

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organists: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Polly Joubert

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Anna Steinhilb

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Elton Volquardsen

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Keith Gierach

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, October 26th – 154 (7:45) 76 (10:30) Bible Class – 75

Monday, October 27th – Didache – 21

Wednesday, October 29th – 35

Thursday, October 30th – Chapel Matins – 30 Coffee Break – 34

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 9,087.80
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 375.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 300.00
	<u>\$ 9,962.80</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN OCTOBER 2025:

General funds received in October:	\$ 37,681.20
Capital Improvement funds received in October:	\$ 340.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in October:	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in October:	\$ 495.00
International Mission funds received in October:	\$ 00.00
Mercy funds received in October:	\$ 445.00
	<u>\$ 39,161.20</u>

*Full month offering numbers include online gifts received in October 2025

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The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032

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

All Saints'

November 2, 2025

THEME: Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

The One greater than Moses calls His disciples out of the multitudes and opens His mouth to give them the Word of God by which they are made alive. Jesus preaches about the reality of Baptism in which we are joined to Christ so that what is true of Him is now true of us. Truly, the eight Beatitudes describe Christ, but the plural is used because God the Father now declares this about all who are baptized into the name of the Blessed Trinity. Eight represents those of the new creation who possess the kingdom of heaven just as the eight were spared from the Flood in the ark. Each Beatitude looks back to events from the history of Israel but also anticipates other parts of Matthew's Gospel. The life of the baptized is to be that of sorrow and joy, persecution and reward, death and resurrection. So closely are we joined to Christ in Baptism that these things of His experience become ours also. This is to be immediately understood of the work of the apostles themselves as they preach the content of the Beatitudes, that is, Christ. If they preach the Beatitudes as Law, the world will readily accept their preaching for the world sees these as admirable guides for behavior. It is only when they dare to proclaim the Gospel of the meek and merciful Peacemaker that they will be rejected and persecuted. But it is in this meek and merciful Peacemaker, our Lord Jesus Christ, that we have the joy and freedom of the Gospel. The promises of the Beatitudes become a source of comfort for us as Christians who believe in Jesus and who bear in our own bodies and lives the very life of Christ 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 — All Saints’ Bible Class at 9:15 — Open Forum - Parsonage**
- **Mon-Fri:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00**
- **Monday:** **Didache-Compline 6:00**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — All Saints’**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00
- **Friday:** **Reformation Service at Trinity 6:30**

Holy Baptism: We rejoice with Josh and Bethany Franklin as their daughter Rosie Grace 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). Rosie’s sponsors are John and Emily Franklin (in absentia). Witnesses are Jessica Franklin and Daniel Earley.

Sunday Bible Class—The Lutheran Day School and the Three Estates

Our strategic plan for Peace Lutheran Academy entails a significant catechetical study for the whole congregation on the Three Estates: Church, Home, and State. This study is postponed to December. This study builds upon the theological foundation of a Lutheran Day School, published in 1994, by addressing how the Academy is the major mercy ministry of our congregation. Our Academy not only supports our own families but also serves the welfare of our community and other Christian families who share in our values. During these troubled times, schools like our Academy are needed now more than ever. The Academy Mission Statement is key to all the efforts of our strategic plan: *Peace Lutheran Academy partners with parents in Christian education for a life of faith in Christ and service to others.*

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is ***The Flood—Genesis 6:5-22 (7:1-24)***. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Youth Group Meets Today, after the 10:30 Service

Pastor Bender will continue teaching on The Theology of the Body, drawing from Dr. John Kleinig’s book *Wonderfully Made*. All high school and college-age members are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend!

Didache Meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00

This week’s lesson is part two on The First Article of the Creed—Man and the Fall – Genesis 2:7-25; 3:1-24. Come find renewal, comfort, and fellowship as we study God’s word in the Bible, Catechism, and Hymnal. Come, even if you missed the first few weeks. The lessons are recorded and available on the church website (under “Additional Recordings”) and at your favorite podcast provider.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets at 9:00 on Thursday mornings. Bring your coffee and join us as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 14

3-yr-olds through 8th graders are preparing for the program – The Christmas Story – during the Sunday School hour. Children in **Grades 2-8** meet in the 5th grade classroom from 9:15-9:30. Grades 5-8 are excused at 9:30 to join their parents in Bible Class. Children **3K to 1st grade** rehearse in Loehe Hall from 9:30-9:45. Final practice for the program will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 13. Parents, please mark your calendars.

