

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Cheryl Piper

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Keith Gierach

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Tom Aidich

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, February 8th – (7:45) – 119 (10:30) – 98 Bible Class – 95

Monday, February 9th – Didache – 23

Wednesday, February 11th – 26

Thursday, February 12th – Chapel Matins – 27 Coffee Break – 42

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### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,474.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 2,310.00
Memorials	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 25.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 25.00
	\$ 10,884.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN FEBRUARY 2026:

General funds received in February:	\$ 17,099.00
Capital Improvement funds received in February:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in February:	\$ 2,410.00
Memorials received in February:	\$ 25.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in February:	\$ 145.00
International Mission funds received in February:	\$ 250.00
Mercy funds received in February:	\$ 125.00
	\$ 20,154.00

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026

### THEME: The Transfiguration of Our Lord!

In today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus when His flesh was transfigured before Peter, James, and John, because Jesus, the Son of God, is the glory of the Old Testament Scriptures. Moses' face shone like the Son because he proclaimed the Christ. Elijah was the fiery prophet who preached repentance and salvation because he proclaimed the Christ. The true Tabernacle, the place of the Lord's saving presence, is not any structure that man erects for himself, but the Son Himself who, in His suffering and death, is the fulfillment of every Word of the Law and the Prophets. The Father's Word, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!" not only proclaims Jesus' identity as the Son of God, but it also is that Word from the Father that sustained Him in His pilgrimage to the cross. It is now Jesus' Word that sustains us, enabling us to take up our cross and follow Him, and to be faithful unto death.

**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.

### 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.



**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 — Transfiguration Bible Class at 9:15 — Congregation at Prayer**
- **Monday:** **Didache at 6:00 pm**
- **Tues-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Ash Wednesday Divine Service at 8:00, 2:30 & 6:30**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 am**  
**Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 am**

**No Chapel on Monday, February 16 and the office closes at noon.**  
The Academy will be on winter break.

**The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18**

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.  
Midweek services will follow the Wednesday readings in the Congregation at Prayer and will be at 8:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday through April 1.

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

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

This week’s lesson is *Holy Baptism – Part 4—Jesus Blesses the Children*. Past lessons are available on the church website (under “Additional Recordings”) and at your favorite podcast provider.

**Sunday School is for the whole family!** The lessons your children begin learning on Sunday morning are posted under the Family Prayer tab on our website for your family to meditate upon during the rest of the week. There are lessons to print as well as recordings by Pastor Bender to help guide the study. The lesson this week is *The Transfiguration of Our Lord — Matthew 17:1-9*.

**Education & Edification**...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: The Religious Beliefs of

Abraham Lincoln, Why Feminism Can’t Be Fused with Christianity, Is Christianity a Psychological Crutch?, The Hymn “If God Himself Be For Me” and more.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Ladies of Peace**, through our Lord’s body and blood that He gives for us to eat and to drink at the altar at each Divine Service, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation! What great gifts He gives! Please consider assisting in the preparation of Holy Communion for our congregation. It is a loving service to your brothers and sisters in Christ and does not require a large time commitment. If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Rosanne Fell or call the church office.

**Peace Lutheran Academy’s Fundraiser in March**

Is March 21st marked on your calendar for the school auction? Gather a group of family and friends, buy a table, and make an evening out of it! Ticket prices are \$33 per person or \$240 for a table of 8 (\$30/person). Go to [www.plaauction.com](http://www.plaauction.com) to sign up or speak to Beth Boehringer for assistance.

**Support Peace Lutheran Academy by spreading the word about our Lenten fish fries** on February 20 & 27 and March 6, 13, & 27 from 5-7 p.m. If you are able to lend a hand on any of these dates, please reach out to Deaconess Sherry Prowatzke. It is a great way to be involved in the life of the Academy and enjoy the camaraderie of other members of Peace.

**Board of Elders** meets Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**Board of Properties** meets Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education** meets Tuesday, February 17 at 7:15 p.m.

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 02/08/2025

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 7 (online)

Attendance: 245

Gross sales: \$1,700.00 Profit earned this week \$60.76

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$5,251.90

Profit paid to the Academy: \$5,015.19

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 Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 15, 2026

**Divine Service Setting Five**  
**Lutheran Service Book p. 213**

*Setting five is Luther's setting of the Divine Service that utilizes hymns for the ordinary canticles of the Service (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Post-Communion Canticle).*

*Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 213. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

**Hymn of Invocation** **415**

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”

*St. 1: Choir St. 2: Women and Children St. 3: Choir St. 4: All*

**Introit** *sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* (Psalm 99:9)

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy | mountain;\*  
for the LORD our God is | holy!

*Psalm* (Psalm 99:1–5)

The LORD reigns; let the peoples | tremble!\*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the | earth quake!

The LORD is great in | Zion;\*

He is exalted over all the | peoples.

Let them praise Your great and | awesome name!\*

[Holy,] ho- | ly is He!

The King in His might loves | justice.\*

You have established equity; You have executed justice and  
righteousness in | Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His | footstool!\*

[Holy,] ho- | ly is He!

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)

**Kyrie Hymn** **942**

“Kyrie! God, Father”

**Gloria Hymn** **948**

“All Glory Be to God on Alone”

**Old Testament Reading** **Exodus 24:8-18**

The glory of the Lord on Mount Sinai

**Choral Response**

“The Only Son from Heaven”

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| 1. The only Son from heaven,<br>Foretold by ancient seers,<br>By God the Father given,<br>In human form appears.<br>No sphere His light confining,<br>No star so brightly shining<br>As He, our Morning Star.            | 2. O time of God appointed,<br>O bright and holy morn!<br>He comes, the king anointed,<br>The Christ, the virgin-born,<br>His home on earth He maketh,<br>And man of heav'n partaketh,<br>Of life again an heir. |
| 3. O Lord, our hearts awaken<br>To know and love Thee more,<br>In faith to stand unshaken,<br>In spirit to adore,<br>That we, still heav'nward hasting,<br>Yet here Thy joy foretasting,<br>May reap its fullness there. |  |

**Epistle** **2 Peter 1:16-21**

The Apostles were eye-witnesses of the glory of Christ.

**Alleluia-Verse** *sung by the choir* *Psalm 45:2a*

Alleluia! You are the most handsome of the sons of men;  
grace is poured upon your lips. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** **Matthew 17:1-9**

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Nicene Creed** *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

**Hymn of the Day** **413**

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair”

**Sanctus Hymn** **960**

“Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”

**Agnus Dei** **962**

“Agnus Dei”

**Distribution Hymns** **414**

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| “’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”       | <b>414</b> |
| “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” | <b>621</b> |
| “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”        | <b>417</b> |

**Post-Communion Hymn** **938**

“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”

**Hymn to Depart** **603**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”