

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Polly Joubert

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Anna Steinhilb

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Elton Volquardsen

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, November 23th – 120 (7:45) 78 (10:30) Bible Class – 81

Monday, November 24th – Didache – 24

Altar flowers: given by Bob and Pat Rothe in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary and Del Duwe's birthday

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,695.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 260.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Memorials	\$ 100.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 320.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 20.00
	<u>\$ 8,395.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER 2025:

General funds received in November:	\$ 37,552.35
Capital Improvement funds received in November:	\$ 760.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in November:	\$ 2,500.00
Memorials received in November:	\$ 152.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in November:	\$ 620.00
International Mission funds received in November:	\$ 2,462.20
Mercy funds received in November:	<u>\$ 557.00</u>
	<u>\$ 44,603.55</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

THEME: Cast Away the Works of Darkness and Put on the Lord Jesus Christ! With every passing day, the Lord's return in glory draws nearer. The Apostle Paul calls us to awaken from the slumber of impenitence and spiritual sloth. He calls us to "cast off the works of darkness" through confession and to "put on the armor of light" by receiving afresh the Lord's forgiving Word. Only then will we be enabled to walk properly as "children of the day." Only then will we be prepared for the Lord's return. "Put on the Lord Jesus!" He IS our righteousness! "And make no provision for the flesh!" Jesus is the Passover Lamb, the Son of David, the Christ, the King, the Lord. The lowly servant who rides upon a donkey as a sign that He is the Savior of sinners. Jesus is all this for you! "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" proclaims Jesus to be everything that the Old Testament Church was looking forward to in the coming of their Messiah. The One whom they lauded and confessed as Savior when He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is the same Lord whose birth we prepare to celebrate, whose Word and Sacrament continue to nurture us, and whose Second Coming we look forward to with great joy and anticipation. This is Advent par excellence: penitential joy that looks forward to the gracious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Advent Responsive Prayer:

The Spirit and the Church cry out: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

All those who await His appearance pray: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

The whole creation pleads: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

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.



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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 — “*Whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*” (Romans 15:4). 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 or texting Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service at 7:45 & 10:30 — Advent 1**
Bible Class at 9:15 — The End Times
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00am**
- **Monday:** **Didache Adult Catechesis 6:00pm**
- **Wednesday:** **ADVENT Divine Service at 8:00, 2:30 & 6:30**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00am**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 am

Millennialism, the Rapture, and the Second Coming of Christ is the To Everyone an Answer Study **This morning and next Sunday in Bible class.** Join us to clarify the truth on the basis of God’s Word.

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. Like the season of Advent, the season of waiting, this study IS coming soon.

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is ***The Angel Gabriel Announces the Birth of John the Baptist—Luke 1:5-25.*** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Coffee Break Bible Study resumes on Thursday at 9:00 a.m., and we will continue our study in the Gospel of Luke.

Advent Services—Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Advent Midweek Services prepare us for the celebration of our Lord’s nativity, His second coming, and His daily coming in Word and Sacrament. There are three divine service opportunities each Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. as part of chapel; 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

December 3— **The Signs of the End of the Age—Luke 17:20-37**

December 10— **The Coming of the Son of Man—Luke 21:5-24**

December 17— **Watch and Pray—Luke 21:25-38**

“Wonderfully Made” – the Theology of the Body at Youth Group **next Sunday** after the 10:30 service. Copies of the book by Dr. John Kleinig are now available for our youth and others who desire one.

Didache Meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00

This week’s lesson is ***The Creed – Second Article—The Second Coming & Judgement.*** Past lessons are available on the church website (under “Additional Recordings”) and at your favorite podcast provider.

The Nativity of Our Lord Sunday School Program is Sunday, Dec 14 3-yr-olds through 8th graders are preparing for the program – The Christmas Story – during the Sunday School hour. Final practice for the program will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 13. Parents, please mark your calendars.

35th Annual Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols—December 21

Join us on Sunday, December 21, at 3pm. for this annual celebration of the unfolding of Scripture leading up to Christ’s nativity and the great carols that surround them. All of our choirs will be singing, together with instrumentalists who are working very hard to honor Christ and proclaim the Gospel to you! Join us for this wonderful celebration.

NEWS AND NOTES

Board of Elders: Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education: Tuesday, December 9 at 7:15 p.m.

Board of Properties: Tuesday, December 9 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 11/23/2025

Number of families participating: 11 (in-person) + 9 (online)

Attendance: 223

Gross sales: \$4,545.00 Profit earned this week \$120.15

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$3,302.51

Profit paid to the Academy: \$2609.44

\$10 and under gift cards are once again available for ordering.

If you would like to enroll, please contact Julie Goltermann or the church office to get the enrollment code.

Sunday Order of Service
The Week of the First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 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.

Preservice Music

“Nun komm der Heiden Heiland” – J.S. Bach

Hymn of Invocation **355**
“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

Introit *sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon (Zech. 9:9b)

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Psalm (Ps. 118:25-28)

Save us, we pray, | O Lord!*

O Lord, we pray, give | us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord!*

We bless you from the house | of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 2:1-5**
The Church Is the Mountain of the Lord

Gradual *sung by the choir*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*

From the house of the Lord we | bless you. (Zech. 9:9; Ps. 18:26)

Epistle **Romans 13:8-14**

Cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Choral Response “Rejoice, O Jerusalem”

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.

Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness,
and let us put on the armor of light.

Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him;
and in that day the light shall be great.

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel **Matthew 21:1-11**

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Apostles Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **332**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

St. 1 – All

St. 5 – Men

St. 2 – Men

St. 6 – All

St. 3 – Women and Children

St. 7 – Women/Children

St. 4 – All

St. 8 – 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in 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

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” **334**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” **341**

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” **345**

Hymn to Depart **333**

“Once He Came in Blessing”