

Announcements

SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Shirley Weber

Communion Committee: Sherry Prowatzke and Joanne Smith

7:45 Elder: Lance Carus Ushers: Pat Handlos, Jim Mussomelli,
Acolyte: Jake Mussomelli

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer Ushers: Bob Corso, Erich Greschner,
Acolyte: Alia Fischer Ben Banasik

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Bryan Stoltenberg

Treats are given by the Welch family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, December 2 – 150 (7:45) 101 (10:30) Bible Class 102

Wednesday, Dec. 5 – 91 (2:30) – 59 (6:45)

Coffee Break Bible Study – 42

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$9,016.40
(Loose Plate \$422.50; Gen. Env. \$8593.90)	
Parking Lot Fund:	\$2,150.00
Mercy Fund:	\$30.00
Reduce the Debt: \$100	\$100.00
Nigeria: \$100	<u>\$100.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$11,396.40

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DEC.:

Reduce the Debt Received in December:	\$100.00
Other Funds Received in December:	\$2,180.00
Nigeria Funds Received in December:	100.00
General Fund received in December:	<u>\$9,016.40</u>
	\$11,396.40

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 9, 2018

THEME: LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, 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

Advent Responsive Prayer:


The Spirit and the Church cry out: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

All those who await His appearance pray: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

The whole creation pleads: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

28TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

- **Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.** after the fish fry
- **Sunday, December 23 at 10:30 a.m.**



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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—“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, and they also who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” (Rev. 1:7-8) 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. Your Redemption Draws Near

Bible Class 9:15: Sunday School Christmas Program

Daily Chapel Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Daily Chapel Wednesday: 8:00 to 8:10 a.m.

Youth Catechesis Monday 4:30: Old Testament Lesson 14

Didache Monday 7:00: Lesson 11 – Third Article of the Creed

Wednesday Advent Services 2:30 & 6:45: “To the Persecuted Church”

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 2 Samuel

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

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

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

“The Ministry of Angels” SS Christmas Program is today at 9:15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- **Christmas Eve Divine Service at 4:00 p.m.**
- **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 6:30 p.m.**
- **New Year's Day Divine Service, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.**

Wednesday after Christmas, Dec. 26 – No divine service.

Flyers Are Available for Lessons and Carols 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.

News and Notes

\$200,000 Parking Lot Matching Fund Gift! Moved by the Gospel, an anonymous donor has pledged \$200,000 to be used in a “dollar for dollar” matching fund program for the parking-lot fund. This means that every dollar that is contributed to the parking-lot fund will be matched up to 200,000. This program will begin now in 2018 and continue through 2019, allowing the greatest opportunity for tax-deductible contributions over two tax years! We give thanks to God for this wonderful opportunity!

Joint Board Meetings –Properties and Education are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00pm. **Elders will NOT meet in December.**

Parish Council does NOT meet in December.

Annual Reports and 2019 Offering Envelopes are ready to be picked up.

After 36 years of dedicated service, our custodians, George and Sue Kaminski, are retiring at the end of this school year. Anybody interested in the part-time position of Church/School Custodian, please see Paul Schneider or any of the Board of Property Trustees.

Family Fish Fry, Friday, December 21 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 are 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. The sign-up sheet is on the board outside of the church kitchen.

Academy Thought of the week: Bah Humbug! Not exactly the nicest comment someone could say! After reading Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, the seventh- and eighth-graders and their parents attended the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's production of it Tuesday night. Truly a marvelous portrayal of the conversion of Ebenezer Scrooge.

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

Year-to-Date Profit: \$ 3,290.97

Last Week's Profit: \$179.91

Participating families last week: 22

Looking for volunteers to help man the Scrip counter in 2019, especially after late service. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Laurie Vogt at lehrerin.laur@gmail.com. Thank you!

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 Second Sunday in Advent
December 9, 2018

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.

Preservice Music: “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding” James Brauer
LSB 345 for meditation

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” Jeffrey Blersch
LSB 336 for meditation

Hymn of Invocation **508**

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”
Choir sings st. 3 and 5

Introit *sung by the choir*

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

Daughter of Zion,
behold, thy Salvation cometh.
The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard,
and ye shall have gladness of heart.

Psalms *(Ps. 80:1a)*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.

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 **Malachi 4:1-6**

The Great Day of the Lord

Choral Response “*The King Shall Come*” *Setting: Carl Schalk*

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.

Not as of old, a little child, to bear and fight and die;
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth’s dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that aye shall last.

O brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be
When Christ, our King, in beauty comes and we His face shall see.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

Epistle **Romans 15:4-13**

The Scriptures were written to give us hope.

Alleluia-Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia. *(Luke 21:26b-27)*

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.

Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **Luke 21:25-36**

The Coming of the Son of Man

Hymn of the Day **336**

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Distribution Hymns

“The Clouds of Judgment Gather” **513**

“O Living Bread from Heaven” **642**

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” **345**

Hymn to Depart **338**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”