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, November 8 – 147 (7:45); 78 (10:30); 125 (Bible Class)
Wednesday, November 11 – 22
Thursday, November 12 – Chapel Matins – 34

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	$ 8,305.00
Capital Improvement fund:	$ 25.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	$ 125.00
International Mission Fund:	$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	$ 00.00
	$ 8,455.00

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER 2026:

General funds received in November:	$ 15,396.00
Capital Improvement funds received in November:	$ 25.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in November:	$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in November:	$ 525.00
International Mission funds received in November:	$ 362.00
Mercy funds received in November:	$ 00.00
	$ 16,308.00

Needed for general ministry for 2026-27: $594,500
Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: $203,616 (34%)

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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

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026

THEME: The Gospel Is Our Greatest Treasure!

The Lord Jesus has committed much to His Church. He has given us the Gospel and Sacraments. By these gifts, faith in Christ is created and spreads throughout the world. These gifts of Word and Sacrament, the Gospel and faith in Christ are the "goods" or "talents" Jesus has committed to His Church. In the language of the parable, Jesus "is like a man travelling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them." What is to be done with these gifts? The Gospel is to be preached; the Sacraments are to be administered; faith in Christ is to be confessed! Why? Because through these gifts, the kingdom of God continues to increase. The miracle of the kingdom is that the more the Gospel and sacraments are preached and administered, the more "the talents" multiply. Faith and the preaching of the Gospel (along with the Sacraments) go together. Where preaching abounds, there faith abounds; and where faith abounds, there will, correspondingly, be greater use of the gifts of Word and Sacrament. So what do we do with these gifts until the Lord returns? Pastors preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments; Christians eagerly receive, believe, and confess; and the Word and faith of the Lord spreads. The "unprofitable servant" is that minister or disciple of Jesus who turns away from these gifts the Lord has so freely given for our salvation and the salvation of our neighbor.

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 — *"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 25**
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:00 a.m.**
  Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets this week, but not Thanksgiving.

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 2 (Christ Fulfills the Law).

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 Tower of Babel—Genesis 11:1-9.***

The Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 13
Children are practicing during the Sunday School hour. Final practice for the program will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 12.

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.

36th Annual Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols—December 20
Join us on Sunday, December 20, at 3pm. for this annual celebration of the unfolding of Scripture leading up to Christ's nativity and the great carols that surround them. All of our choirs will be singing, together with instrumentalists who are working very hard to honor Christ and proclaim the Gospel to you! Join us for this wonderful celebration.

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

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).

CPH Book Fair – Only one week left to place your order!
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.

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 11/08/2026
Number of families participating: 10 (in-person) + 6 (online)
Attendance: 249
Gross sales: $3,850.00 Profit earned this week $479.06
Total profits earned this fiscal year: $3,525.88
Profit paid to the Academy: $2,942.15

Get the enrollment code from Julie Goltermann or the church office.

$10 and under RaiseRight Gift Cards are now available with form at counter.

The 2026 Giving Tree to thank our teachers and staff begins this weekend and runs through December 13. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex and use the special order forms at the Scrip counter to participate. You can pay for all of your RaiseRight purchases in one check or cash.

Sunday Order of Service

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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 **509**
"Christ Is Surely Coming"

Entrance Psalm **90:1-12**
Prayed responsively from the hymnal.
Choir sings the antiphon before and after the psalm.
Choir sings the odd verses.
Congregation sings the even verses and the Gloria Patri.

Old Testament Reading **Zephaniah 1:7-16**
The Day of the Lord

Choral Response *sung by the choir*
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
by David von Kampen
See LSB 655 for text

Epistle **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**
Paul catechizes on the Day of the Lord.

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

Alleluia.
For to ev'ryone who has will more be given,
and he will have an abundance.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**
The Parable of the Talents

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **508**
"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"
Choir sings stanzas 4 and 6

Proper Preface II
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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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
"Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head" **647**
"One Thing's Needful" **536**
"Creator of the Stars of Night" **351**

Hymn to Depart **664**
"Fight the Good Fight"