

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, John Trapp
Acolyte: Jake Mussomelli

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

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

Treats are given by the Meyle and Schmitt families.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, December 24 – 100 (7:45) 106 (10:30) Bible Class 60
Christmas Eve – 212 (4:00) 86 (8:00)
Christmas Day – 156

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund: \$23,097.10

(Loose Plate \$6,242.10; Gen. Env. \$16,855)

Other Funds: Mortgage: \$5275; \$7,700.00

Mercy Fund: \$1100; Goehner Scholarship: \$1025;

Reduce the Debt: \$150; 50/50 Fund: \$150

Nigeria: \$6000 \$6,000.00

Last Week's Total: \$36,797.10

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DECEMBER:

Other Funds Received in December: \$8,305.00

Nigeria Funds Received in December: \$6,150.00

General Fund received in December: \$46,896.01

\$61,351.01

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 31, 2017

TODAY'S THEME:

JESUS' PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE

Forty days after our Lord's birth He was presented in the temple at the time of Mary's purification from childbirth. At this visit the holy family meets the aged Simeon who prophesies that having received the Lord's Christ he is now able to depart this life in peace. Simeon speaks of Christ's death when he tells Mary that a sword will pierce through her own soul. Simeon's song, the Nunc Dimittis, is sung by us at the conclusion of the reception of the Lord's Supper. As Simeon received the Lord Jesus at His presentation in the temple, so we receive the Lord Jesus in the Lord's Supper and are prepared to "depart this life" according to God's will with the full assurance of sins forgiven "for [our] eyes have seen the Lord's salvation." The aged woman Anna, who had engaged in humble service in the temple for years, also rejoiced in the Lord's presentation and confessed Him to all who longed for redemption and salvation. Simeon and Anna give us a picture of what it is to be a Christian. We cling to Christ for salvation and boldly confess Him to the world in our vocation.

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



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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—“*We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him*” (Matthew 2:2b). 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 a.m. Jesus' presentation in the temple

Bible Class 9:15: Sunday's epistle reading

New Year's Eve Confessional Service at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Divine Service at 9:30 a.m.

Daily chapel this week Tuesday to Friday 8:00 – 8:30

Monday Youth Catechesis at 4:30: No class this week

Monday Didache 7:00pm No class this week

Wednesday Divine Service 6:45: Jesus' Presentation

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study Hebrews

FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- *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.*
- *Epiphany of Our Lord, celebrated on January 7*
- *Baptism of Our Lord, celebrated on January 14*
- *Transfiguration of Our Lord, January 21*

Your Comprehensive Source for News Information and Truth ...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Lutheran Public Radio is also playing sacred music for the Christmas season. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

News and Notes

Thanks to everyone for the cards and gifts during this holiday season — from the staff and faculty of Peace Lutheran Church and Academy.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting January 2 at 7pm.

Office hours —The church office will be closed Monday, January 1.

Treats: Please sign up in the hallway to bring treats for Sunday Bible Class in January.

Family Fish Fry— Friday, January 19, 2018 from 4:30-7:00pm with the showing of the movie “A Return to Grace” at 7:00pm. 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 are needed, please let the office staff know. **Volunteers are also needed to help during the fish fry. Please sign up today.**

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: Academy faculty and students are on Christmas break until Jan. 2. A blessed Christmas to all and safe travel.

Script Update for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2017)
Year to Date Profit: \$3,505.27

Simeon

Then took he Him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Luke 2:28-30

Simeon is old, sees death before him, yea, he feels death in his very bones, in every limb, as death approaches day by day, and daily he grows weaker after the manner of old people. But it does not grieve him. He desires only that it be soon, says that he is not affrighted by his departing, yea, that death is welcome unto him, since his eyes have seen his Saviour. For were this not so, there could be no joy, nor could there be happiness in dying. Therefore the godly Simeon wanted to warn every man and to lead us thither (because we must all confess that we need a Saviour), that we should accept Christ Jesus, whom our fancy has not created but whom God Himself has ordained. For with His help we cannot fail. For this reason alone the child is come. God, His heavenly Father, has prepared Him for us, that He shall help us. And, of a truth, if any man possesses this Saviour, who is God's Saviour, that man is still and peaceful in his heart.

It all depends on this, that we with the dear old Simeon open our eyes and see the Babe, take Him into our arms, and kiss Him, which means that He is our hope, joy, comfort, and our life. For where this faith is firm and sure in our hearts, that this Child is God's Saviour, there, of a truth, it must follow that the heart is content and is not afraid of sin or death, for it has a Saviour who delivers it from them. *Day by Day We Magnify Thee, Martin Luther*

Sunday Order of Service
First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 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 **367**
“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Introit *sung responsively with Pastor*

Antiphon *(Ps. 93:5, 2)*
Your testimonies are | very sure; *
holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, for-|ever.
Your throne is established | from of old; *
You are from ever-|lasting.

Psalms *(Ps. 93:1, 3-4)*
The LORD reigns, He is clothed with | majesty; *
the LORD is clothed,
He has girded Him-|self with strength.
Surely the world is es-|tablished, *
so that it can-|not be moved.
The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted | up their voice; *
the floods lift | up their waves.
The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many | waters, *
than the mighty waves | of the sea.
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 11:1-5**
The Spirit of the Lord rests upon Jesus

Gradual *sung by the congregation* *(Ps. 45:2a, 1b)*
You are fairer than the | sons of men; *
grace is poured up-|on Your lips.
I recite my composition concern-|ing the King; *
my tongue is the pen of a ready | writer.

Epistle **Galatians 4:1-7**
In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son

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

The LORD reigns, He is clothed with | majesty; *
the LORD is clothed,
He has girded Him-|self with strength. *(Ps. 93:1)*

Holy Gospel **Luke 2:22-40**
The Presentation of Our Lord

Hymn of the Day **389**
“Let All Together Praise Our God”

Distribution Hymn **519**
“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

Distribution Hymn **546**
“O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”

Distribution Hymn **381**
“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

Hymn to Depart **390**
“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”