

## 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 18th – (7:45) – 106 (10:30) – 110 Bible Class – 82

Wednesday, January 21st – 25

Thursday, January 22nd – Chapel Matins – 30

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### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,681.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 20.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	\$ 5,701.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JANUARY 2026:

General funds received in January:	\$ 22,876.50
Capital Improvement funds received in January:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in January:	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in January:	\$ 445.00
International Mission funds received in January:	\$ 00.00
Mercy funds received in January:	\$ 25.00
	\$ 23,546.50



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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.

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

### THEME: Jesus Calls Fishers of Men

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the light that shines into the darkness of this world's unbelief and sin. The light of Christ shines wherever the Gospel is preached. Jesus preached in areas where both Jew and Gentile lived to show that He is the light of salvation for all people. His preaching always began in the synagogues in the towns and villages He visited to show that the Gospel is both preached in the Old Testament Scriptures and clearly fulfilled in His person and work. Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John had met Jesus before they were called to be "fishers of men." They had been baptized by John at the Jordan River in the province of Judea. After their baptism, they returned to their life's work as fishermen. But now Jesus comes to them and calls them into a new vocation. Now they will leave their fishing business and become apostolic ministers of the Gospel. "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Now they will begin to be trained by Jesus, so that after His Ascension into heaven they might continue His work by preaching the Gospel for the salvation of the world. Every baptized Christian is called to bear witness to their faith in Christ in whatever vocation God has called them. But there is an office of the Holy Ministry through which Christ's voice is to continue to be heard in the world in the public preaching of the Church.

**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** — “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 3  
Bible Class at 9:15 — Parables of Jesus
- **Monday:** Didache-Compline 6:00 pm
- **Mon-Friday:** Daily Chapel at 8:00 am
- **Wednesday:** Divine Service at 6:30 pm — Epiphany 3
- **Thursday:** Matins with Communion at 8:00 am  
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00am

“Wonderfully Made” – the Theology of the Body at Youth Group **next Sunday, February 1** after the 10:30 service. Copies of the book by Dr. John Kleinig remain available for our youth and others who desire one.

**There are still 3 slots left** for the Higher Things youth retreat—if you are interested, registration forms can be picked up in the office today, and they need to be returned by tomorrow, January 26. Please speak with Miss Lily Ficken if you have questions.

In **Coffee Break Bible Study this Thursday, January 29**, we will watch a video on the Red Sea crossing during the Bible Class period.

**The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Plan to come to one of three services: 8:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. All three Ash Wednesday Divine Services include the imposition of ashes and the Service of Corporate Confession and Individual Absolution.

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

This week's lesson is ***The Lord's Prayer – 6th Petition to Conclusion—the Stilling of the Storm***. Past lessons are available on the church website (under “Additional Recordings”) and at your favorite podcast provider.

**Family Prayer Devotional Studies** will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is ***Naaman's Leprosy is Cleansed — 2 Kings 5:1-15***. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### 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 20's**.

**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.

**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.

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

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

**2025 Contribution statements are available in the Narthex.** If you haven't already, please pick up yours today. If you have any questions about your statement, please reach out to Mary Schneider. Thank you!

**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.

#### **Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 1/18/2025

Number of families participating: 8 (in-person) + 6 (online)

Attendance: 311

Gross sales: \$1,825.00 Profit earned this week \$47.14

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$4,609.76

Profit paid to the Academy: \$4,419.40

## Sunday Order of Service

The Week of the Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 25, 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

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

594

### Introit sung by the choir

*Antiphon*

I will tell of Your name to my | brothers; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise You.

(Ps. 22:22)

*Psalm*

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\*  
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore You.

For kingship belongs | to the LORD,\*  
and He rules over the | nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship; \*  
Before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

Posterity shall | serve Him; \*  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;  
they shall come and proclaim His righteousness  
to a people | yet unborn, \*  
that He has | done it.

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.

(Ps. 22:27-31)

(Antiphon is repeated.)

### Old Testament Reading

The light of Christ shines into a world of darkness.

Isaiah 9:1-14

### Choral Response

“The Lord is My Light and My Salvation” by Zimmermann

1. The Lord is my Light  
and my Salvation; Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the Stronghold of my life.  
For He will hide me,  
and He will guide me;  
He will set me high upon a rock.  
The Lord is my Light and my Salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the Stronghold of my life.

2. I ask of the Lord  
for only one thing, this will I seek:  
To live in the Lord’s house all my life.  
In times of trouble He will protect me,  
He will keep me safe from ev’ry foe.  
I ask of the Lord for only one thing,  
this will I seek:  
to live in the Lord’s house all my life.

3. Come hear me, O Lord.  
When-e’er I call You, answer me, Lord.  
I come to You now, I seek Your face.  
Since You have helped me  
in all my trials,  
do not leave me now, O Lord, my Life.  
Come hear me, O Lord.  
When-e’er I call You. Answer me, Lord!  
I come to You now, I seek Your face.

4. Give glory to God,  
our gracious Father, Lord evermore,  
for He is the Stronghold of our lives.  
Give praise to Jesus, our Servant Savior,  
for He was raised high upon the tree.  
His Spirit enflames us by His witness,  
filling our hearts.  
Our Stronghold, Jehovah, cannot fail!

### I Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls all ministers to faithfulness in preaching the Gospel.

### Alleluia-Verses sung by the choir

Matthew 4:7

Alleluia!  
From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,  
“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”  
Alleluia!

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

Jesus calls His apostolic ministers.

### Nicene Creed confessed after the Holy Gospel

### Hymn of the Day

835

“On Galilee’s High Mountain”  
Sts. 2 & 4 sung by the choir

### Distribution Hymns

829

“Christ the Eternal Lord”  
“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”  
“The People that in Darkness Sat”

839

412

### Hymn to Depart

873

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”