

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May                      Altar Committee: Polly Joubert  
Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Jennifer Scheler  
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joe Schneider  
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson  
Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Christmas Eve: 153 (4:00) 74 (8:00)  
Christmas Day –165 (9:30)  
Wednesday December 28– 30

### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	
(Loose Plate \$3,920 Gen. Env. \$15,286)	\$ 19,206.00
Memorials:	\$ 5,000.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 100.00
Nigeria fund:	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$ 24,356.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DECEMBER:

General funds received in December:	\$ 62,879.66
Music funds received in December:	\$ 200.00
Memorials received in December:	\$ 5,000.00
Capital Imp. funds received in December:	\$ 7,270.00
Goehner Schlr. funds received in December:	\$ 550.00
Mercy funds received in December:	\$ 955.00
Nigeria funds received in December:	<u>\$ 7,450.00</u>
Total Offerings received in December:	\$ 84,304.66

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy The Circumcision of Our Lord – New Year's Day January 1, 2023


**THEME: Jesus Is the Seed of Abraham and the Son of the Promise**  
Eight days after Jesus was born, He was circumcised and given the name Jesus. In His circumcision He begins to fulfill the Law for us by aligning Himself with our humanity in every way. He became flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone to bear our sin as the innocent Lamb of God. He is the Promised Seed of Abraham. At His circumcision He is manifest as the One through whom all the nations would be blessed as He begins to shed His blood for us at eight days of age. His name is Jesus, the name given by the angel before His birth. It is a confession of faith and means: "The Lord is salvation!"

**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 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

### Collect for the New Year

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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**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** — *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.” (Psalm 119:11-12).* 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 — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*
- **Sunday: Divine Service at 9:30 —Circumcision**
- **Daily Chapel Tuesday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service at 6:30 - The Epiphany of Our Lord**
- **Thursday: Holy Communion Matins at 8:30**
- **Thursday: Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30 — Gospel of Matthew**

**NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS THIS MORNING.**

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD CELEBRATED THIS WEDNESDAY!**

The visit of the Wisemen to the infant Jesus is celebrated this Wednesday Divine Service at 6:30 p.m. The Epiphany celebrates that Jesus is revealed as the Savior of all nations. The Senior Choir will lead us in the glorious singing of the Epiphany Gospel.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME**

**This week's lesson:** The Epiphany of Our Lord

The Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast devotion are posted on the website weekly.

**“Family Prayer/Sunday School Devotional Studies”** will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer/Sunday School lesson. Look for our posting each week on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**High School/College Youth Group, Sunday, January 8**

Youth group will meet for lunch, study, and prayer after the 10:30 Divine Service from noon to 1:30. The topic for January: The Conclusion of “A Christian view of courtship, dating, engagement, and preparation for marriage.”

**STUDY GOD'S WORD IN 2023...** The **Word of the Lord Endures Forever** is a daily, 15-minute, verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon is currently leading a study on the Book of Luke. You can listen at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org) or your favorite podcast provider.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Holiday Office Hours:**

Office Closed: Monday, January 2.

Regular hours resume on January 3.

**Thank you!** The staff and faculty of Peace deeply appreciate the kindnesses you have shown to us through Advent and Christmas, with your cards and gifts. But even more, we rejoice in your reception of the blessings that Jesus, our Savior gives here in the Divine Service and the catechesis.

**2023 Envelopes and Membership Directories** are available in the narthex. Please remember to pick up your copy.

**Sign-up charts for altar flowers and sanctuary candles for 2023** are posted on the board outside of the church kitchen. Please sign up to bring fresh flowers for the altar.

**Fish Fry Drive-thru** — Friday, January 13, from 5:00-7:00. Tell your friends!

**Save the date for the Academy Auction—March 25, 2023!**

The Academy Auction will be held on March 25th from 4-8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. Save the date on your calendar and plan to attend this exciting event.

**Synodical Nominations for President and Regional Vice Presidents**

All congregations of the Synod are encouraged to make nominations for the offices of President and Vice Presidents of the LCMS. The Board of Elders will recommend candidates for our congregation to nominate at our February Congregational Assembly meeting. If anyone in the congregation has names to suggest, please forward them to Pastor Bender or one of the elders by January 15, 2023.

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:**

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$2,658.79

**Walgreen eGIFT cards** are available to order online or through the app.

Order forms for \$10 and under cards are available at the RR counter.

**Routine weekly orders will resume Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

# Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

## The Circumcision and Name of Jesus

New Year's Day—January 1, 2023  
9:30 a.m.

### ***I Have Called You by Name: You Are Mine!***

*The Naming of Jesus declares Him to be the Lord, our salvation. In Holy Baptism, God calls us by name and joins us to Christ! "Receive the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart that marks you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified." This declaration from the baptismal liturgy proclaims a reality that is the foundation for our lives as Christians and enables us to face each day with confidence and hope.*

*Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor before approaching the altar. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion. Guests, please sign our guest register in the narthex.*

## Order of Service

### Divine Service Setting Three, Hymnal p. 184

*Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

#### **Hymn of Invocation** **590**

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

#### **Introit** *sung responsively with the choir*

*Antiphon* *(Ps. 40:16)*

Let all those who seek You rejoice and be | glad in You; \*  
let such as love Your salvation say continually,  
"The LORD be | magnified!"

*Psalm* *(Ps. 40:6-8)*

**Sacrifice and offering You did not desire;  
my ears You have | opened. \***

**Burnt offering and sin offering You did | not require.**

Then I said, "Be-| hold, I come; \*  
in the scroll of the book it is writ-| ten of me.

**I delight to do Your will, | O my God, \*  
and Your law is with-| in my heart."**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

*(Antiphon is repeated.)*

#### **Old Testament Reading** **Numbers 6:22-27**

The Aaronic Blessing.

#### **Gradual** *sung by the choir* *(Heb. 8:10; 10:17)*

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel  
after those days, | says the Lord: \*  
I will put My laws in their mind  
and write them | on their hearts;  
and I will be their God, and they shall be My | people. \*  
Their sins and their lawless deeds  
I will remem-| ber no more.

#### **Epistle** **Galatians 3:23-29**

Sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus

**Alleluia-Verse** *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the Verse of the Day. The choir sings the appointed verse.*

She will bear a Son, and you shall call his name | Jesus, \*  
For He will save His people | from their sins.

#### **Gospel** **Luke 2:21**

The Circumcision of Our Lord

#### **Hymn of the Day** **403**

"O Savior of Our Fallen Race"  
*Choir sings stanzas 3 and 5*

#### **Choral Voluntary**

"Jesus Name of Wondrous Love"

*Setting by Carl Schalk and Jonathan Kohrs; text may be found in LSB 900*

#### **Distribution Hymns:**

"O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild" **546**  
"Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus" **529**  
"Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year" **896**  
"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" **621**

#### **Hymn to Depart** **390**

"Let Us All with Gladsome Voice"