

Announcements

SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Jeanine Walentoski

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin and Melody Ruhbusch

7:45 Elder: Lance Carus Ushers: John Bender, Jim Mussomelli,
Acolyte: Jake Mussomelli John Trapp

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer Ushers: Mark Meyle, Karl Stemke,
Acolyte: Charlie Dhein Ben Banasik

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Schneider

Altar Flowers are given by Kurt and Elsie Meyle in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

Treats are given by the Weber family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Thanksgiving Eve, November 22 – 152 Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23 – 78

Sunday, November 26 – 110 (7:45) 104 (10:30) Bible Class 96

Wednesday, November 29 – (6:45) – 33

Coffee Break Bible Study – 36

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund: \$5,960.85

(Loose Plate \$851.85; Gen. Env. \$5109)

Other Funds:

Nigeria: \$40 \$40.00

Last Week's Total: \$6,000.85

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER:

Other Funds Received in November: \$405.00

Nigeria Funds Received in November: \$90.00

General Fund received in November: \$23,637.15

\$24,132.15

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 3, 2017

TODAY'S THEME: THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD
The Passover Lamb. The Son of David. The Christ. The King. The Lord. The lowly servant who rides upon a donkey as a sign that He is the Savior of sinners. Jesus is all this for you! "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" proclaims Jesus to be everything that the Old Testament Church was looking forward to in the coming of their Messiah. The One whom they lauded and confessed as Savior when He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is the same Lord whose birth we prepare to celebrate, whose Word and Sacrament continue to nurture us, and whose Second Coming we look forward to with great joy and anticipation. This is Advent par excellence: penitential joy that looks forward to the gracious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender


ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES—Advent Men of Faith

Our Advent Midweek Meditations begin this week with a focus upon Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist and Joseph, the husband of Mary and the Guardian of Jesus. We can identify with these two men of faith, both in terms of their weaknesses and in terms of what the Lord in His grace did for them. Prepare for our Lord's coming and for the celebration of His birth by attending Advent Midweek Divine Services on Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20 at 2:30 and 6:45

December 6: "Gabriel Appears to Zachariah" –Luke 1:1-25

December 13: "The Birth of John the Baptist" – Luke 1:57-80

December 20: "Joseph Hears the Angel" –Mt. 1(1-17) 19-25



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Divine Service: Sunday – 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday – 6:45 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD—“*Whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope*” (Romans 15:4). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: *Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., after chapel, or by appointment -- Call Pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*

Sunday Service 7:45/10:30: Our King Comes

Bible Class 9:15: Sunday School Christmas Program

Daily chapel this week Monday to Friday: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Monday Youth Catechesis at 4:30: Lesson 12 - Peter's Vision

Monday Didache 7:00pm Lesson 11 - The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday Divine Service 6:45: Gabriel Appears to Zachariah

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 Hebrews

27th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

- *Friday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.* after the Fish Fry
- *Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m.*

Flyers are available on the large Narthex bulletin board for anyone to take and post for public viewing. Please help yourself. If more is needed, please let the office staff know.

SERVICE TIMES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31 WILL BE HELD AT 7:45 AND 10:30

Sunday morning, the 24th Celebrates the Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday morning, the 31st Celebrates the First Sunday after Christmas

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- *Christmas Eve Divine Service at 4:00*
- *Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 8:00 p.m.*
- *Christmas Day Divine Service at 9:30 a.m.*
- *New Year's Eve Divine Service, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.*
- *New Year's Day Divine Service, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.*

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING

CHRIST... Issues, Etc. This week's topics include: Joel Osteen's book "Blessed in the Darkness," 4th Century Bishop Saint Nicholas, John the Baptist Prepares the Way, Peter & John Heal a Lame Man and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

News and Notes

We Rejoice in the New Birth of Water and the Word

Seraphina Grace Cecil, infant daughter of Andrew and Laura Cecil, will be born again this morning during the 10:30 service. Seraphina's sponsors are Brandon and Jennifer Schroeder. Witnessing Seraphina's baptism are James and Claudia Schroeder.

The Mercy Fund

Our congregation has a designated fund to help Christians in need due to hardships that have come into their lives. The Board of Elders administers the fund and distributes support when needs arise and as funds are available. If you are so moved, consider a special gift to the mercy fund during this Advent and Christmas Season.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS please sign-up to purchase poinsettias for the altar at the discounted price of \$10.00 each. Make check payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

Boards will not meet in December

Family Fish Fry, Friday, December 15 from 4:30-7pm. Posters and flyers are available in the Narthex on the scrip counter for anyone to take and post for public viewing. Please help yourself. If more is needed, please let the office staff know. Sign-up next to the church kitchen to help with the fish fry

Upcoming Auction. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Goods and Services Auction on Sunday, February 25, 2017. Please sign up to donate an item or service for the auction. Auction donation forms are located in the Narthex at the SCRIP counter. **The deadline for auction items is February 6, 2018.** Bringing guests and friends to bid on items is a tremendous benefit to the academy. To make reservations, please pick up a reservation form at the SCRIP counter in the Narthex or in the office. Thank you.

PLA Thought of the Week: Christkind is German for the Christ Child. In Martin Luther's time he became concerned that people were focusing more on St. Nicolaus and less on the true meaning of Christmas. He reminded the people that it is the Christkind who is our gift at Christmas and also the gift giver. So in keeping with this tradition, the students in the Academy will exchanged names with each other. Then starting Dec. 11 and every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until our party they will bring something small for their little christkind and remember to treat them as they would the Christkind.

Scrip Update for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2017)

Year to Date Profit: \$2,791.15

Last Week's Profit: \$224.92

Participating families last week: 20

Sunday Order of Service
First Sunday in Advent
December 3, 2017
Divine Service Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book p. 184

“**And with thy spirit**” is the response in this service to the salutation, “The Lord be with you.”

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 **343**
“Prepare the Royal Highway”

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30 Service)
Seraphina Grace Cecil

Introit *sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon *(Ps. 25:1-3a)*

To You, O LORD, I lift | up my soul. *
O my God, I trust in You; let me not | be ashamed;
Let not my enemies triumph | over me. *
Indeed, let no one who waits on You | be ashamed.

Psalm *(Ps. 25:4-5, 21-22)*

Show me Your | ways, O LORD; *
teach | me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are the God of my sal- | vation; *
on You I wait | all the day.
Let integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me, *
for I | wait for You.
Redeem Israel, | O God, *
out of all their | troubles!

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 **Jeremiah 23:5-8**
The Lord is our righteousness

Gradual *sung by the choir* *(Ps. 25:3-4)*
None who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD;*
teach me your paths.

Epistle **Romans 13:8-14**
Cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Verse *sung by the choir* *(Ps. 85:7)*
Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 21:1-9**
“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Hymn of the Day **332**
“Savior of the Nations, Come”
Choir sings stanza 3

Distribution Hymn **341**
“Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates”

Distribution Hymn **334**
“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

Distribution Hymn **333**
“Once He Came in Blessing”

Hymn to Depart **331**
“The Advent of Our King”