

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Anna Steinhilb,
Jennifer Scheler

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Keith Gierach

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, January 26 – 121 (7:45) 88 (10:30) Bible Class – 85

Monday, January 27 (Didache) – 25

Wednesday, January 29 – 28

Thursday, January 30 – 43 Coffee Break Bible Study – 37

Last Week's Offering:

General fund:	\$ 11,180.00
Goehner fund:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 100.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 100.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 150.00
International Missions fund:	<u>\$ 331.10</u>
	\$ 11,961.10

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JANUARY 2025:

General funds received in January:	\$ 34,082.00
Goehner funds received in January:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in January:	\$ 100.00
Mercy funds received in January:	\$ 150.00
Capital Imp. funds received in January:	\$ 750.00
International Missions funds received in January:	<u>\$ 381.10</u>
	\$ 35,563.10

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025


THEME: The Wind and the Sea Obey Him!

Jesus arose from sleep and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. The miracle of the stilling of the storm is a picture of exactly what Jesus came to do in His suffering, death, and resurrection. The great tempest upon the Sea of Galilee, that threatened to destroy the disciples in their little boat, is a picture of the problem of sin, death and judgment that threatens to destroy us all. Jesus suffered what we deserve in order to rescue us from death, reconcile us to God, and give us the eternal peace of sins forgiven. So in the miracle of the stilling of the storm, we see the faithless and powerless disciples who are unable to save themselves from certain destruction. Jesus, who had entered into the boat and was asleep, arose from sleep and with a word brought about a great calm and rescued the disciples from death. Is this not a wonderful picture of how our Lord rose from the dead and with the Word of forgiveness calmed every accusation of the Law and bestowed upon us a great peace? "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" He is the prophet greater than Jonah! He entered into the tempest of our sin and death and by His suffering and death He procured salvation for us all. Now, having risen from the dead, His Word gives peace and salvation to all who will receive it.

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.

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



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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 4**
Bible Class 9:15 — Ephesians 4 & 5
- **Daily Chapel: Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Monday: Didache-Compline 6:00 — The Stilling of the Storm**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30 — Epiphany 4**
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30

Holy Baptism We rejoice with Brian and Heaven Knutson as their daughter Elsi Jane 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). Elsi’s sponsors are David and Amy Pankow.

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 Stills the Storm — Matthew 8:23-27*. In the stilling of the storm on the Sea of Galilee, Jesus shows Himself to be the Son of God and the Redeemer who silences the storm of divine judgment against us. By a Word He muzzles the wind and the waves that are bent on our destruction. 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 15 – The Stilling of the Storm*, which is the third and final 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, Today, 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.

Eastern Orthodoxy Series ... How is Confessional Lutheranism similar and different to Eastern Orthodoxy? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, is doing a series on Eastern Orthodoxy with LCMS Pastor Joshua Schooping. Pastor Schooping is a former Eastern Orthodox priest. Listen on-demand at issuesetc.org/easternorthodoxy.

NEWS AND NOTES

Board of Elders meets Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m.
Board of Properties meets Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Board of Education meets Tuesday, February 11 at 7:15 p.m.
Parish Council meets Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00p.m.
Please note that this is one week earlier than the norm!

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.

Communion Committee needs more volunteers. Please speak with 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 1/26/2025

Number of families participating: 10 (in-person) + 9 (online)

Attendance: 234

Gross sales: \$1,605 Profit earned this week \$42.38

Profit paid to the Academy: \$4,278.91

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$5,041.63

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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 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 **533**

“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”
Choir sings stanza 3

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

Elsi Jane Knutson

Entrance Psalm 96

Prayed responsively from the hymnal.

Choir sings the antiphon before the psalm and after verses 6 and 10.

Choir sings the odd verses.

Congregation sings the even verses.

Old Testament Reading **Jonah 1:1-17**

Jonah is hurled into the Sea as a sign of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

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 13:8-10**

Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

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 8:23-27**

The Stilling of the Storm on the Sea of Galilee

Nicene Creed *following the reading of the Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **557**

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” **576**

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” **819**

“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts’ Desire” **553**

Hymn to Depart **919**

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”