



May 4th, 2025 – Confirmation

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Member Communion: In addition to the forgiveness offered with His true body and blood in this meal, the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete agreement in Biblical teaching. Therefore we ask that only members of our church body come forward. If you would like to know more about our beliefs so that you may one day join us in this meal, please speak with the Pastor following the service. For private communion, contact Pastor.

WELS: Our congregation is one of many in a group known as the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**. (WELS) Together, this group is committed to focusing on Christ's love while fulfilling our calling to share the good news of our Savior.

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Hymn: 444—Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me.
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
this shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To him the throne
high o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where he is gone,
live and reign with him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me he died;
hence will I, to Jesus living,
pure in heart and act abide,
praise to him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
this shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
nothing me from him shall sever.
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell
part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense;
this shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
but the gate to life immortal;
this shall calm my trembling breath
when I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy
Spirit
Amen

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in
our hearts.**

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have
done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should
have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy, sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)(sung)

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will
toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great
glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy
on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this
fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection
to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the

hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ ²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when

he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 692 – All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who believe and are baptized
shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptized into the death of Christ,
they are a new creation;
through Christ's redemption they shall stand
among the glorious, heav'nly band
of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
grant us your Holy Spirit;
help us in our infirmity
through Jesus' blood and merit;
Grant us to grow in grace each day
that by this sacrament we may
eternal life inherit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-22

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for

doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (*sung*) *The offering is brought to the altar at this time. [Our online offering portal can be found here.](#)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Praise God for a living hope: Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 910 – Lord Jesus Christ, the Children’s Friend

1 Lord Jesus Christ, the children’s friend,
to each of them your presence send;
call them by name and keep them true
in loving faith, dear Lord, to you.

2 In Christian homes, Lord, let them be
your blessing to their family;
let Christian schools your work extend
in living truth as you intend,

3 That caring parents, gracious Lord,
and faithful teachers find reward
in leading these, to whom you call,
to find in Christ their all in all.

4 For by your Word we clearly see
that we have sinned continually;
but show us, too, forgiving Lord,
your saving gospel's great reward,

5 That all of us, your children dear,
by Christ redeemed, may Christ revere.
Lead us in joy that all we do
will witness to our love for you.

6 Then guard and keep us to the end,
secure in you, our gracious friend,
that in your heavn'ly family
we sing your praise eternally.

Sermon: 1 Peter 3—

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Rite of Confirmation

Leila Engel – Joshua 1:9

Maraya Hiemstra – Matthew 6:33

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you have gathered people of all ages into the communion of saints. Today we thank you especially for the gift of young people to your Church.

We come before you today and ask that you keep them in your care.

Protect them from the perils and temptations common to youth. Help them resist the pressure to engage in godless and immoral activity. When they become confused, show them the way. When they hurt, bind up their wounds.

When they fail, restore them according to your mercy and keep the cross of Christ before their eyes.

Bless them with good friends, competent teachers, faithful ministers, caring parents, supportive homes, and life-enriching experiences. According to your wisdom, spare them from the perils of unexpected tragedy, severe illness, violent crime, a broken home, or an untimely death.

Be with our children as they continue to mature.

Teach them the value of honest labor and faithful stewardship. Guide and direct them as they prepare for their life's vocations.

Remind them that their highest joy is found in using talents and abilities in service to you.

Special prayers and intercessions.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Most of all, dear Lord, we ask you to keep this and every generation faithful to your truth. Strengthen believers through regular use of Word and sacrament. Open our mouths to share the gospel with friends and acquaintances, that each new generation may know the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

Amen.

Stand

THE SACRAMENT

The Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and the hosts of

heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through Him you made all things; in Him you are well pleased. He is the Incarnate Word, conceived by the holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, He stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we glorify and honor you, O God our Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)(sung)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

***Distribution** Confirmands and their families are invited to be the first table.*

Communion Hymns: 756 – Shepherd of Tender Youth

1 Shepherd of tender youth,
guiding in love and truth
through devious ways,
Christ, our triumphant King,
we come your name to sing
and here our children bring
to join your praise.

2 You are our holy Lord,
Christ, the incarnate Word,
healer of strife.
You did yourself abase
that from sin's deep disgrace
you might now save our race,
and give us life.

3 You are the great High Priest,
you have prepared the feast
of holy love;
and in our mortal pain
none calls on you in vain;
our plea do not disdain;
help from above.

4 O ever be our guide,
our shepherd and our pride,
our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
by your enduring Word
lead us where you have trod;
make our faith strong.

5 So now and till we die
sound we your praises high
and joyful sing:
infants and all the throng
who to your Church belong,
unite to swell the song
to Christ, our King!

660 – Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.

2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
another arm but yours to lean upon.

It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in your might, your might alone.

4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good.
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 930 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

2 Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story;

here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3 Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;

here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

"The Service: Setting One" (and hymn lyrics for mobile bulletin)

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*Thank you to Corrine Ziesemer for serving as our organist
this morning.*

THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

**Today, May 4: Bible Study & Sunday School, Worship,
Fellowship *Acolytes: Hiemstras***

Monday, May 5: Griefshare, 6 pm

Tuesday, May 6: Ladies' Aid, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 7: Adult Bible Study, 10 am

**Sunday, May 11: Bible Study & Sunday School, Worship,
Fellowship *Acolytes: Jonah & Layne***

COMING UP:

May 22: Peace Lutheran School End-of-Year Concert

May 23: PLS Last Day of School

May 29: Ascension worship

June 6-7: Grace In Action Seminar

July 4: Parade

July 5: HyVee Brat Fry

July 11: WELS Brewers Night

May Birthdays! Happy birthday to our May members: Kelley Riggs, Jean Murphy, Lydia Haasch, Lauren Pulice, and Layne Lemke!

Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email

PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com.

125th Anniversary Committee

2026 will be Peace Lutheran Church's 125th year, by the grace of God! Usually, churches celebrate such milestones with a special afternoon service and meal. If you would like to be on the planning committee for our anniversary, please sign up in the fellowship hall or text/email Pastor or Leah Haasch.

Garage Accoutrements

As the garage nears completion, it's time to accessorize! The building itself is fully funded; now we're looking for donations to add shelving and fixtures. To sponsor a project, grab an angel from the garage poster in the fellowship hall (on white board), then attach it to your check and put it in the offering plate.

- Ceiling lights (halogen panel): \$20, 3 needed
- Shelves: \$300 each, 3 needed
- Platform utility truck: \$300

OFFERINGS Easter & April 27th

General Fund \$6,492.00

Easter Sunday Envelope \$2,980.00

Church Furnace Fund \$225.00

Good Friday Envelope \$45.00

Church Outdoor Sign \$565.00

Maundy Thursday Envelope \$5.00
Plate Offering \$353.00
Youth Rally \$588.00
Worker Training Support Fund \$265.00
School Music Fund \$90.00

Total \$11,608.00

Our weekly offering goal is \$9,626.

In Memory of Darla Hiemstra
To: Furnace Fund
From: Brian & Shellie Hiemstra

In Memory of Tom Kuenn
To: Worker Training Support Fund
From: Peace School Faculty

In Memory of John Lueck
To: School Music
From: School Faculty