

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Anne Schumacher
Communion Committee: Mary Ellen Nitzsche, Becca Ligrow, Jennifer Scheler
Saturday 5:00 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Sunday 7:45 Elder: Alex Scheler
Sunday 10:30 Elder: Erik Krueger
Wednesday 6:45 Elder: Mark Goltermann

Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of Rosie Kopling's sisters, Betty, Phyllis, Donna & Shirley.

Altar Flowers are given for the Gatchell's 38th wedding anniversary.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Saturday, November 7 – 25
Sunday, November 8 – 87 (early) 60 (late) Bible Class – 88
Monday, November 9: Didache Divine Service – 38
Wednesday, November 11 – 36
Thursday, November 12 – Chapel Matins – 54 Coffee Break Bible Study - 50

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund:	\$7,959.99
(Loose Plate \$1315.24; Gen. Env. \$6644.75)	
Mercy fund:	\$75.00
Parking Lot fund:	\$1,650.00
Nigeria fund:	\$200.00
Last Week's Total:	\$9,884.99

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER:

General funds received in November:	\$16,622.38
Other funds received in November:	\$1,085.00
Parking Lot funds received in November:	\$1,900.00
Nigeria funds received in November:	\$250.00
	\$19,857.38

TOTAL PARKING LOT FUND AFTER INITIAL EXPENSES: \$423,029.37

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity


November 14, 15, and 18, 2020

THEME: CIVIL AUTHORITY IS GIVEN BY GOD

The Pharisees did not really care about morality or doing what was right in the eyes of God. They only cared about power and influence. The Pharisees were political animals, so they questioned Jesus about whether it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not. All their flattery of Jesus was nothing more than a ruse. They hated Him and they hated what He preached. Jesus outdueled the rhetoric of the Pharisees. He perceived their wickedness. He asked to see the tax money and asked them about whose inscription appeared on the coin. It was the inscription of Caesar! All the boasting and coveting of the Pharisees for political power could not change the fact that the Romans ruled, and the Pharisees had no real power at all. How wonderful! Jesus' reply silenced them. They hoped to trap Him in a contradiction. Will He show loyalty to Rome or loyalty to the government? His answer carefully showed proper obedience to both: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." Matthew records that even the Pharisees who hated Jesus marveled at His words. He silenced them. He gave all honor to God at the same time He acknowledged the proper place of the civil authority. In this Gospel, Jesus shows Himself to be superior to all political authority as He gives honor and glory to God without compromise and acknowledges that God works through the civil authorities to accomplish His purposes.

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 and 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— Trinity 23
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 and 10:30— Trinity 23
Bible Class 9:15— Discussion with Nigerian pastors
- **Monday:** **Chapel** 8:00
Didache Divine Service 10:30
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** 8:00
Youth Didache 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Chapel** 8:00
Divine Service 6:45— Trinity 23
- **Thursday:** **Chapel Matins with Holy Communion** 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — Jonah
- **Friday:** **Chapel** 8:00
- **Saturday:** **Divine Service** 5:00—Last Sunday in the Church Year

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:

Joseph Forgives His Brothers and God Saves Israel

THIS WEEK’S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME:

The Tower of Babel – Genesis 11:1-9

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

Meetings this Month:

Congregational Assembly – 6:30 pm Monday, November 16.

Board of Education – 6:30 pm Tuesday, November 17.

Board of Properties – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 17.

Parish Council – 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 24.

PARKING LOT PROJECT COMPLETION REVIEW!

At the Congregational Assembly meeting on Monday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. you will be given an opportunity to receive a detailed report on the parking lot project, along with exciting financial proposals for the future. A HUGE “Thank you!” to all who have contributed so generously to bring the project to completion. Paying off our first mortgage this year and establishing a Capital Improvements Fund for the future will be on the agenda. **Copies of the full meeting packets** are available for pickup in the narthex.

“A Thank You Visit” to Peace from our Nigerian Brothers!

Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, our Nigerian brothers will be visiting Peace for a “Farewell Thank You Visit” before returning to serve at our sister seminary in Nigeria. They will attend Divine Services on Saturday and Sunday. They will all speak to the congregation during Bible Class on Sunday morning, reporting on all that they have learned while in the United States, the importance of their education for the Lutheran Church of Nigeria, and to express their profound gratitude for all that our congregation has done for them.

Fish Fry Drive-thru on Friday, Nov. 20, 5:00-7:00. Mark your calendars and come pick up dinner for 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 11/08/2020 (12 families participating)

Gross sales \$2,860

Profit paid to Academy \$165.94

Attendance 309

Total profit this fiscal year \$1,559.22

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Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167, or the Divine Service for Catechesis folder. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation 791

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

Entrance Psalm *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 111:11a)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

Psalm (Ps. 111)

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright,
in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear Him;
He remembers His covenant forever. *Antiphon*

He has shown His people the power of His works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of His hands are faithful and just;
all His precepts are trustworthy;

they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to His people;

He has commanded His covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is His name!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Antiphon*

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 8:11-22

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Gradual *sung by the choir* (Ps. 44:7-8)

You have saved us from our foes

and have put to shame those who hate us.

In God we have boasted continually,

and we will give thanks to Your name forever.

Epistle Philippians 3:17-21

Our citizenship is in heaven.

Verse *sung by the choir* (Ps. 115:11)

Alleluia. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

Hymn of the Day 714

“Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode”

Choir sings stanza 1

Communion Hymns

“In the Very Midst of Life”

755

“Jerusalem, O City Fair and High”

674

“Wide Open Stand the Gates of Adorned with Pearl”

639

Hymn to Depart 548

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”