

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Pianist: Christine Franklin Altar Committee: Anne Schumacher
Communion Committee: Mary Ellen Nitzsche, Becca Ligrow, Jennifer Scheler
Saturday 5:00 Elder: Mark Schneider
Sunday 7:45 Elder: Alex Scheler
Sunday 10:30 Elder: Erik Krueger
Wednesday 6:45 Elder: Mark Goltermann

Sanctuary Candle is given for Jon and Lynn Leider's 53rd anniversary.

Altar Flowers are given by Carol Bender

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Saturday, November 14 – 58
Sunday, November 15 – 101 (early) 104 (late) Bible Class – 105
Monday, November 16: Didache Divine Service – 40
Wednesday, November 18 – 31
Thursday, November 19 – Chapel Matins – 0 Coffee Break Bible Study - 0

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$6,466.11
(Loose Plate \$1151.11; Gen. Env. \$5315)	
Gohner Schl. fund:	\$25.00
Mercy fund:	\$10.00
Parking Lot fund:	\$200.00
Nigeria fund:	<u>\$195.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$6,896.11

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER:

General funds received in November:	\$23,088.49
Other funds received in November:	\$1,120.00
Parking Lot funds received in November:	\$2,100.00
Nigeria funds received in November:	<u>\$445.00</u>
	\$26,753.49

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 21 & 22, 2020

THEME: WAKE! AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING!

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—*"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching an admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."* (Colossians 3:16). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Saturday:** **Divine Service** 5:00— Last Sunday of the Church Year
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 and 10:30—Last Sunday in Trinity
Bible Class 9:15— Moses' Birth and the Burning Bush
- **Mon-Wed:** **No Chapel: Thanksgiving Break**
No Didache this week
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service** 6:45—Thanksgiving Eve
- **Thursday:** **Thanksgiving Divine Service** —9:30
No Chapel Matins on Thanksgiving
No Coffee Break Bible Study on Thanksgiving
- **Friday:** **No Chapel**
- **Saturday:** **Divine Service** 5:00—Advent 1

Private Confession and Absolution: *Sundays 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., after chapel, or by appointment — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*

Sunday morning Bible Class - Old Testament Catechesis:

Moses' Birth and the Burning Bush

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME:

The Angel Gabriel Announces the Birth of John the Baptist – Lk. 1:5-25

Parents are called to lead family prayer at home each week. This "lesson material" will take the place of Sunday School classes for the coming year and enhance parents' involvement with their children at home. The next **parents' instructional meeting is Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30.** Daily prayer with your family is a wonderful blessing, but for those for whom the habit has not been established a goal of two to three times a week would be a great place to start.

Didache Divine Service (Adult Instruction in the Christian Faith) is held on Monday mornings at 10:30. This is a special opportunity for retired members of the congregation and others to review the basics of the Christian faith according to the Small Catechism and also receive the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of the catechesis. No weekly sign up will be required.

Day of National Thanksgiving Services

Our Thanksgiving Services will be held this Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. and Thanksgiving Day at 9:30a.m.

Advent Midweek Services—The Sanctity of Life

Each Wednesday in Advent at 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

As we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth, our Advent Midweek Services will focus upon the Sanctity of Life.

- December 2:** **"Created from One Blood"** Acts 17:16-36
- December 9:** **"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"** Psalm 139
- December 16:** **"Raised at Christ's Coming"** 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- December 23:** **"Joseph Loves and Cares for His Pregnant Wife"** Matthew 1:18-25

NEWS AND NOTES

Meetings this Month:

Parish Council – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 24.
Family Prayer Instruction – 6:30 pm Tuesday, December 1.
Board of Elders – 6:30 pm Tuesday, December 8.
Board of Education – 6:30 pm Tuesday, December 15.
Board of Properties – 7:00 pm Tuesday, December 15.
No Parish Council meeting in December.

Thank you - to Pastor Bender and the congregation of Peace Lutheran for your prayers and the get-well cards during my hospital stay. Luise Bollmeyer.

Fish Fry Drive-thru on Friday, December 4th and 18th, 5:00-7:00. Mark your calendars and come pick up dinner for the family. Tell your friends!

Baking Volunteers Needed for fish fry. Each fish fry event we offer a signature homemade "dessert of the week" like cookies or brownies. If you are willing to bake for a fish fry, please talk, text or call John Bender at 262-247-5335.

Academy Wreath & Poinsettia Fundraiser: Help support the Academy by ordering wreaths and poinsettias! Order forms are available on the Scrip counter and in the office. Orders need to be turned into the office no later than Monday, November 23. Items ordered will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 6th.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 11/15/2020 (15 families participating)

Gross sales \$3,050	Profit paid to Academy \$88.11
Attendance 262	Total profit this fiscal year \$1,647.33

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 21, 22, and 25, 2020

Divine Service for Catechesis

Please follow the Divine Service for Catechesis folder. The propers for the day (Introit, readings, Gradual, Verse, and hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation **822**
“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

Introit *sung by the congregation*

Antiphon *(Is. 35:10)*

The ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with | singing, *
with everlasting joy | on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and | gladness, *
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

Psalm *(Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8)*

LORD, make me to know my end,
and what is the measure | of my days, *
that I may know how | frail I am.
Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths,
and my age is as nothing be-|fore You; *
certainly every man at his best state is but | vapor.
And now, Lord, what do I | wait for? *
My hope | is in You.
Deliver me from all my trans-|gressions; *
do not make me the reproach of the | foolish.
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*

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

Gradual *sung by the congregation* *(Ps. 45:14-15)*

[The royal daughter] shall be brought to the King
in robes of many | colors;*
the virgins, her companions who follow her,
shall be | brought to You.
With gladness and rejoicing they | shall be brought; *
they shall enter the King’s | palace.

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

Verse *sung by the congregation* *(Rev. 21:2)*

Alleluia. I saw the holy city, New Je- | rusalem,*
coming down out of heav-|en from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her | husband.*
Alle-|luia.

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

The Athanasian Creed **319**
Confessed responsively after the Gospel reading.
The Apostles’ Creed will be omitted in today’s service.

Hymn of the Day **516**
“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Communion Hymns
“Sing with All the Saints in Glory” **671**
“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” **515**
“Jerusalem, My Happy Home” **673**

Hymn to Depart **922**
“Go My Children with My Blessing”