

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: Elton Volquardsen

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Philip Gehlbach

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, June 21st – 99 (7:45); 92 (10:30); 70 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, June 24th – 23

Thursday, June 25th – 38

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Last Week's Offering

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| General fund: | \$ 6,665.00 |
| Capital Improvement fund: | \$ 00.00 |
| Sacred Appointments Fund | \$ 3,250.00 |
| Goehner Scholarship Fund: | \$ 00.00 |
| International Mission Fund: | \$ 00.00 |
| Mercy fund: | <u>\$ 3,100.00</u> |
| | \$ 13,015.00 |

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JUNE 2026:

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| General funds received in June: | \$ 23,990.00 |
| Capital Improvement funds received in June: | \$ 200.00 |
| Sacred Appointments Fund received in June: | \$ 3,250.00 |
| Goehner Scholarship funds received in June: | \$ 250.00 |
| International Mission funds received in June: | \$ 774.36 |
| Mercy funds received in June: | <u>\$ 3,200.00</u> |
| | \$ 31,664.36 |

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

Received fiscal year-to-date: \$528,099 (99%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026


THEME: To Love Christ above All Others

Where Christ is faithfully confessed, there will be strife. Once again, Jesus' words are jarring and counterintuitive: "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword."

These words make no sense to human reason because we expect peace to follow the ministry of the Prince of Peace who proclaims the gift of peace with God for all! But the peace that Jesus gives is not the peace of this world. Jesus' peace is the gift of forgiveness that the world rejects. Sinful man wants "peace" on his terms. The world's peace knows nothing of contrition and repentance. Because of this, Jesus says, "A man's foes will be those of his own household." For us as Christians, nothing matters more than Christ. Every other proper earthly loyalty must give way to Him through whom alone there is the gift of life and salvation. As important as earthly relationships are, none of them can save us or give us peace with God. This is why Jesus says, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And He who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." When we hear these words, let us never forget that the reason why we hold to Christ above all other relationships is because only in Him do those we love have the gift of 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.



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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 5 Propers
- **Wednesday: Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 5**
- **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 *Beware of False Prophets — Matthew 7:15-23*.

Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Marxism & Liberation Theology, Expressive Individualism & the Christian Life, The Sevenfold Graces of the Spirit in Isaiah 11 and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

Coffee Break Bible Study Summer Schedule

Every Thursday in June through Thursday, July 16.

NEWS AND NOTES

Main St. will be closed on Sunday, July 12 from Waukesha Ave. to Weaver Dr., cutting off access to Maple Ave. from the north. The closure will begin prior to the 10:30 service. If you are coming from the north, west of Maple Ave., you can take 164 south to Clover Dr., turn east on Clover and then north onto Maple. If you are coming from the north, east of Maple Ave., you can take Waukesha Ave. south to Clover Dr., turn west on Clover, and then north onto Maple.

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.

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 6/21/2026

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 9 (online)
Attendance: 210
Gross sales: \$1,975.00 Profit earned this week \$81.40
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$8,504.61
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.

Sunday Order of Service
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 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 **658**
“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 89:1*
I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness
to all gener- | ations.

Psalm *Psalm 89:15-18*
Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of Your face,
who exult in Your name | all the day*
and in Your righteousness are ex- | altèd.
For You are the glory | of their strength;*
by Your favor our horn is ex- | altèd.
For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

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 28:5–9**
True prophets only preach what the Lord gives them to preach.

Gradual *Sung by the congregation* *Romans 11:33,36*
Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God! *
How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable | his ways!
For from him and through him and to him are | all things. *
To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle **Romans 7:1–13**
Freedom from the Law and enslavement to sin.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 10:34–42**
Whoever Receives You Receives Me

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **657**
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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

“The Law of God Is Good and Wise” **579**
“The Son of God Goes Forth to War” **661**
“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake” **688**

Hymn to Depart **655**
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”