

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Polly Joubert

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Joanne Smith  
Chris Dubnicka

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Tom Aidich

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Philip Gehlbach

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, July 5th – 89 (7:45); 86 (10:30); 65 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, July 8th – 29

Thursday, July 9th – 37

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#### Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 4,330.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 00.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 40.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 4,370.00</u>

### TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JULY 2026:

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Needed for general ministry for 2026-27: \$594,500

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$6,404 (1%)

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost


July 12, 2026

#### THEME: THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

The radical character of the Gospel—that it is for all, without distinction or partiality—is illustrated in this parable by a Sower who sows the seed of the Gospel everywhere, even on hardpacked soil, rocky soil, or soil that is full of weeds. What responsible Sower would “waste seed” like that? But that is what Jesus does in the preaching of the Gospel that every sinner might hear the Word of life. The parable of the Sower and the Seed teaches us that faith in Christ is a miracle of God’s Word. The Word of Christ alone gives birth to and sustains faith in Christ. The enemies of faith are the devil, persecution, and earthly cares and pleasures. These “enemies of faith” attack all who have been brought to faith in Jesus. Jesus’ parable teaches us how important the Word of God is for the sustaining of faith and how totally dependent upon the Word of God each of us is. This is why preaching, catechesis, and absolution are at the center of the Christian’s life. Faith lives and conquers her enemies from the ongoing reception of the Seed of God’s Word.

**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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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.

**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 7 Propers**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 7**
- **Thursday:** **Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00**

**Coffee Break Bible Study— final class of the summer is this week!**

**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 *The Parable of the Sower and the Seed — Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (Luke 8:4-15).*

**Divorce & Remarriage Series ... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Dr. Benjamin Mayes, author of the new book “Divorce and Remarriage: Ecclesiastical Discernment and Pastoral Care” at [issuesetc.org/divorceandremarriage](http://issuesetc.org/divorceandremarriage).

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Main St. will be closed today** from Waukesha Ave. to Weaver Dr. The closure will be before the 10:30 service and remain a while after the service. If you need to head north to get home, you can take Maple south to Clover Dr., turn west on Clover and then north onto 164, or turn east onto Clover and north onto Waukesha Ave.

**Road Closure Sunday, July 26.** Main St. will be closed in Lannon between Custer Ave. (at the BP Station) and Lannon Rd. The closure will be from 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**We’re looking for high school and college-age volunteers** to help clean out the deep fryers on July 19 after the second service. There will be a pizza lunch provided! Please contact Miss Lily Ficken or the church office if you are available. 6-8 grade students may also lend a hand. Thank you!

### **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.

**Library Book Labeling Continues!** *Thank you to everyone who helped during the first round—we greatly appreciate the time you spent with us!* We are working toward the goal of setting up electronic check out by labeling all library books with scannable codes. There is one more opportunity to help on Saturday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m. Bring your own lunch, and we’ll provide sides. Sign up on the clipboard in the hallway. Even if you can only spend an hour or two, we would be grateful for 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.

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Properties** meets Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education** meets Tuesday, July 21 at 7:15 p.m.

**Board of Elders does not meet this month.**

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 7/5/2026

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 10 (online)

Attendance: 197

Gross sales: \$1,350.00 Profit earned this week \$31.38

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$31.38

Profit paid to the Academy: \$0.00

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

**There will be no RaiseRight order placed on July 27.** The next 2 order dates are July 20 and August 3.

**Sunday Order of Service**  
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 12, 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** **589**  
“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

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

*Antiphon* *Psalm 103:8*  
The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

*Psalm* *Psalm 103:15–19*

**As for man, his days | are like grass;\***  
**he flourishes like a flower | of the field;**  
**for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,\***  
**and its place knows | it no more.**  
**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting**  
**to everlasting on those who | fear Him,\***  
**and His righteousness to children’s | children,**  
**to those who keep His | covenant\***  
**and remember to do His com- | mandments.**  
**The LORD has established His throne in the | heavens,\***  
**and His kingdom rules | over all.**

**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** **Isaiah 55:10–13**  
The Word of God will not return to Him void.

**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 8:12-17**  
We are led by the Spirit of God.

**Holy Gospel** **Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**  
The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

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

**Hymn of the Day** **577**  
“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

**Common Proper Preface I**

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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**  
“I Know My Faith Is Founded” **587**  
“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” **622**

**Hymn to Depart** **921**  
“On What Has Now Been Sown”