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 624.36
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 8,759.36

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JUNE 2026:

General funds received in June:	\$ 17,325.00
Capital Improvement funds received in June:	\$ 200.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in June:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in June:	\$ 250.00
International Mission funds received in June:	\$ 774.36
Mercy funds received in June:	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	\$ 18,649.36

Needed for general ministry for 2025-26: \$530,600

Received fiscal year-to-date: \$517,744 (98%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost


June 21, 2026

THEME: CHRIST PRESERVES US IN PERSECUTION

Jesus' catechesis for the Twelve concerning their ministry and that of future ministry continues in this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus says, "A disciple is not above his teacher." The things that happened to Him will happen to us, and they will happen especially to the ministers of Christ. "Brother will deliver brother to death...children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated for my name's sake." Those are startling and ominous words. But when we patiently endure hatred and suffering for being a Christian, particularly from those we love the most, it is a testimony that we belong to Christ. By our patient endurance, we bear witness to His love for all in the Gospel. Jesus promises, "the one who endures to the end will be saved." Let us have no fear of the one who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. We belong to Jesus and "even the hairs of our head are numbered." Jesus' words are not easy to hear, but they are, nevertheless, a source of comfort. Let us pray for faithfulness and strength. And let us rest upon Jesus' promise, "Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

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 — Pentecost 4 Propers
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 4**
- **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 *Jesus Stills the Storm — Matthew 8:23-27*.

Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule

Every Thursday in June through Thursday, July 16.

NEWS AND NOTES

We are deeply grateful to all the members of Peace, the adult and children’s choirs, the volunteers, and those who helped with the funeral luncheon for our mother and grandmother carol. Your presence, concern, love, and comfort in Christ are deeply appreciated. We look forward to a blessed reunion in heaven with those we love who have gone on before us. In Christ, Carol Bender’s family.

Travel to Germany/Lutherland, Austria, and Prague!

Pastor Aaron Koch (Mt. Zion Lutheran, Greenfield) is leading this two-week trip in June of 2027 that will include wonderful music, beautiful historic sites, and Sunday worship both at our sister congregation in Prague and at Trinity Steglitz in Berlin. Listen to a Bach Motet in Leipzig, attend a concert at the Mirabell Palace in Salzburg, see the Alps from the Eagle’s Nest (Kehlsteinhaus), visit the Terezin Concentration Camp, and of course, see all of the Martin Luther sites. We will be staying in Wittenberg for three nights. There will be lots of fun and free time along the way. If you are interested, please see the brochure at the Scrip counter for all the details.

Please ensure that we have your current contact information! Fill out the insert, send an email, or call the office with any changes that have been made to your address, email, phone number in the last few years. Inserts can be dropped off in the office. You may mark “newsletter” AND “unlisted” if you would like to receive congregational updates but do not want your email listed in the directory.

Church Membership Emails

All members of Peace who have an email address on file should have received a couple of emails from “Church Membership” through Members 360. This is how news and information that is relevant to the whole congregation will be communicated. You CAN reply to these emails—the box is monitored. If you have not received any emails, and you would like to in the future, please contact the church office or fill out the insert to make sure your current email address is on file.

The George & Sue Kaminski Library is getting an upgrade, and we need your help to make it happen. The next step in setting up electronic check out is labeling the books with scannable codes. We would love to have this completed before the new school year begins! Join us Thursday, July 2 after Coffee Break Bible Study and on Saturday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m. to help label the library books. *Bring your own lunch, and we’ll provide sides.* Sign up for either date (or both!) on the clipboard in the hallway so we can plan how much food to bring and how many books to prep. Even if you can only spend an hour or two, we would appreciate the help. Thank you!

Library books may not be checked out from now until school begins

so that we can label ALL books during the summer. Please also return any outstanding books. Children may continue to read books in the library, but please do not remove them from the school. They should be placed on the return cart after reading.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 6/14/2026

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 5 (online)
Attendance: 250
Gross sales: \$2,825.00 Profit earned this week \$59.38
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$8,423.21
Profit paid to the Academy: \$7,599.90

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

Culvers Cards No Longer Available!

Culvers has stopped participating in the rebate program. Because we would be buying the cards at face value and not getting a rebate, we will no longer be carrying the cards as part of our PLA RaiseRight program. We are sorry to lose this vendor, and for any inconvenience this causes. Thank you.

Sunday Order of Service
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 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 **713**
“From God Can Nothing Move Me”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 56:13*
For You have delivered my soul from death,
yes, my feet from | falling,*
that I may walk before God in the | light of life.

Psalm *Psalm 56:3-4, 10-11*

When I | am afraid,*
I put my | trust in You.
In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;
I shall not | be afraid.*
What can flesh | do to me?
In God, whose | word I praise,*
in the LORD, whose | word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.*
What can man | do to me?
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 **Jeremiah 20:7–13**
Jeremiah’s Unpopular Ministry

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 6:12–23**
Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 10:5a, 21–33**
The promise of persecution for all who confess the name of Jesus.

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **659**
“Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”

Common Proper Preface II

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

“O God, My Faithful God” **696**
“O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near” **599**
“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” **666**

Hymn to Depart **685**
“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”