

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: 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, November 9th – 112 (7:45) 69 (10:30) Bible Class – 77

Monday, November 10th – Didache – 23

Wednesday, November 12th – 35

Thursday, November 13th– Chapel Matins – 38 Coffee Break – 41

Sanctuary Candle: given in memory of Frank and Rosie Kopling's sisters

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 10,100.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 500.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 2,500.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 00.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 6.00
	<u>\$ 13,106.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER 2025:

General funds received in November:	\$ 19,505.00
Capital Improvement funds received in November:	\$ 500.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in November:	\$ 2,500.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in November:	\$ 00.00
International Mission funds received in November:	\$ 462.20
Mercy funds received in November:	\$ 6.00
	<u>\$ 22,973.20</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

November 16, 2025

THEME: Forgive Us Our Trespasses!

The parable of the Unmerciful Servant teaches us that in the death of His Son, God has forgiven us a debt that we could not pay. This parable teaches the baptized that forgiveness for those who trespass against us flows from faith in Christ's undeserved forgiveness, and that the refusal to forgive those who trespass against us is a denial of faith in Christ and a rejection of His forgiveness. He forgives us freely by the merits of Jesus alone, that we might live in that free gift of forgiveness especially toward those who have sinned against us. Christians should be taught to expect such upheaval from within and without. As it was in the days of John the Baptist when multitudes were being brought to faith, so it will be in our own day.

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.

Didache Meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00

This week's lesson is *The Second Article of the Creed—The Crucifixion of our Lord - John:18-28-19:37*. Come find renewal, comfort, and fellowship as we study God's word in the Bible, Catechism, and Hymnal. We will end each class by praying Compline together. Come, even if you missed the first weeks. The lessons are recorded and available on the church website (under "Additional Recordings") and at your favorite podcast provider.

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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.

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 22**
Bible Class at 9:15 — The Friend at Midnight
- **Mon-Fri:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00**
- **Monday:** **Didache-Compline 6:00**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Trinity 22**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00

Parable of the Friend at Midnight will be covered in Bible Class this morning in our ongoing study of the Parables. The Lutheran Day School and the Three Estates will be postponed to Bible Class in December.

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.*

Your Lifeline to the Lutheran Worldview... 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 subjects include: How to Resist the Devil, The Importance of Family Meals, Critical Theory on the Right, Why Marriage 101 Should Be a Required College Course 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.

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. There will be no class on Thanksgiving.

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 Loehle 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.

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is *The Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

NEWS AND NOTES

Board of Elders: Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education: Tuesday, November 18 at 7:15 p.m.

Parish Council: Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

We will be having The Giving Tree again this holiday season as a special way to thank our teachers and staff. If you would like to participate, please purchase RaiseRight gift cards to be distributed evenly to the teachers and staff. The gifts will be anonymous. You can use the special Giving Tree order form, and if you also order cards for yourself, you can still pay with a single check or with cash. Your gifts will not only be a nice surprise for our teachers and staff but will also increase the RR profit, which benefits the Academy. Thank you!

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 11/09/2025

Number of families participating: 4 (in-person) + 8 (online)

Attendance: 216

Gross sales: \$900.00 Profit earned this week \$423.87

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$3112.11

Profit paid to the Academy: \$2609.44

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

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**. You will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5.

Sunday Order of Service
The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity
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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 **798**
“The God of Abraham Praise” (Stanzas 1-5)
Choir sings stanza 4

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 130:3-4)

If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities:
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee:
that Thou mayest be feared:
O God of Israel.

Psalm (Ps. 130:1-2a)

Out of the depths
here have I cried unto Thee, O LORD;
Lord, hear my voice!

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 **Micah 6:6-8**
Love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

Gradual *sung by the choir*

Behold! How good and how pleasant it is:
for brethren to dwell together in unity!
The LORD commanded blessing:
Even life forevermore.

(Ps. 133:1, 3b)

Epistle **Philippians 1:3-11**
Thanksgiving for the fellowship Christians share in the Gospel

Alleluia - Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia! The LORD healeth the broken in heart:
and bindeth up their wounds. Alleluia!

(Ps. 147:3)

Holy Gospel **Matthew 18:21-35**
The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **613**
“To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

Proper Preface

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, 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

“Lord, to You I Make Confession” **608**
“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” **610**
“Let Me Be Thine Forever” **689**
“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine” **815**

Hymn to Depart **798**
“The God of Abraham Praise” (Stanzas 6-9)