

Sometimes the obvious is not so obvious. While the candles on the Advent wreath often catch our eye first, there is deep meaning in every detail. We hear the story of each candle and its significance, representing Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace as we count down to the lighting of the Christ candle on Christmas Day.

Underneath the glow of the candles lies the wreath itself. Its circular shape represents God's unending love, eternal life, and the continuous cycle of the seasons. The evergreen branches further symbolize God's unchanging nature, the presence of hope, and the everlasting life found in Christ.

What a wonderful time of year this is, as we witness the glory of the coming Christ Child and celebrate the promise of His second coming. On behalf of all the staff at Peace With Christ Christian School and Early Learning Center, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

In Christ,

David Robinson, Principal
Peace With Christ Christian School

WAYS TO GIVE

Give Online:

- **Simply Giving:** Set up recurring electronic giving by scanning the QR code.
- **Venmo:** Give your offerings and tithes through the Venmo app. Search for @PWC-Lutheran and add "general fund" to the note.



Give In-Person:

- **Cash or Check:** Place your offering in the collection plate.
- **Mail:** Mail your check to Peace With Christ, 3290 S. Tower Rd., Aurora, CO 80013

PRAYER

- **Prayer Wall:** Write your prayer on a card and place it in the wall located in the church lobby. You can also scan the QR code to submit electronically.
- **Prayer Chain:** Email your prayer request to Sandy Peterson at pray4pwc@pwclc.org.
- **Private Requests:** For confidential prayer requests for Pastor Josh only, email him directly at joshkrepel@pwclc.org.



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PEACE WITH CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Josh Krepel

December 21, 2025

JOY THAT LEAPS

When Mary visits Elizabeth, both women are filled with joy. Even the unborn John leaps in the womb. We get a chance to impart joy at Christmas among other things through gifts. Yet it is important that we remember that the coming of Jesus brings joy not just for the future, but right now.

Readings:

Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 1:39-45

Traditional Hymns:

#349 Hark the Glad Sound
#357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
#358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
#366 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
#379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Divine Service I (p151)

Modern Songs:

#357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
What Child Is This?
Light of the World (We the Kingdom)
Hope Has a Name
Little Drummer Boy

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN PERSON & ONLINE ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

8 AM/TRADITIONAL LITURGY, HYMNS & ORGAN
9:15 AM/SUNDAY MORNING CONNECT EDUCATION HOUR
10:15 AM/MODERN SERVICE, MODERN MUSIC/BAND

WELCOME!

We hope you find Peace With Christ to be a blessing. We invite you and your family to return and worship with us again soon!

Join our community! Scan the QR code to sign up and receive a welcome message from Pastor Josh.



Kids are welcome! Join us for a family-friendly worship experience. We offer "busy bags" and children's Bibles to keep little ones entertained.



We invite you to join us for fellowship before and after each service. Enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, baked goods, and fruit.



Join us at 9:15 am for our Bible study classes ("Sunday Classes" section). All are welcome! You can also join any of our ongoing small groups/studies ("Ongoing Small Groups/Studies" section) throughout the week.

NEW TO PEACE?

DISCOVER PEACE AND BECOME A PART OF OUR FAITH FAMILY

DISCOVER: If you're new to Peace With Christ, this relaxed dinner is a simple way to meet our team, hear our story, and take a first step into our faith family. **Next date: January 11, 2026 at 5:30 pm.**

FOUNDATIONS: Foundations is a two-week experience that introduces what we believe and why it matters. If you're exploring faith or returning to church, this is a great starting point. **Next class begins January 18, 2026 at 9:15 am.**

CONNECT CLASS: If you're ready to find your place here, Pastor Josh invites you to this four-week experience where he will help you understand our mission, values and where your gifts fit in the life of Peace With Christ. **Next class begins February 1, 2026 at 9:15 am.**



Simply scan the QR code for further class information and to register for any/all of the experiences listed above.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: A quarterly gathering for all key leaders, teachers and volunteers at PWC. It's a time to align our hearts around mission, grow in Jesus-centered leadership, and strengthen the unity of our team as we love, equip, and go together. **Next date: January 22, 2026 at 6 pm.**

HELP US FINISH 2025 STRONG & PREPARE FOR 2026!

Because of Jesus, we give! Your year-end generosity is fueling life-changing ministry—helping people know Jesus and grow in faith. We're praying for \$50,000 in additional gifts this November and December to finish strong and prepare for even greater ministry in 2026. Give today at peacewithchrist.org/give.



MISSING SOMETHING?

Our Lost and Found is located right next to the church library. Please stop by and check for any misplaced items before you head home!

SUNDAY CLASSES

ALL CLASSES START AT 9:15 AM
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



- **ADULT EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY**/Room 22 - NO CLASS TODAY
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL (pre-K through 5th grade)**/Chapel - NO CLASS TODAY
- **MS CONFIRMATION**/Room 10 - NO CLASS TODAY
- **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP @4 pm**

ONGOING SMALL GROUPS / STUDIES

- **Men's Breakfast & Bible Study:** 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 7 am (Lobby)
- **Women's Bible Study:** Every Friday @ 9 am (Youth Room)
- **Grandmas' Prayer Group:** 1st Sunday of the Month @ 8:15 am (Room 20)
- **The MOMCo** (Moms of Preschoolers): 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6-8 pm (Chapel). *All moms from pregnancy to high school graduation are welcome!*
- **Peace in Prayer Meeting:** Every Tuesday @ 6 pm (Youth Room)
- **The Table: Young Professionals Ministry:** Every Thursday @ 6:30 pm. Contact Thomas 303-501-0504 or Courtney 720-724-6710 for more info.
- **Refuge Nights (Middle School Youth Group):** Every other Friday @ 6-7:30pm

IN THE NEWS

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP INVITATION!

We invite you to join us indoors to celebrate Christmas! Our Christmas Eve services will be held on Wednesday, December 24th at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. On Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th, we will worship at 10:00 am, and this service will include Communion. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you.

DECEMBER 28TH HYMN SING

Please note: **On Sunday, December 28th, we will have one combined worship service at 10:15 am.** This will be a special Hymn Sing. We look forward to worshipping with you!

COMMUNITY PRAYER FOCUS

Join us in praying weekly for our community. This week, our prayers are specifically for Mrachek Middle School, Napa Auto Parts, O'Reilly Auto Parts, New Life Community Church, and the residents of E. Eastman Place, S. Urvan Court, and E. Bates Avenue.

YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED: SURVEY SNAPSHOT #2

Each week, we'll highlight one key theme from your survey feedback and share how it's helping us build a stronger, more connected PWC. **This week's snapshot:** We heard a desire for a simpler way to understand next steps beyond worship. We are designing a clear, visual roadmap that helps you see your next step in faith—partner with us by engaging the steps and helping new people find theirs.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open by appointment only from December 25th through January 2nd (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. If you require assistance during this time, please call or email to schedule a meeting. We wish you a blessed holiday season!

THIS WEEK ON JESUS-CENTRIC LIFE PODCAST:

Episode 89- Was Jesus a real historical figure or just a fabrication? Looking through the lens of apologetics, we'll examine historical evidence, biblical accounts, and non-Christian sources that point to the reality of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We'll also unpack why it matters—because if Jesus really lived, His claims demand a response.. **Listen on your favorite podcast platform.**

