

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Melody Ruhbusch

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Thomas Aidich

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, August 31st – 106 (7:45) 86 (10:30) Bible Class – 68

Wednesday, September 3rd – 32

Thursday, September 4th – Chapel Matins – 37 Coffee Break – 40

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 3,730.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 100.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 3,830.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN AUGUST 2025:

General funds received in August:	\$ 37,961.00
Capital Improvement funds received in August:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in August:	\$ 190.00
International Mission funds received in August:	\$ 271.10
Mercy funds received in August:	<u>\$ 96.00</u>
	\$ 38,568.10

Total Vanco donations received in August 2025: \$ 4,912.60



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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.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

September 7, 2025

THEME: He Makes the Deaf to Hear and the Mute to Speak

What a beautiful picture of how we all became Christians, followers of Jesus! The deaf mute could not hear, and he could not speak. He had no ability of his own to receive the Word of God that was necessary for him to come to faith. And because he had no faith, he could not speak or confess his faith. Jesus took the man aside from the multitude, put His fingers in his ears, spat and touched his tongue, sighed in the Spirit as He looked up to His Father in heaven, and said to the man, “Ephphatha!” “Be opened!” By Jesus’ Word he who could not hear received the Word, and his ears and heart were opened to faith, and out of the faith of his heart his tongue that was in bondage was loosed and he spoke, confessing his faith and praising his Jesus. Word and water came together in this miracle in the touch of Jesus’ voice and the spittle from His mouth. How very like Baptism this is. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Out of the heart of faith the tongue is loosed, and we speak, confessing our faith and praising our God. This intimate miracle of healing illustrates our utter helplessness and our total dependence upon Christ for the miracle of faith and the gift of confessing our Savior.

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.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD — “*I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.*” (1 Cor. 12:3). 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 at 7:45 & 10:30 — Trinity 12**
 Bible Class at 9:15 — Congregational Assembly
- **Mon-Fri:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00** (*note the earlier time*)
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Trinity 12**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00**

No Coffee Break Bible Study this Thursday, September 11 or next Thursday, September 18. Pastor Bender will be in St. Louis for a Board of National Missions meeting on the 9th and conducting a visitation at Concordia University St. Paul on the 18th for Concordia University System accreditation.

Sunday School for children in preschool through 4th grade will begin next Sunday, September 14. Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 a.m.

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is ***Cain Murders His Brother Abel – Genesis 4:1-12.*** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Christological, Creedal, Confessional... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent teachings include: A Lutheran Perspective on Philosophy & Theology, The Nicene Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, The Image of God in a Broken World, Witnessing Tips and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Didache, Adult Catechesis Class, Begins Monday, October 6 at 6pm
Don’t miss this opportunity to be renewed in your faith! If you have been a lifelong Lutheran, this class is for you! If you are a new Lutheran, this class is for you! If you have relatives, friends, or coworkers who need to know Christ, this class is for them! If you are curious about the faith, this class is for you! If you are hurting and in need of comfort and strength, this class is for you! Didache will address itself to the most important questions of life and eternity. Join us on Monday nights, beginning on October 6 at 6 p.m.

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Assembly will meet **today**, September 7th at 9:15 a.m. The agenda, minutes, and financials are available for review in the narthex. Installation of new officers and all new board members will take place at the end of the assembly meeting.

Board of Elders meets this **Tuesday, September 9** at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education meets this **Tuesday, September 9** at 7:15 p.m.

Board of Properties meets next **Tuesday, September 16** at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council meets **Tuesday, September 23** at 7:00 p.m.

The first Fish Fry of the 2025-26 School year is this Friday, September 12th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Goehner Scholarship Fund provides financial support for sons and daughters of our congregation to help defray the cost of becoming an ordained or commissioned minister in the LCMS. Rev. Eamonn Ferguson is the current recipient of the scholarship. See the latest update on his ministry and family posted in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Goehner Scholarship fund.

Regular Office Hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) have resumed.

Senior Choir Rehearsal has resumed and meets on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. New members are welcome and encouraged to join. If you are even remotely interested, please talk to Pastor Bender. He will be happy to answer your questions and give you guidance.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: No report for the week of 8/31/25.

Sunday Order of Service
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
September 7, 2025

Divine Service Setting Two
Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation **862**
"Oh, Blest the House"

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 70:1-2a)

Make haste, O God, to deliver me:
Make haste to help me, O LORD.
Let them be ashamed and confounded:
That seek after my soul.

Psalms (Ps. 70:2b)

Let them be turned backward and put to confusion:
that desire my hurt.

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 **Isaiah 29:17-24**
By the Word of the Gospel the deaf will hear and come to faith.

Gradual *sung by the choir* (Ps. 34:1-2)

I will bless the LORD at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth:
My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:
the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

Epistle **Romans 10:9-17**
Faith is created by the Word of God.

Choral Verse
"He Hath Done All Things Well" by Jan Bender

He hath done all things well;
He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. Amen.
(Mark 7:37)

Holy Gospel **Mark 7:31-37**
Jesus heals the deaf mute.

Hymn of the Day **545**
"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"
Choir sings stanza 3

Proper Preface
It is truly good, 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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
"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" **589**
"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" **640**
"God Has Spoken by His Prophets" **583**

Hymn to Depart **538**
"Praise Be to Christ"