

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Melinda Burger

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, and Joanne Smith

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Lance Carus

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Matthew Voss

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, January 4th – (7:45) – 106 (10:30) – 94 Bible Class – 65

Monday, December 8th – Didache – 25

Wednesday, December 10th – 8:00 – 37 2:30 – 28 6:30 – 60

Thursday, December 11th – Chapel Matins – 32 Coffee Break – 41

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### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,895.50
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 175.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 8,270.50

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DECEMBER 2025:

General funds received in December:	\$ 95,796.94
Capital Improvement funds received in December:	\$ 320.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in December:	\$ 5,220.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in December:	\$ 682.00
International Mission funds received in December:	\$ 1,712.00
Mercy funds received in December:	<u>\$ 1,955.00</u>
	\$103,685.94

\*Online gifts are included in December 2025 totals.

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

### THEME: Jesus Is Baptized to Fulfill All Righteousness for Us

Jesus' baptism signifies that the Son of God has not only become a flesh and blood man like us, but especially that He has come to align Himself with us as sinners and to take our sin upon Himself as the Lamb of God. We come to Baptism because Christ is the content of our Baptism. We come to have our sins washed away and forgiven for Jesus' sake. Jesus comes to the waters of Baptism, not because He has sin to be forgiven, but to give Himself into the waters of Holy Baptism so that Baptism has the power to forgive sins for us. He is the righteous Savior who has died for us. He fulfills all righteousness in our place. In His Baptism He gives Himself to us so that in our Baptism we might receive Him for the forgiveness of all sins. When we are Baptized God the Father declares us His beloved for Jesus' sake, the Holy Spirit descends upon us with the gift of faith, and Jesus and His righteousness becomes our own.

**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.

**Divine Service Setting Five Service Folders** are available this morning instead of the usual "white sheet" bulletin insert. The entire service, including hymns with melody, is laid out for you there, but we encourage those who wish to sing harmony to pick up the hymnal for those hymns.

**Ladies of the Congregation**, through our Lord's body and blood that he gives for us to eat and to drink at the altar each Divine Service, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation—what great gifts He gives! If you would like to assist in the preparation of Holy Communion, please reach out to Rosanne Fell or call the office to learn more about serving the congregation in this blessed labor of love.

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The Rev. Peter C. Bender, Senior Pastor — (262) 370-1189  
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** — “*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 — Baptism of Our Lord**  
**Bible Class at 9:15 — The Baptism of Our Lord**
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Monday:** **Didache Adult Catechesis 6:00 pm**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 pm — Baptism of Our Lord**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 am**  
**Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 am**

**Family Prayer Devotional Studies** will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is *The Baptism of our Lord—Matthew 3:1-6, 13-17*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**Coffee Break Bible Study** continues to focus on the Gospel of Luke. We will meet this Thursday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m., but there will be NO class on January 22nd.

**Didache Meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00**

This week’s lesson is *The Lord’s Prayer – 3rd to 5th Petitions—the Syrophoenician Woman*. Past lessons are available on the church website (under “Additional Recordings”) and at your favorite podcast provider.

**Educating a New Generation of Lutherans...** Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Stranger Things: Season 5, The Top Biblical Archeology Stories of 2025, The Parable of the Prodigal Son, The Baptism of Our Lord, The Epiphany Season and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ACADEMY AUCTION - MARCH 21, 2026!

The Academy Auction will be held on Saturday, March 21st 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 Peace Lutheran Academy. Stay tuned for this year's theme.

**2026 giving envelopes** Samples have been mailed to members. Double check the number you received in the mailing with the previous year’s envelope number and let us know if there is a discrepancy. Please put both your name AND envelope number on the first couple of envelopes. Additional envelopes are available in the narthex and office. Thank you!

**The automatic door has been set to remain locked**—Please use the other door during Divine Service and Bible Study times. During regular office hours, please ring the bell if both doors are locked.

**Thank you for partnering in the work of the Gospel** through your generous gift. I thank God that he provides through saints like you who desire that all nations would know the Good News that you know and trust in for your eternal salvation. May God continue to bless you in this new year through the merits of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.—Pastor Anderson, Missionary to Panama.

**Board of Elders meets this Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Board of Education meets this Tuesday, January 13 at 7:15 p.m.**

**Board of Properties meets Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Parish Council meets Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

**If you purchased an altar poinsettia** and would like to take it home, please do so today.

**Sign-up charts for the sanctuary candle and altar flowers for 2026** are posted on the board outside of the church kitchen. Please sign up to bring fresh flowers for the altar.

### Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 1/04/2025

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

Attendance: 274

Gross sales: \$3,126.00    Profit earned this week \$90.27

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$4,488.87

Profit paid to the Academy: \$3,302.51

If you would like to sign up on the RaiseRight app, please contact Julie Goltermann or the church office to get the enrollment code.