



**He was taken
up to **heaven.****

ACTS 1:2

ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 17, 2026

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We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety. If you have any questions, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

Children are welcome at our worship services. If you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger. The room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

Holy Communion is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. If you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to partake. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

Offering. Peace Lutheran Church understands and teaches that Offerings are voluntary and to be from the heart. Whether we give or do not give does not determine our salvation. Whether we give

much or little does not determine our standing before God. Sharing an Offering is an opportunity to quietly practice generosity with our neighbors.

Serving You

Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School	Anne Schroeder
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek & Karyn Stanley
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
Webmaster	Jim Holroyd
Audio-Visual	Johnathon Holroyd, George Abele, Nicholas Abele, Merv Munster, Callie Santora, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Debbi Weiler, Dan Dusek, Seamus Harrington, Archer Schroeder
Praise Team	Rick Durling, Patrick Kamins, Ginny Tonelli, Karyn Stanley, Nora Stanley, Diane Crocker, Anne Schroeder, John Mergl

Today, May 17, 2026

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Ushers	Ellie & Rachel Harrington
Reader	Audrey Bond
Fellowship	Sharon Starr, Angela & Allen Sandford
Flowers	Sanford Family
Communion	In Loving Memory of Delbert's Birthday Sally Stouder & Maggie Baker

Next Sunday, May 24, 2026

Ushers	Margaret Phillpott & Audrey Bond
Reader	Carole Gutbrod
Fellowship	Ladies Guild
Flowers	Sophia Snyder

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... It is not over. Easter is not over. Christ's mission is not over. Peace and pardon are not over. Even as we gather to remember the ascension of Jesus, nothing ends today. It is not as if Christ ascends to heaven and takes His blessings with Him! This world remains forever marked by His grace and love. And now, reigning over all things, our ascended Lord intercedes for us at His Father's right hand. Christ remains present for in His Word and Sacraments. And the church continues to share the good news that Christ is risen and will come again!

RINGING OF THE BELL.....After the ringing of the bell, we take a few moments to prepare our hearts and minds in silence for today's worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts in worship today that He may rule, direct and comfort us. We humbly ask that the Holy Spirit would go with us today so that we can be strengthened to do good works for others. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Based on Philippians 2:1-11

Leader: Blessed Lord God, King of the universe, You rule and reign over all things.

People: And yet, we arrogantly elevate ourselves above others and above You.

Leader: You sent Your Son, Jesus, as a model of humility, as a servant of all.

People: And yet, we neglect the needs of others and prioritize our interests above Yours.

Leader: Jesus became human like us in all respects.

People: And yet, we refuse to see others' struggles, withholding our affection and sympathy.

Leader: Christ offered Himself as our substitute, giving His very life for us.

People: And yet, we stubbornly and selfishly hoard our gifts from others and from You.

Leader: Now exalted above all things, it is at the name of Jesus that every knee should bow.