NEWS AND NOTES

An Open Forum Today at 9:15 a.m. will address the opportunity to purchase a home that would serve as a parsonage/teacherage for Peace Lutheran Church. Please attend so that you can hear all the details and get answers to your questions. Letters have been sent to members with additional information.

Congregational Assembly Next Tuesday, Nov 11 at 7:00 pm.

Agendas are available in the narthex.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 10/26/2025

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

Attendance: 267

Gross sales: \$2,025.00 Profit earned this week \$49.38

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$2,609.44

Profit paid to the Academy: \$1,870.23

\$10 and under gift cards are once again available for ordering. Find order slips at the Scrip Counter and in the office.

Sunday Order of Service

All Saints'
November 2, 2025

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book 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 677

“For All the Saints”
Choir sings stanza 4

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

Entrance Hymn Inside of Insert

“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

First Reading **Revelation 7:9-17**
The great multitude clothed in white robes.

Choral Response
“Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care” by: Carl Schalk

Lord, it belongs not to my care, whether I die or live,
To love and serve Thee is my share, and this Thy grace must give.
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey:
If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?

Christ leads us through no darker rooms than He went through before,
He that unto God’s kingdom comes must enter by this door.
Come Lord, when grace has made me meet, Thy blessed faced to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet, what will Thy glory be!

My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim;
But ‘tis enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with Him.

Epistle **1 John 3:1-3**
Beloved, now we are the children of God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **678**
“We Sing for All the Unsung Saints”

Proper Preface for All Saints’

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 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

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”	822
“Jerusalem the Golden”	672
“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”	336

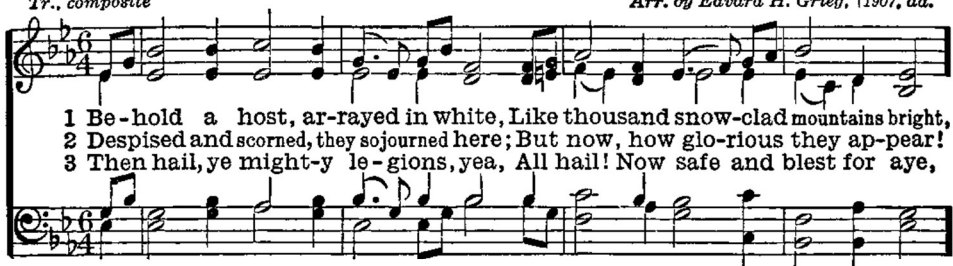
Hymn to Depart **671**
“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

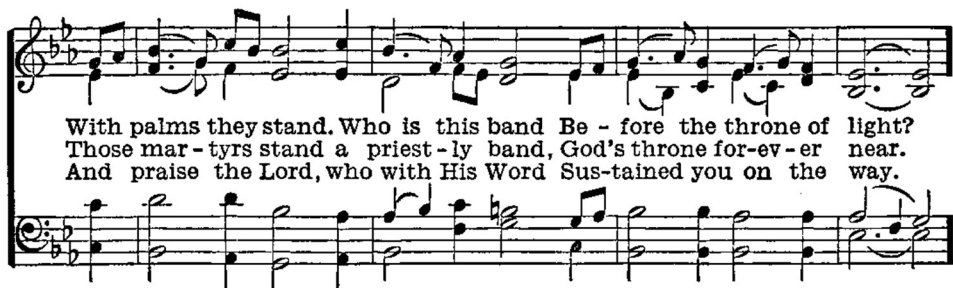
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Hans A. Brorson, c. 1760
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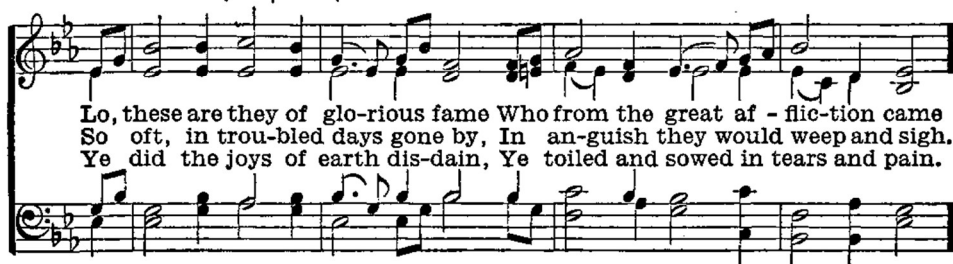
Great White Host
Norwegian folk-tune, c. 1600
Arr. by Edvard H. Grieg, †1907, ad.



