

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 19 – 106 (7:45) 102 (10:30) Bible Class – 83

Sunday, January 19 (Didache) – 23

Wednesday, January 22 – 25

Thursday, January 23 – 31 Coffee Break Bible Study – NA

Last Week's Offering:

General fund:	\$ 5,015.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 50.00
International Missions fund:	\$ 50.00
	\$ 5,215.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JANUARY 2025:

General funds received in January:	\$ 22,902.00
Capital Imp. funds received in January:	\$ 600.00
Mercy funds received in January:	\$ 50.00
International Missions funds received in January:	\$ 50.00
	\$ 23,602.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

THEME: "I Am Willing! Be Cleansed!"


It is the Lord's will, not only to save us poor miserable sinners, but to do so by taking our sin and corruption upon Himself to the death of the cross. Jesus manifested this grace of God by touching the unclean leprous man and saying, "I am willing [to take your sin and infirmity upon Myself], be cleansed." The Word "be cleansed" carried Jesus' forgiveness, life, and salvation to this poor man. It is the same for us. None of us are worthy to receive the salvation that our Lord so willingly desires to give us, but by His grace alone He comes to us. The centurion rightly confessed both his unworthiness as a sinner, and the all-sufficiency of Jesus' saving Word: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed." The Word of Christ, the Gospel, is the power of God for salvation to all who believe.

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.

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

Topics include: a resolution on the Academy salary and benefits package for the 2025-2026 school year, a resolution to extend a call to Nathanael Hahn to be an Academy teacher beginning this summer, nominations for District President and Regional Vice-President of the South Wisconsin District, and election of our congregational delegates to this district convention in June. Please plan to attend. A partial packet with the agenda, minutes and financials is available in the narthex.



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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.” (Rom. 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 3**
Bible Class 9:15 — Ephesians 4 & 5
Didache-Compline 4:00 — The Syrophonecian Woman
- **Daily Chapel: Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30 — Epiphany 3**
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30

Holy Baptism We rejoice with Eric and Kayla Kütemeier as their daughter Dorothea Gwen is received into the kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism at the 10:30 service this morning. “Be baptized ... for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit ... the promise is to you and your children” (Acts 2:38-39). Dorothea’s sponsors are Jeremy and Allison Hedrick.

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 *Jesus Walks on the Water — Matthew 14:22-36*. To human reason, Jesus’ walking on the water seems bizarre and without significance. In reality, this miracle proclaims that Jesus is not only the Son of God and our Redeemer, but that He has placed all divine judgment under His feet. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Adult Catechesis (Didache) with Compline: We are on *Lesson 14 – The Syrophonecian Woman*, which is the second lesson on the Lord’s Prayer. Prayer is a gift from God. The foundation of prayer is His Word. In prayer we lay our needs before the Lord and seek His help and deliverance based on His promises to us. Prayer is the voice of faith that claims those promises with certainty, knowing that He will hear and answer.

Youth Group, Sunday, February 2—Christian Ethics and Biology
Our high school and college-aged youth will meet with Pastor Bender on Sunday, February for lunch and study after the 10:30 service. Contemporary challenges to the Christian faith and spiritual support for each of our young adults is always the order of the day. Our gathering will conclude by 1:30.

The Bible & Other Religious Writings at Issues Etc. — The Koran, The Book of Mormon, The New World Translation, The Analects of Confucius, The Gospel of Thomas. You can listen to this multi-part series by Dr. Adam Francisco of Concordia University Chicago at issuesetc.org

NEWS AND NOTES

2024 Financial Contribution Statements are available to pick up.

We’re Off to See the Wizard!

Save the date for the Academy Auction - March 22, 2025!

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.

Make your reservation today to attend the auction.

Individual Ticket: \$33 — Table of 8: \$240 (\$30 per person)

Prices increase after March 1st.

Consider donating a basket to be auctioned. Simply get a basket, choose a theme, fill it with goodies, and submit your basket with its contents online at www.plaauction.com under “Donate Items”. Please drop the basket off in the church office by February 17th.

A Piano Recital will be presented in the nave by many students of the Academy and other young friends of the congregation next **Sunday, Feb. 2, at 4:00pm**. All are welcome.

Ladies of the Congregation: The Lord presents us with many opportunities to serve Him. As a member of the Communion Committee for several years, my experience has been one of spiritual fulfillment through this service. Please consider joining our team. Contact Rosanne Fell (414-412-5023 or drfellsr@gmail.com) or Sherry Prowatzke (262-246-3200 or sprowatzke@peacesussex.org) for more information.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 1/19/2025

Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 4 (online)

Attendance: 236

Gross sales: \$1,290 Profit earned this week \$34.75

Profit paid to the Academy: \$4,278.91

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$4,999.25

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 Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 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 **635**

“O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing”
Choir sings stanza 1 in Spanish
Congregation then sings all stanzas

Sacrament of Holy Baptism *(in the 10:30 a.m. service)*
Dorothea Gwen Kütemeier

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *(Ps. 148:2a, 97:8)*

Worship Him, all ye His angels.
Zion heard and was glad.
The daughters of Judah rejoiced
because of Thy judgments, O LORD.

Psalm *(Ps. 97:1)*

The LORD reigneth, let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

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 **2 Kings 5:1-15a**
The Cleansing of Naaman the Leper

Gradual *sung by the choir* *(Ps. 102:15-16)*

The heathen shall fear the name of the LORD:
and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.
When the LORD shall build up Zion:
He shall appear in His glory.

Epistle **Romans 12:16-21**

Live at peace with one another.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia! Alleluia! The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Alleluia! *(Ps. 97:1)*

Holy Gospel **Matthew 8:1-13**

Jesus Cleanses the Leper and Heals the Centurion's Servant

Nicene Creed *following the reading of the Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **551**

“When to Our World the Savior Came”
Choir sings stanza 1

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

“Jesus Comes, Today with Healing” **620**

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me” **616**

“I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name” **734**

Hymn to Depart **825**

“Rise, Shine, You People”