

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Melissa Brendel

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Melody Ruhbusch
Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Tom Aidich

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, August 9th – 84 (7:45); 119 (10:30); 62 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, August 12th – 22

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,110.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 25.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 100.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 8,235.00</u>

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN AUGUST 2026:

General funds received in August:	\$ 24,297.00
Capital Improvement funds received in August:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in August:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in August:	\$ 225.00
International Mission funds received in August:	\$ 00.00
Mercy funds received in August:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 24,572.00</u>

Needed for general ministry for 2026-27: \$594,500

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$69,970 (12%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

THEME: FAITH CLINGS TO THE WORD OF THE GOSPEL ALONE

Undeterred by the Lord's apparent silence and then His rebuke, the Canaanite woman cries out to Jesus for mercy because of her daughter's demonic affliction. She confesses Him to be the Lord, the Son of David. Though a Canaanite, her faith is fixed upon the promise of the Gospel: "Even the dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Her faith is great because it confesses her utter unworthiness and rests solely upon the Word of God. Even though the Lord Himself seems to be against her, the promise of the Gospel declares that it is not so. He is the Savior of all sinners who cling to His Word of salvation.

This theme is echoed in today's Old Testament reading. The prophet Isaiah proclaims that the Gospel is for all the nations and not just the Jews. Indeed, the Temple of the Lord was built to be a temple for all, as the Lord declared, "I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." This promise is fulfilled throughout the Gospels as Jesus draws all sinners to Himself, Jews, Gentiles, Canaanites, and Samaritans. He is the true temple of God on earth and everyone who is drawn to Him by faith in His mercy and the righteous sacrifice that He made for all upon the cross is "worthy" and "acceptable" to the Lord.

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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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 — “*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it*” (Luke 11:28). 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**
Bible Class at 9:15 — Pentecost 12 Propers
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 12**

Coffee Break Bible Study is in recess for the summer. It will resume on September 3.

Bible Class for the Whole Family During the summer, children should attend Bible Class with their parents. This is a wonderful way to stimulate discussion in the faith at home. Throughout the summer we take a deeper look at each week’s appointed Sunday readings. Also, please continue to use the online Family Prayer lessons under the Family Prayer tab on our website with your family at home over the summer hiatus.

Sunday School is for the whole family! Lessons are posted under the Family Prayer tab on our website for your family to meditate upon during the week. There are printable lessons with related artwork as well as recordings by Pastor Bender to help guide the study. The lesson this week is *The Canaanite Woman Prays to Jesus — Matthew 15:21-28*.

Truth, Goodness, Beauty ... 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 teachings include: What Is Critical Theory?, The Reliability of the Bible, The Population Bust, The Term “Flesh” in the Bible and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Library books may not be checked out until school begins. Children may continue to read books in the library, but please do not remove them from the school. They should be placed on the return cart after reading. Thank you!

Back to School – Peace Lutheran Academy is about to start its 2026-27 academic year! Our teachers this year are Pastor Gehlbach, Angela Volquardsen, Anna Hahn, Beth Bender, Jennifer Duessler (art), Kathy May (music), and Pastor Bender.

Please note these important dates as classes begin:

- **Drop off school supplies** in the classroom *this week* during regular office hours
- **Opening Service and Installation of Teachers** will take place next *Sunday, August 23* in both services. Please keep our faculty in your prayers in the days and weeks ahead.
- **First day of school is *Monday, August 24*.** The school day will start with daily chapel at 8:00 a.m. The school day will finish at 3:30 p.m.

Donate an item or basket for Place of Refuge’s LifeWalk silent auction. All donations raised from LifeWalk go directly to impacting women at Refuge House and women blessed by Advocacy. If you have an item or gift basket to donate, please inform Beautiful Savior at office@bslcmequon.com or 262-242-6650. Donated items must be received in their office by Friday, August 28. **To register for the walk, go to www.aplaceofrefuge.org/life-walk-registration.**

Board of Elders meets Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education meets Tuesday, August 18 at 7:15 p.m.

Board of Properties meets Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 8/9/2026

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 12 (online)

Attendance: 229

Gross sales: \$1,375.00 Profit earned this week \$456.69

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$1,017.30

Profit paid to the Academy: \$492.87

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

\$100 Pick ’n Save gift cards remain unavailable, but extra \$50 Pick ’n Save cards are stocked for cash & carry orders.

There are 3 \$100 Kohls gift cards available. We would like to sell these, and then we will only carry \$25 cards on hand.

Sunday Order of Service
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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 **683**
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 28:8*
The LORD is the strength of His | people;*
He is the saving refuge of His a- | nointed.
Psalm *Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7*
To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
lest, if You be silent to me,
I become like those who go down | to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | You for help,*
when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctu- | ary.
Blessèd | be the LORD!*
For He has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.
The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in Him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to Him.
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 56:1, 6–8**
The Gospel is for all nations.

Gradual *Sung by the congregation* *Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.*
Fear the LORD, | you His saints,*
for those who fear Him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle **Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32**
God chose Israel for the benefit of all nations.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 15:21–28**
The Canaanite Woman Cries Out for Mercy

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **615**
“When in the Hour of Deepest Need”

Common Proper Preface I

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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
“Sing Praise to the God of Israel” **936**
“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” **610**
“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling” **630**

Hymn to Depart **924**
“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”