

## 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: Bryan Stoltenberg

Treats are given by the Goltermann family.

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, December 3 – 126 (7:45) 122 (10:30)

Wednesday, November 29 – 73 (6:45) – 55

Coffee Break Bible Study – 38

### OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

<b>General Fund:</b>	\$8,885.10
(Loose Plate \$153.10; Gen. Env. \$8732)	
<b>Other Funds:</b> Mortgage: \$210;	\$220.00
Mercy Fund: \$10	
<b>Nigeria:</b> \$100	<u>\$100.00</u>
<b>Last Week's Total:</b>	\$9,205.10

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DECEMBER:

Other Funds Received in December:	\$220.00
Nigeria Funds Received in December:	\$100.00
General Fund received in December:	<u>\$8,885.10</u>
	\$9,205.10

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2017

#### TODAY'S THEME: LOOK UP! YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR!

The signs in the heavens, the distress of nations, and the perplexities upon earth are nothing for the Christian to fear. Although the whole world might be falling apart around us, the Christian takes courage from the Lord's Word because He knows that these are merely the signs of the Lord's coming. The Lord is in complete and total charge and He will not forsake His flock, no matter how difficult the end times might get. The Lord will have "the last laugh" on the last day, for everyone "will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Our response to the signs of tribulation of the end times is to "look up," or anticipate the Lord's return all the more. In other words, when we see the signs which cause the world great distress, we are called to be encouraged that the Lord is fulfilling His Word just as He said. "This generation," the church, "will by no means pass away till all things are fulfilled. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." That is wonderful comfort for the redeemed of the Lord!

**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

#### 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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:** Look Up! Your Redemption Draws Near

**Bible Class 9:15:** Sunday's epistle reading

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

**Monday Youth Catechesis at 4:30:** Lesson 13 - The Disciples

**Monday Didache 7:00pm** Lesson 12 - The Day of Pentecost

**Wednesday Advent Divine Service 6:45:** The Birth of John the Baptist

**Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00** Hebrews

**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 13: “The Birth of John the Baptist”** – Luke 1:57-80

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

**SERVICE TIMES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**

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

Sunday morning, the 24<sup>th</sup> Celebrates the Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday morning, the 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Wednesday after Christmas, Dec. 27** – No divine service.

**TALK RADIO & PODCAST FOR THE ADVENT SEASON...**You can listen to Lutheran experts teach on subjects like: The Testimony of John the Baptist, Decorating Your Home for Advent, The Advent Hymn “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry,” Ways to Observe Advent and

more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

## News and Notes

### 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  
**Bake Sale** – The bake sale at the December fish fry is always well-received. Christmas cookies, stollen, pies, fudge, maybe even fruitcake – please consider bringing treats to add to the sale. Sign up today!

**2018 Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle** sign-up sheets are now available on the board outside the church kitchen.

**Upcoming Auction.** Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Goods and Services Auction on Sunday, February 25, 2018. 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:** Sugar plums dancing in their heads . . . On Friday the Academy students went to see the Milwaukee Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*. Students attend this performance twice during their years at the Academy. The classical beauty of music and ballet can set a precedent for all future viewings of music and dance.

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

Year to Date Profit: \$2,990.78

Last Week's Profit: \$199.63

Participating families last week: 26

The last Scrip order of the year will be placed on December 18. The next order will be placed January 2, 2018. This is due to Scrip holiday hours.

**Sunday Order of Service**  
Second Sunday in Advent  
December 10, 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** **351**  
“Creator of the Stars of Night”

**Introit** *sung responsively with Pastor*

*Antiphon* (Is. 62:11b, 30:30, 29)

Say to the daughter of | Zion, \*  
“Surely your salvation is | coming.”  
The LORD will cause His glorious voice | to be heard, \*  
and you shall have glad- | ness of heart.

*Psalm* (Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17)

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,**  
**You who lead Joseph | like a flock; \***  
**You who dwell between the cherubim, | shine forth!**  
**Restore us, | O God; \***  
**cause Your face to shine, and we | shall be saved!**  
**Return, we beseech You, O | God of hosts; \***  
**look down from | heav'n and see.**  
**Let Your hand be upon the man of Your | right hand, \***  
**upon the son of man whom You made strong | for Yourself.**

**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** **Malachi 4:1-6**  
The Son of Righteousness Shall Arise

**Gradual** *sung by the congregation* (Ps. 50:2-3a, 5)  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will | shine forth.\*  
Our God shall come, and shall not keep | silent.  
“Gather My saints together | to Me, \*  
those who have made a covenant with Me by | sacrifice.”

**Epistle** **Romans 15:4-13**  
Through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures we have hope.

**Alleluia-Verse** *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the verse of the Day. Pastor sings the appointed verse.*

The powers of the heavens will be | shaken, \*  
Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud  
with power and great | glory. (Luke 21:26b-27)

**Holy Gospel** **Luke 21:25-36**  
Look Up! Your Redemption Draws Near!

**Hymn of the Day** **336**  
“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

**Distribution Hymn** **355**  
“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”

**Distribution Hymn** **348**  
“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

**Distribution Hymn** **674**  
“Jerusalem, O City Fair and High”

**Hymn to Depart** **338**  
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”