

## 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 12th – 112 (7:45); 82 (10:30); 82 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, July 15th – 30

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#### Last Week's Plate Offering

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| General fund:               | \$ 9,675.00  |
| Capital Improvement fund:   | \$ 480.00    |
| Sacred Appointments Fund    | \$ 00.00     |
| Goehner Scholarship Fund:   | \$ 415.00    |
| International Mission Fund: | \$ 287.18    |
| Mercy fund:                 | \$ 00.00     |
|                             | \$ 10,857.18 |

### TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JULY 2026:

|                                               |              |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| General funds received in July:               | \$ 33,665.00 |
| Capital Improvement funds received in July:   | \$ 680.00    |
| Sacred Appointments Fund received in July:    | \$ 3,250.00  |
| Goehner Scholarship funds received in July:   | \$ 665.00    |
| International Mission funds received in July: | \$ 1,061.54  |
| Mercy funds received in July:                 | \$ 3,200.00  |
|                                               | \$ 31,664.36 |

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

*Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$19,769.57 (3%)*

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

#### THEME: THE HIDDEN IDENTITY OF THE SONS OF THE KINGDOM

When we see the problem of unbelief, false doctrine, and apostasy from the truth existing within the Church and the world, we are tempted (as Peter was in the Garden of Gethsemane) to lash out in ways that God has not called us to attempt to eradicate all unbelief and opposition to the truth. Instead, we are called to faith in God's Word—to rely upon the preaching of the Gospel and to trust that the Holy Spirit will work faith and convert hearts when and where He pleases in those who hear the Gospel. In this life we are only called to be faithful to what God has called us to be and to do. This parable teaches us that believers and unbelievers will coexist in the world until the Judgment. The identity of the sons of the kingdom and the sons of the wicked one is often hidden, and will not be revealed until the end of the age. Unbelievers will receive the condemnation of hell and believers, made righteous through Christ, "will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father."

**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.

**Holy Baptism:** We rejoice with Patrick and Sierra Meyer as their daughter Iris Vale is received into the kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism at the 10:30 service this morning. "Be baptized ... for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit ... the promise is to you and your children" (Acts 2:38-39). Iris' sponsors are Lance Meyer and Brianna Kroll.



**Peace Lutheran Church and Academy**  
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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 8 Propers**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 8**

**Coffee Break Bible Study is in recess for the summer.** It will resume on September 3.

**Bible Class for the Whole Family** During the summer, children should attend Bible Class with their parents. This is a wonderful way to stimulate discussion in the faith at home. Throughout the summer we take a deeper look at each week’s appointed Sunday readings. Also, please continue to use the online Family Prayer 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 Tares and the Wheat — Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.*

**More Topics, More Guests, More Jesus ...** 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 Movie “The Odyssey;” Prosecuting Pornography; The Hymn “Entrust Your Days and Burdens;” Lutheranism in Canada and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**LCMS Convention:** Pastor Bender is a delegate to the LCMS convention in Phoenix, AZ this week. He will return on Saturday, July 25. Please remember the convention in your prayers.

**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 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Deep fryer cleaning is today after the second service.** There will be a pizza lunch and cookies provided! College and High Schoolers, please stay to help if possible—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 THIS 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.

**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 will not meet this month**

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 7/12/2026

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

Attendance: 223

Gross sales: \$2,850.00 Profit earned this week \$375.91

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$407.29

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 19, 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** **766**  
“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”  
*Stanzas 1-3, 8-9*

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** *(in the 10:30 service)*  
*Iris Vale Meyer*

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

*Antiphon* *Psalm 86:6*  
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;\*  
listen to my | plea for grace.

*Psalm* *Psalm 86:11–15*

**Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in Your truth;\***  
**unite my heart to | fear Your name.**

**I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,\***  
**and I will glorify Your name for- | ever.**

**For great is Your steadfast | love toward me;\***  
**You have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.**

**O God, insolent men have risen up against me;**  
**a band of ruthless men | seek my life,\***  
**and they do not set You be- | fore them.**

**But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,\***  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love**  
**and | faithfulness.**

**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 44:6–8**  
There is no other God but the LORD.

**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 8:18-27**  
Present sufferings do not compare to future glory.

**Holy Gospel** **Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43**  
The Parable of the Tares and the Wheat

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

**Hymn of the Day** **658**  
“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

**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**  
“Father, We Thank Thee” **652**  
“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” **508**

**Hymn to Depart** **509**  
“Christ Is Surely Coming”