

## 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, Barry Wurster,  
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 Bob and Pat Rothe in thanksgiving to God for 42 years of marriage, and by Del Duwe.

**Treats** are given by the Gatchell and Vogt families.

**Sanctuary candle** is given by Kayla Kütemeier on the occasion of her birthday.

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, November 18 – 151 (7:45) 104 (10:30) Bible Class 92

### OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

**General Fund:** \$5,808.45

(Loose Plate \$1168.45; Gen. Env. \$4640)

**Other:**

Facilities Fund: \$20; Mercy Fund \$15;

Goehner Schl. Fund: \$25 \$60.00

**Last Week's Total:** \$5,868.45

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER:

Reduce the Debt Received in November : \$1,000.00

Other Funds Received in November: \$560.00

Nigeria Funds Received in November: 100.00

General Fund received in November: \$23,812.20

\$25,472.20

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday, November 25, 2018

#### TODAY'S THEME: WATCH AND PRAY FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST

“Waking” and “sleeping” are synonyms for “faith” and “mistrust.” To be “awake” and watchful for the Lord's coming, is to live in eager anticipation of the consummation of our salvation through the hearing of His Word, the receiving of the Sacrament, contrition and repentance, and the life of prayer. To be asleep is to turn away from these things to find one's comfort and happiness in what is passing away.

Today's Gospel is the traditional Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. Faith in Christ alone makes one wise to salvation. Foolish is the one who casts aside the Gospel of Christ. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins is a parable about faith and unbelief. To believe in Christ is to love Him and long for His coming again in glory, like a faithful bride and her bridesmaids who await the coming of the Bridegroom. Those who do not believe in Christ have no particular yearning or anticipation for the Bridegroom's coming. We go to the Sacrament each week, confessing our sins that we might “learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins ... so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved”(Small Catechism). To “watch, [that is] pray” is to cry out to our Bridegroom, as His faithful bride, according to the loving promises of His Gospel and the gracious Words of His testament: “Take eat, this is My body ... drink of it all of you, this is My blood.”

**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.** The Wise and Foolish Virgins

**Bible Class 9:15: The Fourth Commandment (Part 2)**

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

**Youth Catechesis Monday 4:30:** Old Testament Lesson 12

**Didache Monday 7:00:** Lesson 9 – Second Article of the Creed

**Wednesday Divine Service 6:45:** The Wise and Foolish Virgins

**Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00** 1 Samuel

**ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES— E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come**

Our Advent midweek services begin on Wednesday, December 5. This year's Advent and next year's Lenten services will focus on the Book of Revelation and the seven letters of Jesus to the Churches of Asia Minor. These letters are sober calls to repentance for the Church of Jesus Christ. They are just as relevant for our age as they were when they were first written. Prepare for our Lord's coming and for the celebration of His birth by attending Advent Midweek Divine Services on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19 at 2:30 and 6:45

**December 5: “To the Loveless Church”**—Revelation 2:1-7

**December 12: “To the Persecuted Church”**—Revelation 2:8-11

**December 19: “To the Compromising Church”**—Revelation 2:12-17

**Educating a New Generation of Lutherans...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. You can listen to Lutheran experts discuss topics like: The Advent Season, The Fourth Commandment & the Boy Jesus in the Temple, The Movie "Fantastic Beasts," The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold and more. You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

## News and Notes

**Parish Council meets** Tuesday, November 27 at 7pm.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Academy Thought of the Week:** Counting our blessings: We thank the Lord for Lutheran parents who desire that their children learn the faith and receive a classical education; teachers whose faith dictates all they do for the students; members of the congregation that give so much of themselves to make sure the Academy is here for future generations; and finally the students who grow in the Word and develop into godly young men and women who will serve their Lord in whatever capacity He desires.

**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 have only a few they add up quickly.

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

Year-to-Date Profit: \$ 3,001.05

Last Week's Profit: \$ 258.90

Participating families last week: 21

**Scrip Orders During the Holidays** – The last date to place Scrip orders to be received in time for Christmas is December 17. The Scrip Center will be closed the week of December 23. Ordering will resume on January 7, 2019.

**Sunday Order of Service**  
The Last Sunday of the Church Year  
November 25, 2018

**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) are listed below.*

**Hymn of Invocation** **672**  
“Jerusalem the Golden”

**Introit** *Sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* *(Jer. 11a, 12, 14a)*  
I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord,  
thoughts of peace and not of evil.  
Then shall ye call upon Me and pray unto Me,  
and I will hearken unto you,  
and I will turn your captivity and gather you  
from all nations and from all places.

*Psalm* *(Ps. 85:1)*  
Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land;  
Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. *(Antiphon is repeated.)*

**Old Testament Reading** **Isaiah 65:17-25**  
The Glorious New Creation

**Choral Response** “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Jesus, priceless Treasure, Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest Friend to me.  
Ah, how long in anguish shall my spirit languish  
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine, O Lamb Divine! I will suffer naught to hide Thee,  
Naught I ask beside Thee.

In Thine arms I rest me; foes who would molest me  
Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking, ev’ry heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash, and thunders crash; yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.

Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father, though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, what-e’er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest Pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless Treasure!

**Epistle** **I Thessalonians 5:1-11**  
The Day of the Lord

**Holy Gospel** **Matthew 25:1-13**  
The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

**Hymn of the Day** **516**  
“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”  
*Choir sings stanza 2*

**The Athanasian Creed** *is confessed in place of the Nicene Creed* **319**

**Distribution Hymns**  
“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” **514**  
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” **641**  
“Jerusalem, O City Fair and High” **674**

**Hymn to Depart** **639**  
“Wide Open Stand the Gates”