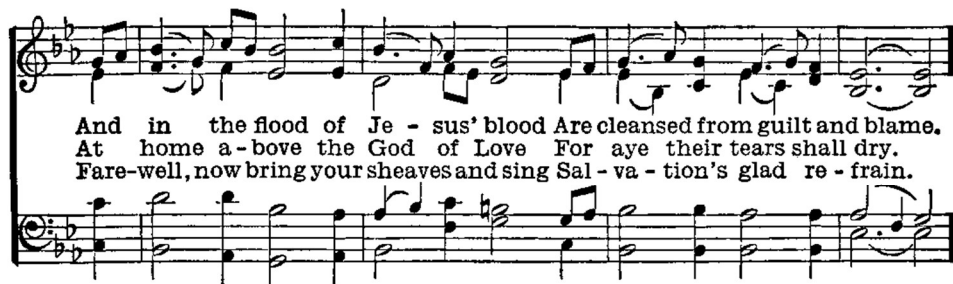
1 Be-hold a host, ar-rayed in white, Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glo-rious they ap-pear!
3 Then hail, ye might-y le-gions, yea, All hail! Now safe and blest for aye,



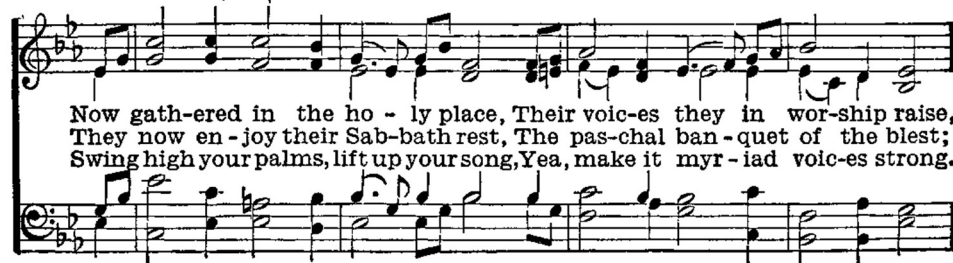
With palms they stand. Who is this band Be - fore the throne of light?
Those mar - tyrs stand a priest - ly band, God's throne for-ev-er near.
And praise the Lord, who with His Word Sus-tained you on the way.



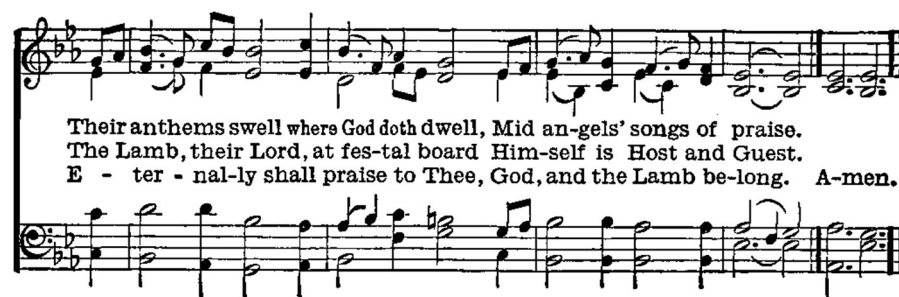
Lo, these are they of glo-rious fame Who from the great af - flic-tion came
So oft, in trou-bled days gone by, In an-guish they would weep and sigh.
Ye did the joys of earth dis-dain, Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain.



And in the flood of Je - sus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
At home a - bove the God of Love For aye their tears shall dry.
Fare-well, now bring your sheaves and sing Sal - va - tion's glad re - frain.



Now gath-ered in the ho - ly place, Their voic-es they in wor-ship raise,
They now en-joy their Sab-bath rest, The pas-chal ban-quet of the blest;
Swing high your palms, lift up your song, Yea, make it myr - iad voic-es strong.



Their anthems swell where God doth dwell, Mid an-gels' songs of praise.
The Lamb, their Lord, at fes-tal board Him-self is Host and Guest.
E - ter - nal-ly shall praise to Thee, God, and the Lamb be-long. A-men.