

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke

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

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Elton Volquardsen

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Keith Gierach

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, October 25 – 127 (7:45); 84 (10:30); 82 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, October 28 – 110

Thursday, October 29 – Chapel Matins – 30 Coffee Break – 32

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 12,015.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 125.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 125.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
	\$ 12,290.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN OCTOBER 2026:

General funds received in October:	\$ 51,665.61
Capital Improvement funds received in October:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in October:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in October:	\$ 730.00
International Mission funds received in October:	\$ 825.00
Mercy funds received in October:	<u>\$ 105.00</u>
	\$ 53,325.61

**Full-month numbers include online gifts*

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

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$182,719 (31%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2026

THEME: We Are in Communion with Christ and Share in His Blessedness

The One greater than Moses calls His disciples out of the multitudes and opens His mouth to give them the Word of God by which they are made alive. Jesus preaches about the reality of Baptism in which we are joined to Christ so that what is true of Him is now true of us. Truly, the eight Beatitudes describe Christ, but the plural is used because God the Father now declares this about all who are baptized into the name of the Blessed Trinity. Eight represents those of the new creation who possess the kingdom of heaven just as the eight were spared from the Flood in the ark. Each Beatitude looks back to events from the history of Israel, but also anticipates other parts of Matthew's Gospel. The life of the baptized is to be that of sorrow and joy, persecution and reward, death and resurrection. So closely are we joined to Christ in Baptism that these things of His experience become ours also. This is to be immediately understood of the work of the apostles themselves as they preach the content of the Beatitudes, that is, Christ. If they preach the Beatitudes as Law, the world will readily accept their preaching for the world sees these as admirable guides for behavior. It is only when they dare to proclaim the Gospel of the meek and merciful Peacemaker that they will be rejected and persecuted. But it is in this meek and merciful Peacemaker, our Lord Jesus Christ, that we have the joy and freedom of the Gospel. The promises of the Beatitudes become a source of comfort for us as Christians who believe in Jesus and who bear in our own bodies and lives the very life of Christ our Savior.

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 — “*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 a.m.**
Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. — Adult Catechesis
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Homeschool Catechesis at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — All Saints’ Day**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 a.m.**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

Youth Group meets today after the 10:30 service. Bring your own lunch.

Coffee Break Bible Study will meet November 5 and 19. There will be no study on Nov. 12 or 26.

Adult Catechesis: Didache and the Augsburg Confession continues during Bible Class. This adult catechesis class will link together an in-depth study of *Lutheran Catechesis* with an in-depth study of the Augsburg Confession, the seminal confessional document of the evangelical Lutheran Church. **Today’s session:** *Lutheran Catechesis* – Lesson 1 (the first, second, and third commandments).

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 Flood—Genesis 6:5-22 (7:1-24).***

Children’s Choir Choral Evening Prayer Service

Our children’s choir, along with several area children’s choirs, is participating in a special festival led by Dr. Sam Eatherton, Kantor and Assistant Professor of Liturgics and Pastoral Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The festival will culminate in a beautiful Choral Evening Prayer Service. All are welcome! Join us for this wonderful opportunity to support Lutheran children’s choir singing.

- **When:** Friday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Historic Trinity Lutheran Church (1049 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee)

Thanksgiving Eve and Day Divine Services—November 25 and 26

The Festival Divine Services for the Day of National Thanksgiving will be 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve and 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day. This year, the service will feature the Children’s choirs on Thanksgiving Eve and the Senior Choir on Thanksgiving Day.

The Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 13

3-yr-olds through 8th graders are preparing for the program – **The Ministry of Angels** – during the Sunday School hour. Children in **Grades 1-8** meet in the 1st-2nd grade classroom from 9:15-9:30. Grades 5-8 are excused at 9:30 to join their parents in Bible Class. Children **3K to 5k** rehearse in Loehe Hall from 9:30-9:45. Final practice for the program will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 12. Parents, please mark your calendars.

NEWS AND NOTES

Pick up your Annual Report & Church Directory in the narthex today!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to Fund-a-Need at the last few auctions! Teachers have enjoyed the freedom to add enrichment items such as books, a globe, birdfeeders, science models, gym equipment and more. This has enhanced the experience of both the teaching and the learning in the past couple of years. Plans for revamping the teacher work room are coming along, and the security system upgrade is nearly complete.

Book Fair – CPH is hosting an online book fair for our congregation November 8-22. Explore specially priced items with 20% off and free shipping to church. Books will be available for pickup at the end of Nov. or beginning of Dec. See insert for how to access the site starting Nov 8, and pick up a Christmas gift guide at the Scrip counter.

Our November fish fry in support of Peace Lutheran Academy is on Friday, Nov. 13 from 5p.m.-7p.m. Drive through for dinner and tell your friends!

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

Board of Properties meets Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 10/25/2026

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

Attendance: 247

Gross sales: \$1,850.00 Profit earned this week \$67.25

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$2,953.95

Profit paid to the Academy: \$2,010.27

Sunday Order of Service

All Saints' Day
November 1, 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.

Stand and face the processional cross

Processional Hymn 940
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
Choir sings stanzas 1-2

Introit *sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb.

Psalm Psalm 31:1, 3, 5

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; *
in Your righteousness de- | liver me.

For You are my rock and my | fortress; *
and for Your name's sake You lead me and | guide me.

Into Your hand I commit my | spirit; *

You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

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

First Reading Revelation 7:2-17

The great multitude clothed in white robes.

Choral Response *sung by the choir*

"And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" by Eleanor Daley

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,
And there shall be no more death,
Neither sorrow, nor crying.
Neither shall there be any more pain,
For the former things are pass'd away,
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

Beloved, now we are children of God.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir*

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

Alleluia!
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of | witnesses, *
let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter | of our faith.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day

677

"For All the Saints"
Choir sings sts. 4 & 6

Proper Preface for All Saints' Day

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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore ...

Distribution Hymns

"Oh, How Blest Are They" 679
"For Me to Live Is Jesus" 742
"No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone" 747
"Wide Open Stand the Gates" 639

Hymn to Depart

671

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"