

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Robin Oehlert, Nicola Giordano, Rosanne Fell, and Joanne Smith

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Kent Franklin

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, January 5 – 136 (7:45) 90 (10:30) Bible Class – 84

Monday, January 6 (Didache) - 24

Wednesday, January 8 – 32

Thursday, January 9 – 38 Coffee Break Bible Study – 29

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JANUARY 2025:

General fund:	\$ 9,390.00
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TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DECEMBER 2024:

General funds received in December:	\$ 74,879.00
International Missions funds in December:	\$ 893.25
Capital Imp. funds received in December:	\$ 385.00
Goehner Scholarship funds in December:	\$ 445.00
Sacred appt. funds in December:	\$ 2,600.00
Mercy funds received in December:	\$ 1,271.00
	\$ 80,473.25

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy


The First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

THEME: They Were Astonished at His Understanding and Answers
Luke alone records the occasion of Jesus, at 12-years of age, lingering in the Temple in Jerusalem after the Passover both listening to the teachers of the Law and asking them questions. At the age of 12 Jesus begins to take on the calling of a man by occupying Himself with God's Word. Mary and Joseph were confused. Why would Jesus linger? Why had He not returned with them to Nazareth? The words of the prophet Malachi come to mind, "The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant whom you delight in" (Malachi 3:1). It had been the Passover Feast. It was now the third day. One cannot help but think about Jesus' death on Good Friday and His resurrection on the third day. He is the true Temple of the Lord. He is the place of God's saving presence. And after His resurrection He will bring us into His saving presence through the preaching of the Gospel. Jesus returned to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and submitted Himself to them. But at the age of 12 we see a foretaste of His Messianic ministry.

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.



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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 — *“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” (Ro. 13:14).*
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 Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service 7:45 & 10:30 — Epiphany 1**
Bible Class 9:15 — Ephesians 4
- **Daily Chapel: Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Monday: Didache-Compline 6:00 — The Day of Pentecost**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30 — Epiphany 1**
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer lesson. The lesson this week is **The Baptism of Our Lord — Matthew 3:1-6. 13-17.** Although our Sunday Gospel is the boy Jesus in the Temple, we begin three-weeks of meditation on Baptism. At Jesus' Baptism we see the miraculous work of the Triune God. Jesus fulfilled all righteousness for us as the Lamb of God who carried our sins to the cross. Because of this we are called the “beloved sons of God” in our baptism for Jesus' sake. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Adult Catechesis (Didache) with Compline: Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Adult catechesis class is held on Monday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. **This week, Lesson 12: The Day of Pentecost,** is the third lesson on the third article of the Creed. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and the preaching of the Apostles in the Temple illustrate the fulfillment of Jesus' catechesis on the work of the Holy Spirit to testify to Jesus, calling sinners to repentance, and creating the miracle of faith. Our evening will conclude with Compline.

Educating a New Generation of Lutherans ... Issues, Etc.

is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Bible & Other Religious Writings; The Small-Town Lutheran Church & Pastor; Church Discipline; Roman Catholic Indulgences and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Financial Statements are available to pick up in the narthex.

Thank you! The staff and faculty of Peace deeply appreciate the kindness 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 our Divine Service and in catechesis.

Anyone who purchased an altar poinsettia may take them home today. Plastic sleeves to protect the plants from the weather are available in the narthex next to the plants.

Save the date for the Academy Auction - March 22, 2025!
We're Off to See the Wizard!

The Academy Auction will be held on March 22nd from 4–8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. Save the date on your calendar and plan to attend this fun and important event in support of the Academy.

In Preparation for a Congregational Assembly this month
Overlapping Board and Council Meetings are set for January 14:

- **Board of Elders** at 6:00 p.m.
- **Board of Education** joins the Elders at 6:30 p.m.
- **Board of Properties** meets separately at 7:00 p.m.
- **Parish Council** meets at 7:30

Congregational Assembly Meets, Tuesday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m.

An agenda will be available after the Parish Council meeting.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 1/5/2025

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 7 (online)

Attendance: 301

Gross sales: \$1,625 Profit earned this week \$44.76

Profit paid to the Academy: \$3,226.88

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$4,322.77

Sign up for the RaiseRight App to use on your phone while shopping.

The app is available from the App Store or Google Play as *RaiseRight Fundraising*.

For an online account or to sign up for the app, you will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5

Sunday Order of Service

The First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

Divine Service Setting Three, LSB 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 546

“O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”

Choir sings stanza 2

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *(Is. 6:1a, Rev. 19:6)*

I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up,

And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying,

“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.”

Psalm *(Ps. 100:1-2a)*

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands:

Serve the LORD with gladness.

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 I Kings 8:6-13

The Ark is brought to the Temple.

Gradual *sung by the choir* *(Ps. 72:18-19a, 3)*

Blessèd be the LORD God, the God of Israel,

Who only doeth wondrous things:

and blessed be His glorious name forever.

The mountains shall bring peace unto Thy people:

and the hills righteousness.

Epistle Romans 12:1-5

We are living sacrifices.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands:

serve the LORD with gladness. Alleluia! *(Ps. 100:1-2a)*

Holy Gospel Luke 2:41-52

The Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple

Nicene Creed *following the reading of the Gospel*

Hymn of the Day 410

“Within the Father’s House”

Proper Preface for the Epiphany of Our Lord

It is truly meet, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory.

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

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” 545

“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain” 865

“Shepherd of Tender Youth” 864

Hymn to Depart 863

“Our Father, by Whose Name”