Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK
Organist: Kathy May and 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, November 1 – 167 (7:45); 74 (10:30); 95 (Bible Class)
Wednesday, November 4 – 24
Thursday, November 5 – Chapel Matins – 31 Coffee Break – 40

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	$ 7,141.00
Capital Improvement fund:	$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	$ 375.00
International Mission Fund:	$ 337.00
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Needed for general ministry for 2026-27: $594,500
Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: $202,043 (34%)

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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

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

THEME: ***Watch! You Know Not the Hour of the Lord's Return***

Faith in Christ alone makes one wise to salvation. Foolish is the one who casts aside the Gospel of Christ. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins is a parable about faith and unbelief. To believe in Christ is to love Him and long for His coming again in glory, like a faithful bride and her bridesmaids who await the coming of the Bridegroom. Those who do not believe in Christ have no particular yearning or anticipation for the Bridegroom's coming. We go to the Sacrament each week, confessing our sins, that we might "learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved." (Small Catechism) To "watch, [that is] pray" is to cry out to our Bridegroom, as His faithful bride, according to the loving promises of His Gospel and the gracious Words of His testament: "take eat, this is My body...drink of it all of you, this is My blood."

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—The Lord presents us with many opportunities to serve Him in our church community. As a member of the Communion Committee for a number of years, my experience has been one of spiritual fulfillment through this service. If you are looking for a way to give back to the Lord, please consider joining our team. Please contact Rosanne Fell for more information (262-246-6215).

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 — Pentecost 24**
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:00 a.m.**

There is NO Coffee Break Bible Study this week. We WILL meet on Nov. 19.

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 Table of the Law in the Divine Liturgy).

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 ***After the Flood—Genesis 8:1-22; 9:1-17.***

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.

Karaoke for Christian Hymns. . . You can sing hymns like "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Jesus Priceless Treasure," "Abide with Me" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 60 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

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.

Advent Mid-week Services—Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Advent Midweek Services prepare us for the celebration of our Lord's nativity, His second coming, and His daily coming in Word and Sacrament. There are three divine service opportunities each Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. as part of chapel; 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

December 2—**Ruth Gleans Grain in the Field of Boaz—Ruth 2:1-23**
December 9—**The Song of Hannah—1 Samuel 2:1-11**
December 16—**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist—Luke 1:57-66**
December 23—**The Journey to Bethlehem—Luke 2:1-14**

NEWS AND NOTES

Book Fair – CPH is hosting an online book fair for our congregation November 8-22. Explore specially priced iems with 20% off and free shipping to church. Books will be available for pickup at the end of Nov. or beginning of Dec. Pick up a Christmas gift guide at the Scrip Counter.

Our November Fish Fry which supports Peace Lutheran Academy is this Friday, Nov. 13 from 5p.m.-7p.m. Drive through for dinner and tell your friends!

Thank you to those who attended Pete's funeral to support our family. Thanks to so many of you for the prayers and the cards. We particularly thank Pastor and Kathy for their help and support. –Brenda Greschner and family

Board of Properties meets Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Board of Elders meets Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00 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 11/01/2026
Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 11 (online)
Attendance: 351
Gross sales: $1,925.00 Profit earned this week $92.87
Total profits earned this fiscal year: $3046.82
Profit paid to the Academy: $2,010.27



Sunday Order of Service

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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 **Insert**

"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"
Choir sings st. 2

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *Psalm 81:3*

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

Psalm *Psalm 81:1, 9-12*

How lovely is Your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!
Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of Your a- | nointed!
For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does He withhold from those
who walk up- | rightly.
O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in You!

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 **Amos 5:18-24**

The Day of the Lord

Gradual *sung by the congregation* *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tri- | bulation. *
They have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you, *
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

The Comfort of Christ's Coming and the Future Resurrection

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir* *Matthew 5:13*

Alleluia!
Watch therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **516**

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"
Choir sings st. 2

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

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" **515**
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" *(Stanzas 1-4)* **636**
"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" **336**

Hymn to Depart **747**

"No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone"

656 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Rev. 7: 13–17
Den store hvide Flok vi se
Hans A. Brorson, c. 1760
Tr., composite

8. 8. 8. 6. 12 lines

Great White Host
Norwegian folk-tune, c. 1600
Arr. by Edvard H. Grieg, †1907, ad.



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