

## Announcements

### SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Trudy Schmalz 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: Mark Goltermann

**Sanctuary Candle** is given by Patty Hasz.

**Treats** are given by the Carus and Goltermann families.

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, December 23 – 134 (7:45) 193 (10:30) 89 Bible Class  
Christmas Eve – 232 (4:00) 106 (8:00)  
Christmas Day – 184

### OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

**General Fund:** \$13,987.86

(Loose Plate \$3414.86; Gen. Env. \$10,573)

**Other:**

**Parking Lot Fund:** \$2,115.00

**Facilities Fund:** \$20.00

**Goehner Schl. Fund:** \$31.00

**Last Week's Total:** \$16,153.86

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DEC.:

Reduce the Debt Received in December: \$100.00

Other Funds Received in December: \$2,786.00

Nigeria Funds Received in December: \$375.00

General Fund received in December: \$38,309.33

\$41,570.33

**TOTAL PARKING LOT FUND:** \$27,407.50 = \$54,815.00

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 30, 2018

#### THEME: 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**—“*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*” (John 1:14) 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: The Presentation**

**Bible Class 9:15:** The Fifth Commandment (Part 3)

**No Sunday School This Morning**

**Daily Chapel:** Will resume Monday, January 7, 2019

**Youth Catechesis Monday 4:30:** No Class This Week

**Didache Monday 7:00:** No Class This Week

**Wednesday Divine Service 6:45: The Presentation**

**Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00** 2 Samuel

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

- *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.*
- *Epiphany of Our Lord, celebrated on January 6*
- *Baptism of Our Lord, celebrated on January 13*

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

## 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.

**LAST CHANCE FOR 2018! \$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!

**Office hours** – This week the church office will be closed Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1 and open until noon Wednesday through Friday.

**Please check in the kitchen for empty dishes you may have brought in.** They are on the stove top.

**Christmas Caroling Today, Sunday, December 30 from 1:30 to 3:30**

The Youth Group and Senior Choir will be hosting a Christmas Caroling Party to local nursing homes and shut-ins on the First Sunday after Christmas. Pastor will meet with everyone at church at 1:30; we will pass out song booklets, do a little warm-up, and hit the road. We hope to return to church for some cider and Christmas treats. Everyone is welcome to join us, the more the merrier!

**No Senior Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, January 2, 2019.**

**Sunday School Teachers Meeting Thursday, January 3 at 7pm.**

**Board Meetings** – Elders meet Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30; Properties, and Education meet on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00pm.

**Parish Council meets** Tuesday, January 22 at 7pm.

**Donations needed for the Academy Auction!**

We are in need of donations and sponsors for the 17th Annual Goods and Services Auction to support the Academy! Items that have been donated in the past include tools, gift certificates, sports/event passes, tree cutting services and much more. If you need ideas of what to donate look at the "community chest" table in the narthex. Donation and sponsor forms are available online at [www.plaauction.com](http://www.plaauction.com). Please bring all donations into the church office by January 14, 2019, and if you have any questions contact John Bender at 262-247-5335.

**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 Loehe 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. Questions? Contact Theresa Schneider at [tacpjs@yahoo.com](mailto:tacpjs@yahoo.com) or 262-424-4788.

**Academy Thought of the Week:** Students and faculty are enjoying the festive 12 days of Christmas. Their academic pursuits will resume on January 7.

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

Year-to-Date Profit: \$ 4,050.51

**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](mailto:lehrerin.laur@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Scrip Orders During the Holidays** – The Scrip Center will be closed the week of December 23. Ordering will resume on January 7, 2019.

**Sunday Order of Service**  
The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 30, 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.*

**Hymn of Invocation** **359**  
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

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

*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.

*Psalm* *(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 Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. *(Antiphon is repeated.)*

**Old Testament Reading** **Isaiah 11:1-5**  
The ministry of the Messiah is foretold.

**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**  
The Son was born under the Law to be our Redeemer.

**Alleluia-Verse** *Congregation sings the triple Alleluia; Pastor sings the verse*

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

**Holy Gospel** **Luke 2:22-40**  
Jesus is presented in the Temple at 40 days of age

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

**Distribution Hymns**  
“In His Temple Now Behold Him” **519**  
“All My Heart Again Rejoices” **360**  
“O Sing of Christ” **362**

**Hymn to Depart** **937**  
“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”