

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, August 2nd – 107 (7:45); 113 (10:30); 82 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, August 5th – 26

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 16,187.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 25.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 125.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 10,857.18</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JULY 2026:

General funds received in July:	\$ 41,739.30
Capital Improvement funds received in July:	\$ 730.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in July:	\$ 270.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in July:	\$ 545.00
International Mission funds received in July:	\$ 427.18
Mercy funds received in July:	\$ 80.00
	<u>\$ 43,791.48</u>

**Full-month numbers include online giving.*

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

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$57,826 (9.7%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

THEME: OUR CREATOR IS OUR REDEEMER

In the Feeding of the 5,000, the multitudes recognized that Jesus was the prophet “like Moses” who’s coming was foretold. After the Feeding of the 5,000, Jesus walked upon the water of the Sea of Galilee and met His disciples who were tossed about by the wind and waves. The disciples were afraid when they saw Jesus. Indeed, His appearance on water was bizarre and unbelievable. How could it possibly be true? Is it a ghost? In response, Jesus said to them, “Be of good cheer! I AM! Do not be afraid!” His words to them interpreted what they saw. He was not merely the prophet like Moses; He was the LORD God Himself, the great I AM, the Creator and Savior of the world who appeared to Moses at the burning bush. When Peter walked to Jesus he began to sink because of his sinful weakness and lack of faith, but Jesus reached out and pulled Him out of the raging sea, showing us that the Lord, who is the almighty creator of all things, is also the God who saves those who cannot save themselves. Throughout our lives, Jesus is constantly reaching out to us with His mercy and pulling us up out of the judgment that we deserve for our sin and from which we cannot rescue ourselves.

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.

Vacation: Pastor Bender is on vacation this week.



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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 11 Propers
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 11**

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 *Jesus Walks on the Water — Matthew 14:22-36*.

Your Lifeline to the Lutheran Worldview ... 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: Breaking Free from the Burden of Shame, Family Discipleship, Understanding Burnout, The Roots of “Spiritual But Not Religious” and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

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. **To register for the walk, go to www.aplaceofrefuge.org/life-walk-registration.**

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.

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: Weeks of 7/26/26 and 8/2/26

Number of families participating: 10 (in-person) + 15 (online)

Attendance: 228 (7/26), 250 (8/2)

Gross sales: \$2,575.00 Profit earned this week \$55.94

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$560.61

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.

Sunday Order of Service
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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 **351**
“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 34:1*

I will bless the LORD at | all times; *
His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

Psalm *Psalm 34:4-8*

**I sought the LORD, and He | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.**

**Those who look to Him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.**

**This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him*
and saved him out of all his | troubles.**

**The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear Him,*
and de- | livers them.**

Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good!*

Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge in Him!

**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 **Job 38:4–18**
The Lord instructs Job concerning mysteries too deep for man’s
understanding.

Gradual *Sung by the congregation* *Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.*
Fear the LORD, | you His saints,*
for those who fear Him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle **Romans 10:5–17**
Faith in Christ comes through hearing the Word.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 14:22-33**
Jesus Walks on the Water

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **726**
“Evening and Morning”

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

“Your Table I Approach” **628**
“I Know My Faith Is Founded” **587**
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” **790**

Hymn to Depart **537**
“Beautiful Savior”