

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

Sanctuary Candle is given by Patty Hasz.

Treats are given by the Ligrow family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, December 9 – 158 (7:45) 94 (10:30) Bible Class 172
Wednesday, Dec. 12 – 99 (2:30) – 40 (6:45)
Coffee Break Bible Study – 46

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund: \$9,111.30

(Loose Plate \$1610.05; Gen. Env. \$7501.25)

Other:

Gohner Schl. Fund: \$360.00

Parking Lot Fund: \$3,550.00

Mercy Fund: \$25.00

Nigeria: \$100 \$100.00

Last Week's Total: \$13,146.30

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DEC.:

Reduce the Debt Received in December: \$100.00

Other Funds Received in December: \$2,565.00

Nigeria Funds Received in December: \$200.00

General Fund received in December: \$18,127.70

\$20,992.70

TOTAL PARKING LOT FUND:

\$5,700.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 16, 2018

THEME: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: "*Prepare the way of the Lord . . .*" (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah's coming through repentance, for "*all flesh is grass*" (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, "*Are you the one who is to come . . .?*" (Matt. 11:2). Jesus' works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord's hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The "*stewards of the mysteries of God*" (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ's overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God's people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.

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. Prepare the Way of the Lord

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

Daily Chapel Mon, Tues, Thursday: 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 15

Didache Monday 7:00: Lesson 12 – Third Article of the Creed

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

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 2 Samuel

The Great O Antiphons are provided along with the Congregation at Prayer to supplement your daily prayers leading up to Christmas.

Lord's Supper next Sunday, Dec. 18, will be celebrated only at the 7:45 Divine Service. The 10:30 service will be Lessons & Carols.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES— E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come
Prepare for our Lord's coming and for the celebration of His birth by attending Advent Midweek Divine Services at 2:30 or 6:45 Wednesdays.

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

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 .

2019 Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle sign-up sheets are now available on the board outside the church kitchen.

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!

Parish Council does NOT meet in December.

Joint Board Meetings –Properties (at 7pm) and Education (at 6:30pm) are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 18. Packets are available. **Elders will NOT meet in December.**

Family Fish Fry, Friday, Dec. 21 from 4:30-7pm. **Lessons and Carols afterwards at 7.** Posters and flyers are available in the narthex on the scrip counter for anyone to take and post for public viewing. Sign up next to the church kitchen to help with the fish fry

December 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 something. The sign-up sheet is on the board outside of the church kitchen.

A Girl and A Gun, Saukville Chapter, in conjunction with MPD, will be presenting a 2 hour Active Shooter Preparedness Class on Jan 19th at 6:30pm in Loehle Hall. Taught by law enforcement, you will learn how to react in an emergency in public places. This class is open to adults and teens. Cost is \$30 per person, payable in cash the night of class. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in hall or on the Facebook event. Ques? Contact Theresa Schneider at tacpjs@yahoo.com or 262-424-4788.

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

Year-to-Date Profit: \$ 3,896.18

Last Week's Profit: \$605.21

Participating families last week: 33

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 Third Sunday in Advent
December 16, 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.”

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Hymn of Invocation **344**
“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

Introit *Sung by all in unison and the Gloria Patri from Setting 3.*

Antiphon *(Phil. 4:4-5)*

Rejoice in the Lord | always. *

Again I will | say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to | all men. *

The Lord | is at hand.

Psalm *(Ps. 85:1-2, 6, 8)*

LORD, You have been favorable | to Your land; *

You have brought back the captivity of | Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of Your | people; *

You have covered | all their sin.

Will You not revive | us again, *

that Your people may re-|joice in You?

I will hear what God the | LORD will speak, *

for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints;

but let them not turn back to | folly.

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 40:1-11**
Isiah proclaims the comfort of the proclamation of the Gospel.

Gradual *Sung by the congregation* *Ps. 80:1-2)*

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Stir up Your strength, and come and | save us!

Give ear, O Shepherd of | Israel, *

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Epistle **1 Corinthians 4:1-5**
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Alleluia-Verse *Congregation sings the triple Alleluia, Pastor sings the verse*
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Holy Gospel **Matthew 11:2-11**
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Hymn of the Day **347**
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Distribution Hymns

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“When All the World Was Cursed” **346**
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