

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Melissa Brendel

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Melody Ruhbusch
Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Tom Aidich

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, July 26th – 97 (7:45); 91 (10:30); 80 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, July 29th – 30

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,164.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 25.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 25.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	\$ 7,214.00

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JULY 2026:

General funds received in July:	\$ 28,259.00
Capital Improvement funds received in July:	\$ 530.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in July:	\$ 100.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in July:	\$ 465.00
International Mission funds received in July:	\$ 327.18
Mercy funds received in July:	\$ 00.00
	\$ 29,681.18

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

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$41,619 (7%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

THEME: YOU WHO HAVE NO MONEY, COME, BUY AND EAT!

In Matthew's telling of the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, he emphasizes how Jesus showed the disciples how completely dependent they were on Him for everything. "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." In that seemingly insignificant exchange with His disciples, Jesus taught them an important lesson for their future ministry and for the life of the Church. On the one hand, they had nothing of their own as disciples of Jesus by which they could "feed" their future flocks. On the other hand, He had given them everything for the Church and their future ministry because He had given them Himself. This remains the foundational understanding for the Church and her ministers in carrying out the work to which Christ has called us.

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 Timothy and Adelia Haga as their son Timothy Jeremiah 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). Timothy's sponsors are Tyler and Rachel Haga.



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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 — Recap 2026 LCMS Convention
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 10**

Coffee Break Bible Study 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 Feeding of the 5,000 — John 6:1-14, 47-51 (Matthew 14:13-21).*

Essential Exercise for the Christian Mind ... 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 show subjects include: Karl Marx’s Fascination with the Devil, The Fall of the Great Republics, Reducing Theology to Pithy Slogans, First-Century Jewish Historian Josephus on Jesus and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Regular office hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) resume this week.

Donate an item or basket for Place of Refuge’s LifeWalk silent auction. All donations raised from LifeWalk go directly to impacting women at Refuge House and women blessed by Advocacy. If you have an item or gift basket to donate, please inform Beautiful Savior at office@bslcmequon.com or 262-242-6650. Donated items must be received in their office by Friday, August 28.

Disaster Response in Wisconsin

Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes have caused significant damage in the Appleton, Neenah, and Menasha area. The South Wisconsin District, in partnership with the North Wisconsin District and several organizations are working toward a coordinated response.

How to help and stay informed

Pray: Prayer is our most important response.

Give: Monetary donations supporting this mercy response may be made at swd.lcms.org/mercy.

Follow: Like and follow the South Wisconsin District—LCMS Facebook page for response updates.

Connect: Join the SWD Mercy in Action WhatsApp channel for timely updates and opportunities to serve.

Silver stars from the Spring Concert are at the Scrip counter for veterans (or their families) to take home. Names are written on the stars. Thank you again for your service!

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.

Board of Elders meets Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education meets Tuesday, August 18 at 7:15 p.m.

Board of Properties meets Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 7/19/2026

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

Attendance: 228

Gross sales: \$2,850.00 Profit earned this week \$97.38

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$504.67

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.

\$100 Pick ‘n Save gift cards are currently unavailable, but extra \$50 Pick ‘n Save cards are stocked for cash & carry orders.

Sunday Order of Service
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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 **636**
“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
Stanzas 1-4

Sacrament of Holy Baptism *(in the 10:30 service)*
Timothy Jeremiah Haga

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 105:1*
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His name; *
make known His deeds among the | peoples!

Psalm *Psalm 105:39-43*

He spread a cloud for a | covering,*
and fire to give | light by night.
They asked, and He | brought quail,*
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.
He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;*
it flowed through the desert like a | river.
For He remembered His holy | promise,*
and Abraham, His | servant.
So He brought His people | out with joy,*
His chosen ones with | singing.
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 55:1-5**
The Call of God’s Grace in the Gospel

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 9:1-5 (6-13)**
Paul yearns for the salvation of his countrymen.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 14:13-21**
Jesus’ Ministry and the Feeding of the 5,000

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **642**
“O Living Bread from Heaven”

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

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”	636
<i>Stanzas 5-8</i>	
“Father, We Thank Thee”	652
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”	525

Hymn to Depart **632**
“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”