Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK
Organist: Kathy May
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: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE
Sunday, November 22 – 115 (7:45); 109 (10:30); 104 (Bible Class)

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	$ 10,635.00
Capital Improvement fund:	$ 100.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	$ 600.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	$ 25.00
International Mission Fund:	$ 3,000.00
Mercy fund:	$ 00.00
	$ 14,360.00

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER 2026:

General funds received in November:	$ 33,541.00
Capital Improvement funds received in November:	$ 100.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in November:	$ 600.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in November:	$ 625.00
International Mission funds received in November:	$ 3,625.00
Mercy funds received in November:	$ 00.00
	$ 38,491.00

Needed for general ministry for 2026-27: $594,500
Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: $225,576 (38%)

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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 First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026

THEME: The King Who Comes to Save!

"Even so Lord Jesus, quickly come and free us from our sin!" Advent is the season in which we especially pray, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Christians long to be set free from the burden of sin, the weaknesses of the flesh, and the assaults of Satan and the world upon our faith. This is what the pilgrims on Palm Sunday yearned for. Through Jesus' preaching and ministry, they recognized Him as the Messiah and cried out to Him: "Hosanna! (Save us now!) 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Blessed is the kingdom of our father David…Hosanna in the highest!" Quoting from the Passover Psalm 118, the believers on Palm Sunday recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the Passover. They recognized Him as the Messiah, the Son of David, and the One who would deliver them from the bondage to sin and death. They believed all this about Him and cried out to Him in fervent faith because they had heard and received His ministry of love and forgiveness. Advent does not ignore the harsh realities of life in this world; instead, it recognizes all of them and claims the promise of Christ that He is our redeemer. During advent we learn to fix our eyes upon the hope of the Second Coming of Christ at which time He will set us free once and for all from the bondage to sin and death. Then "our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love."

Advent Responsive Prayer:
The Spirit and the Church cry out: **Come, Lord Jesus!**
All those who await His appearance pray: **Come, Lord Jesus!**
The whole creation pleads: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

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.

This morning, we welcome guest preacher Sergiu Trifa and his wife, Dana, from Romania. Sergiu is completing his pastoral training at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and is working to translate *Lutheran Catechesis* into Romanian.

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 a.m.**
- **Wednesday: Homeschool Catechesis at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday: Divine Service at 6:30 — Advent 1**
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:00 a.m.**
  Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Break Bible Study will meet December 3, 10, and 17.

Youth Group meets next Sunday, Dec. 6 after the 10:30 service. Bring a lunch! We will conclude our study of the Sermon on the Mount.

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**: *Augsburg Confession* – New Obedience/Good Works (Articles 6 and 20).

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 Annunciation—Luke 1:26-38.***

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.

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.

Join us for Advent Mid-week Divine 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. This year's discussion will focus on the pre-nativity narratives from the Old and New Testaments. Other than December 23, 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** (6:30 only)

Sacred Music for the Advent Season … "Savior of the Nations, Come," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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).

Congregational Assembly will meet Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Agendas are available in the narthex.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 11/22/2026
Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 9 (online)
Attendance: 246
Gross sales: $3,730.00 Profit earned this week $80.00
Total profits earned this fiscal year: $3,795.00
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 available with form at counter.

The 2026 Giving Tree to thank our teachers and staff 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 First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026

Divine Service Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book p. 184

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal *beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

Hymn of invocation **334**

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
Choir sings stanza 4

Introit *sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon *Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your King is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Psalm *Psalm 25:1-3*

To You, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.
O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.
Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

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 64:1-9**

Prayer for the Lord to rend the heavens and come down to save.

Gradual *sung by the choir* *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your King is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD.*
From the house of the LORD we | bless you.

Epistle **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Thanking God for the gifts of His grace.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir* *Psalm 24:7*

Alleluia.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **Mark 11:1-10**

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Apostles' Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **332**

"Savior of the Nations, Come"
Choir sings stanzas 3 and 7

Proper Preface for Advent

It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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

"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" **355**
"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" **350**
"The Advent of Our King" **331**

Hymn to Depart **349**

"Hark the Glad Sound"