People: And yet, it's our heart's sinful condition to seek its own glory.

~~~Pause for silent reflection~~~

Leader: We confess our sins:

People: Forgive our sins, O Lord. Make our ambitions model those of our Savior, Jesus, that our words and deeds might confess that He is Lord, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, having all authority in heaven and on earth, has given Himself for you. Bearing the marks of His sacrifice in His own body, He has made a place for you in eternal glory, declaring your sins forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

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Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is With us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Jesus, loving shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the World.

Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
The way the truth, and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: We pray together.

People: Almighty God, as our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

As He ascends to heaven, Jesus instructs the disciples to anticipate the coming Holy Spirit.

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,

² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me;

⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,

¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

Christ illuminates His disciples' minds that all Scripture points to His work of redemption.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

**“Great is the Lord”
TOSB (Red Book) 66**

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*Chorus: Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
 By His power we trust In His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
 By His mercy He proves He is love.*

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord,
Great is the Lord!

Chorus

Great are you Lord, And worthy of glory
Great are you Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice: Great are you Lord!
Great are you Lord!

SERMON

“The Marks of a Christian Life”

Pastor Jeremy Lucke

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy Christian Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—
ourselves, our time, our possessions.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: There is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, who ascended to His Father, and who makes intercession for us.

Leader: Ascended Christ, we long to be with You. Draw us to Your Word, that we may be kept in faith until You return again. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Ascended Christ, Your heart remains with the humble. Give holy purpose to all who serve, particularly those whose service goes unnoticed. Be their strength and satisfaction. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Ascended Christ, You answer the fears of the lonely with the promise, "I am with You always." Be a comfort to those who feel isolated and alone. Heal those who struggle in body or spirit, (especially.....). Draw near with Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Ascended Christ, just as You brought heavens' goodness to lowly people, so also You make a place for humanity in eternal glory. Bring comfort to those who grieve the death of loved ones, and reassure them that You have opened paradise to all who believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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

DISTRIBUTION

“It is Well With My Soul”

TOSB (Red Book) 106

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When peace, like a river,
 attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
 Whatever my lot,
 thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus:

*It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet,
 the trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ has regarded
 my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own
 blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin oh, the bliss of
 this glorious tho't:
My sin not in part, but the whole
 Is nail'd to the cross
 and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 O my soul.

Chorus

And, Lord, haste the day
 when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be roll'd back as a scroll,
 The trump shall resound
 and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.

Chorus

CLOSING BLESSING

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” TOSB (Red Book) 4 (v 1, 4 &5)

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All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song,
And crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY..... Our Overview of the Bible continues next week, May 24. We meet at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. "How was the Bible organized" will be the topic next week. Who decided which books are canonical? Isn't it true that Roman Catholics have books Lutherans and most Protestants refuse to recognize? Why? Does it matter? Bring your Bibles and an open mind. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY..... Next Sunday (May 24) is Confirmation Sunday and Pentecost (not to mention Memorial Day weekend). Two youth are being confirmed: Ellie Harrington and Wilson Schroeder. Consider sharing a card and/or gift for them. Bags for the cards/gifts will be placed in the narthex next Sunday. Confirmation is the youth's opportunity to say "yes" to God and a life of following Jesus!

TABLES OF PEACE..... Tables of Peace is a great way to get to know your church family better. The groups of 8 (or so) meet for conversation and a shared meal. This is the avenue to deeper connection in the church! See Linda Schuerman for more information (Lschuerman35@gmail.com). Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

FREEZER MEAL MINISTRY..... Did you know that Peace has a team that supplies freezer meals for people in need? Maybe you were blessed with a meal at a critical moment in your life? The team meets later this month on May 28th at 9:00 am to stock the freezer with delicious meals. Let Janette or Pastor know if you would like to attend.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING..... Peace's Church Council will meet this Tuesday, May 19 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

DEMENTIA WARRIORS ACTIVITIES.....Join us on Wednesday, May 20 from 2:30-4 p.m! You don't have to have a green thumb to grow tasty tomatoes on your porch this summer. Volunteers with the Benton County Master Gardeners will lead us in assembling tomato and basil patio planters. All supplies will be provided, but wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty

as this is a hands-on activity. We'll assemble our planters outdoors on the patio and learn about caring for them from the experts. We'd also welcome any extra helpers with planting and cleanup.

The following week on Saturday, May 23, we'll be participating in Healing Hearts with Horses at 1 p.m. at the Linn County Animal Rescue, 39389 Plagman Dr., in Lebanon. Enjoy therapeutic interactions with horses and a chance to experience the healing power of these remarkable animals. We'll carpool from Peace departing at noon. If anyone needs a ride, it would be helpful to RSVP. You can email or call Becky Barrett (barrebecca@gmail.com, 541-231-3326).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Homebound: Karla Rhoads, Joyce Hall, Lucy Leach, Grace Maddux, Joan McDonald, Twylla Randall, John Filbert, Kathy Barrett, Karen Marquez, Margaret Dusek, Mirdza Abele, Junia Simonson, Ken and Betty Iverson

Sick and Recovering: Bev Hardy (*Karen M.'s mother--health concerns*), Nicole (*friend of Daniel*), Jimmy, Erin and her family, Cathy M. (*cancer diagnosis*), Holly and Jon B., Janine, Don and Bev (*healing and recovery*), Rich Hansen, Summer (*relative of Cheryl*), Diane (*hospice care*), Sandi L., Kirsten W., Tom S., Rick (*relative of Cheryl--cancer*), Denise (*cancer*), Patty H., the Galvin family, Joe and Janette P., Brad/Shawn and Slater, Joyce M., Kathy H., Betty I., Bernice H., Rob S., Oscar, Becky W. (*Lynn's relative*), David H., Baby Arthur, Hazel (*Peggy's mother*), Twylla, Jean W., Lindy Y., Ellen H., Erin Haynes

Family of Ruth Dally as they mourn her death.

Pentecost is next Sunday! Help your kids understand why this day is important for us as Christians!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is "Pentecost"?

The word "Pentecost" (pronounced PEN-tuh-kost) comes from the Greek word *pentekostos* which means "fiftieth." Exactly 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the form of flames of fire.



Why is Pentecost so important?

When Jesus died, the disciples were sad because they thought that their friend and Lord was gone forever. But Jesus rose again! Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus did finally ascend into heaven leaving the disciples below. However, before Jesus actually died, rose again and ascended into heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them. He said that the Holy Spirit would come and guide them "into all the truth" (John 16:13). Jesus doesn't leave us alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus is here with us, and the Holy Spirit guides and leads the Church into the truth of the wonderful Gospel! We celebrate and remember this at Pentecost.



Parents:

At home, read the story of Pentecost in Acts 2 to your children. Remind them that the Holy Spirit comes to us through the Word and Sacraments just as our Lord has promised. Encourage them to thank God for the gift of His Holy Spirit in their lives.





May 19	12pm Rotary Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting
May 20	2:30 Dementia Warriors Meeting
May 21	12pm Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
May 24	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service - Confirmation
May 25	Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 28	9am Freezer Meal Cooking
May 30	9am Freezer Meal Packing
May 31	9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service