

Announcements

SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Jeanine Walentoski

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin and Melody Ruhbusch

7:45 Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg Ushers: Fritz Theilacker,
Acolyte: Derek Larson Jim Schumacher

10:30 Elder: Erik Krueger Ushers: Bill Spilger, Bob Rothe,
Acolyte: MacKensie Dhein Mark Schmudlach

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

Flowers are given by Carol Bender and Ed and Bernice Lemke.

Treats are given by Carol Bender and the Meyle family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, November 11 – 151 (7:45) 105 (10:30)

Wednesday, November 14 – 22 (6:45)

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – 41

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$9,039.20
(Loose Plate \$1044.20; Gen. Env. \$7995)	
Other: Mortgage: \$100; Mercy Fund: \$30;	\$155.00
Goehner Schlr. Fund: \$25	
Nigeria Fund: \$100	<u>\$100.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$9,294.20

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER:

Reduce the Debt Received in November :	\$1,000.00
Other Funds Received in November:	\$500.00
Nigeria Funds Received in November:	\$100.00
General Fund received in November:	<u>\$18,003.75</u>
	\$19,603.75

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity


Sunday, November 18, 2018

TODAY'S THEME: SALVATION OUT OF DESOLATION

Horrible human suffering, persecution of Christians, genocide of Christian communities, false doctrine within the believing community, false Christs and false prophets who rise up to lead the faithful astray. All of this will characterize the latter days. We see it in our own days. When Jesus quotes the prophet Daniel who speaks of "the abomination that causes desolation" He is not only speaking about all of these horrors, but He is linking these horrors to the greatest horror of all: the death of the innocent Son of God upon the cross. Consider this: Did not Jesus endure horrible physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering? Wasn't Jesus the object of the most intense persecution and the most evil act of genocide? Wasn't Jesus accused of every form of false doctrine and false witness? Wasn't justice and the rule of law turned upside down in the actions of the Sanhedrin and the verdict of Pontius Pilate that the innocent Son of Man should be executed? YES to all of these things. Jesus' own suffering and death is the abomination that causes desolation, and yet, it was God's will that through the abomination of His horrific death at the hands of sinners, sinners should be redeemed. The Church is not to look for suffering and martyrdom. We are not to pick a fight with those who are against us. But we are to understand that every form of suffering the Church endures is to be understood and interpreted in the light of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation. The abominable things that the Church endures testify to the fact that we belong to Christ who suffered all of this on our behalf. Fear not in the face of such suffering. Christ will come again to receive us to Himself: "As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

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—“*Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.*” (Psalm 119:11-12.) 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 when school is in session, or by appointment — Call Pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*

Sunday Service 7:45/10:30 a.m. Abomination of Desolation

Bible Class 9:15: The Fourth Commandment (Part 1)

Daily Chapel this week Monday to Wednesday: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Youth Catechesis Monday 4:30: Old Testament Lesson 11

Didache Monday 7:00: Lesson 8 – Second Article of the Creed

Wednesday Divine Service 6:45 p.m.: Thanksgiving

Thursday Divine Serve at 9:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 no class this week

DECLARING TO YOU THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD...Issues, Etc.

is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Movie "The Nutcracker," The Book of Joel, Hallowed By Thy Name, Responding to Calvinist Proof Texts and more. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

News and Notes

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Please sign-up to purchase poinsettias for the altar at the discounted price of \$10.00 each. A total of 15 are needed. Make check payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 9

“The Ministry of Angels” will be held during the Sunday School hour on December 9. The program will involve *preschoolers through children in the 8th grade*. Preparation for the program will be held during the opening of Sunday School from now until the day of the program. Joint practice for the program will be Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

Additional Recordings are now available on the congregation's website. Sunday's sermon, bulletin, and Congregation at Prayer continue to be available weekly. Check it out. Go to www.peacesussex.org, hover over “Downloads” on the top banner, then click on “Additional Recordings” in the drop-down menu. You now have access to Sunday Morning Bible Class, Didache, and monthly Sunday School Teachers' meetings. There are also links to Pastor Bender's catechesis series on Issues Etc.

Joint board meetings – Elders and Properties are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00pm. Packets are available. **Board of Education will not meet in November.**

Parish Council meets Tuesday, November 27 at 7pm.

Reminder: The Gerhardt room is equipped with closed circuit TV to the service (visual and audio) so that you may follow the Divine Service when your small children become fussy during the service.

Quilt Raffle winner is Rev Dustin and Staci Anderson. Congratulations! This academy fundraiser brought in \$515 for the academy.

Craft Fair and Bake Sale profit for the academy is a total of \$1,851.62. Thank you for supporting Peace Lutheran Academy.

Academy thought of the week: How fast can you type . . . that is with **both** hands? The seventh and eighth graders are working on keyboarding this year. The top speed right now is 13 wpm! They have a long ways to go, but by the time they reach high school they should outpace their peers!

Box Tops Update – Thank you to all who recently submitted box tops – because of your support the academy will be receiving a check for \$215.90! The next submission date is mid-February so keep them coming – let's make the next check even larger. Even if you only have a few they add up quickly.

Scrip Update for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2018)

Year-to-Date Profit: \$ 2,742.15

Last Week's Profit: \$160.56

Participating families last week: 25

Scrip News

Scrip has put out gift catalogues featuring gift cards you may want to order for giving this Christmas. There is a corresponding order form in the catalogue. They are located on the Scrip counter. Please take one!

I would like to use the email addresses many of you have shared with the church office to send you periodic notices and special promotions from Scrip. If you **do not want me to use your email to do this, please email **me** at luthcon-scrip@yahoo.com. Thank you, Julie Goltermann**

Sunday Order of Service

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity
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Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) listed below.

Preservice Music: “The Clouds of Judgment Gather”

Settings by Valerie Floeter and Robert Powell

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” – Charles Schramm, Jr.

Please turn to LSB 513 and 655 to meditate upon the texts.

Hymn of Invocation

658

“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”

Introit *Sung by the soloist*

Antiphon

(Ps. 31:9a, 15b, 17a)

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse-| cutors!
O LORD, let me not be | put to shame,*
for I call up-| on you.

Psalm

(Ps. 31:1-2a, 5, 24)

In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame.
In your righteousness de-| liver me;*
incline your ear to me; rescue me | speedily!
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

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

The Golden Calf

Exodus 32:1-20

Gradual *Sung by the congregation*

(Ps. 74:4, 2a)

Your enemies roar in the midst of Your | meeting place;
they set up their ban-| ners for signs.
Remember Your congregation,
which You have pur-| chased of old, *
the tribe of Your inheritance, which You | have redeemed.

Epistle

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Comfort of Christ’s Coming

Verse *sung by the soloist*

(Ps. 46:4)

Alleluia. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:15-28

The Abomination that Causes Desolation

Hymn of the Day

508

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

St. 1: All

St. 5: Soloist

St. 2: Men

St. 6: Women and Children

St. 3: Women and Children

St. 7: All

St. 4: All

Distribution Hymns

“The Clouds of Judgment Gather”

513

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

621

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Ascending”

336

Hymn to Depart

655

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”