

## 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 11th – (7:45) – 99 (10:30) – 120 Bible Class – 80

Monday, January 12 – Didache – 27

Wednesday, January 14 – 26

Thursday, January 15th – Chapel Matins – 31      Coffee Break – 47

**Altar Candle:** given in memory of Lorraine Kopling by Frank and Rosie Kopling

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### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 9,300.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 250.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
	\$ 9,575.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JANUARY 2026:

General funds received in January:	\$ 17,195.50
Capital Improvement funds received in January:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in January:	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in January:	\$ 425.00
International Mission funds received in January:	\$ 00.00
Mercy funds received in January:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
	\$ 17,845.50

### Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

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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.

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

### THEME: Behold the Lamb of God!

After John baptized Jesus he understood and believed more fully who Jesus really was and how He would be the Savior for people. John's confession summarized Jesus' entire mission: "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" In His Baptism Jesus aligned Himself with sinful humanity and took responsibility for making atonement for our sin when, in His Baptism, God the Father declared Him to be the sin bearer for us. Jesus' baptism declared Him to be the Christ, anointed by the Holy Spirit, and the One who is the fulfillment of all the hopes of Israel. John continued to declare that Jesus was the Lamb of God and this message moved Andrew to confess to his brother, "We have found the Messiah." The heart of the Messiah's work is that He is the innocent Lamb of God who makes atonement for the sin of the world through His death upon the cross. This message converts the heart of sinners and draws them to Christ as His disciples.

**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.

**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.

**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 — Epiphany 2  
Bible Class at 9:15 — Parables of Jesus
- **Mon-Friday:** Daily Chapel at 8:00 am
- **Wednesday:** Divine Service at 6:30 pm — Epiphany 2
- **Thursday:** Matins with Communion at 8:00 am

**NO Didache** Tomorrow, January 19.

**NO Coffee Break Bible Study** this Thursday January 22.

**Next Thursday, January 29**, we will watch a video on the Red Sea crossing during the Bible Class period.

**Family Prayer Devotional Studies** will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is ***The Pool of Bethesda — John 5:1-15***. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**Expert guests, Expansive topics, Extolling Christ...** 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 subjects include: The Return of the Jewish Question; Fact-Checking Sermons; Strengthening the Hyde Amendment; Jesus as Prophet, Priest & King; Luther's Large Catechism 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.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Piano Recital January 31 at 10:00 a.m.** Come hear young members and friends of the congregation perform a variety of pieces as they prepare for their Federation Competition.

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

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

**Congregational Assembly** will be February 3 at 7:00 p.m.

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

### It'll be the cat's pajamas!

The Academy Auction will be held on 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 the Academy. This year's theme is the Roaring Twenties.

**Make your reservation today** to attend the auction.

Individual Ticket: \$33 — Table of 8: \$240 (\$30 per person)  
Prices increase after March 1st.

**Consider donating a basket to be auctioned.** Simply get a basket, choose a theme, fill it with goodies, and submit your basket with its contents online at [www.plaauction.com](http://www.plaauction.com) under “Donate Items.” Please drop the basket off in the church office by February 16th.

**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!

**2 Tickets to Bach's St. Matthew Passion are available** for \$35 apiece. The Performance is Friday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bradley Symphony Center. If you are interested in joining the other 68 members of our congregation who will be attending, please contact Kathy May or call the church office by this Tuesday, January 21.

**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.

**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 1/11/2025

Number of families participating: 8 (in-person) + 9 (online)

Attendance: 311

Gross sales: \$2,790.00   Profit earned this week \$73.75

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$4,562.62

Profit paid to the Academy: \$4,419.40

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

## Sunday Order of Service

The Week of the Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 18, 2026

## 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** 434  
“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

**Introit** sung responsively with the cantor

*Antiphon* (Ps. 19:14)  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in Your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my Re- | deemer.

*Psalm* (Ps. 19:1-4)

**The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God; \***  
and the firmament shows His | handiwork.  
Day unto day | utters speech, \*  
and night unto night reveals | knowledge.

**There is no speech nor | language \***  
where their voice | is not heard.

Their line has gone out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end | of the world. \*  
In them He has set a tabernacle | for the sun.

**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 49:1-7  
Christ, the Redeemer, speaks through the prophet Isaiah.

**Psalm 40:1-11** (antiphon vs. 3) sung responsively with the cantor

**Epistle** I Corinthians 1:1-9  
The Apostle Paul gives thanks for the Lord’s congregation at Corinth.

**Alleluia-Verse** sung by the cantor

Alleluia.  
Behold! The | Lamb of God \*  
who takes away the sin of the world!  
Alle- | luya.

*John 1: 29b*

**Holy Gospel** John 1:29-42a  
The Lamb of God and The First Disciples

**Nicene Creed** confessed after the Holy Gospel

**Hymn of the Day** 402  
“The Only Son from Heaven”  
*St. 3 sung by the cantor*

**Proper Preface for Epiphany Season**

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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**

“Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering” 600  
“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” 534  
“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling” 630

**Hymn to Depart** 702  
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”