

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen
Communion Committee: Joanne Smith, Rosanne Fell, Lois Scaffifi
Saturday 5:00 Elder: Mark Schneider
Sunday 7:45 Elder: Alex Scheler
Sunday 10:30 Elder: Erik Krueger
Wednesday 6:45 Elder: Kent Franklin

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Saturday, November 28 – 13
Sunday, November 29 – 68 (early) 64 (late) Bible Class – 42
Advent, December 2 – 131 (Chapel, 2:30 & 6:45)
Thursday, December 3 – Chapel Matins - 46

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund: \$4,212.00

(Loose Plate \$215; Gen. Env. \$3997)

Mercy fund: \$ 10.00

Last Week's Total: \$4,222.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER:

General funds received in November:	\$30,325.40
Other funds received in November:	\$ 1,155.00
Parking Lot funds received in November:	\$ 2,100.00
Nigeria funds received in November:	\$ 470.00
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	\$34,050.40

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Second Sunday in Advent

Populas Zion (People of Zion)

December 5 and 6, 2020

THEME: LOOK UP! 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 leading up to 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," that is, to anticipate and look forward to 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!

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!**

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— Advent 2
- **Sunday:** Divine Service 7:45 and 10:30— Advent 2
Bible Class 9:15 —"O Antiphon Meditations"
- **Monday:** Chapel 8:00
Didache Divine Service – 10:30
- **Tuesday:** Chapel 8:00
Youth Didache 4:30
- **Wednesday:** Advent Communion Service at 8:00, 2:30, and 6:45
Theme: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made
- **Thursday:** Chapel Matins with Holy Communion 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — Amos-Part 2
- **Friday:** Chapel 8:00
- **Saturday:** Divine Service 5:00—Advent 3

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.*

The 30th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols—Four Opportunities!

To afford opportunity for many people to come, yet afford social distancing, there will be four service opportunities this year. The Children's Choirs will be featured at two of the services and the Senior Choir will be featured at two of the services. Sign-up is required for these services.

- Children's Choirs on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. (no communion)
- Children's Choirs on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10:30 (no communion)
- Senior Choir on Sunday, January 3, at 4 p.m. (no communion)
- Epiphany Choral Divine Service, Wednesday, January 6, at 6:45 p.m. (Holy Communion will be offered at this service)

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME: The Visitation – Lk. 1:39-56

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, January 5th at 6:30.**

Didache Divine Service will Resume on Monday, December 7 at 10:30

To give attendees opportunity to recover from sickness, Didache Divine Service will resume on Monday, December 7, at 10:30 a.m. Get well, get stronger, and we will see you on December 7.

Advent Midweek Divine Services—The Sanctity of Life

Wednesdays 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. Communion will be offered at all three of the Advent Services.

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:

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.

Care During the Coronavirus

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please respect one another during this time, as we provide many opportunities to receive the Word and Sacrament in somewhat reduced crowds. We continue to ask for your help in signing up for the services, so that we do not overcrowd our nave. Signing up for December is now encouraged. If you have signed up for multiple service and your plans change, please let the office know so that someone else can fill that spot. Remember, the Lord's Supper is offered also at the Didache Divine Service on Mondays, all three Advent Services on Wednesdays, and at the Chapel Matins Service on Thursday.

Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar - Please sign-up to purchase poinsettias for the altar. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. A total of 15 are needed. \$10 each. Make check payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

Fish Fry Drive-thru on Friday, December 18th, 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, text or call John Bender at 262-247-5335.

Academy Wreath & Poinsettia Fundraiser: Items ordered will be available for pick-up on Sunday, December 6th.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 11/29/2020 (8 families participating)

Gross sales \$2,170

Profit paid to Academy \$50.76

Attendance - 103

Total profit this fiscal year \$1,795.60

The last date to order gift cards to guarantee delivery before Christmas is December 14, 2020.

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2020

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

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 333
“Once He Came in Blessing”

Introit *The choir sings the antiphon and the congregation sings the bold print using the Gloria Patri from Setting 3.*

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

Say to the daughter of | Zion, *
“Surely your salvation is | coming.”
The LORD will cause His glorious voice | to be heard, *
and you shall have glad-|ness of heart.

Psalm (Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17)

**Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph | like a flock; *
You who dwell between the cherubim, | shine forth!
Restore us, | O God; *
cause Your face to shine, and we | shall be saved!
Return, we beseech You, O | God of hosts; *
look down from | heav’n and see.
Let Your hand be upon the man of Your | right hand, *
upon the son of man whom You made strong | for Yourself.**

**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 Sun of Righteousness will arise!

Choral Response

“How Long, the Prophets Cried” – James E. Clemens

How long, the prophets cried,
how long before God puts an end to wrong,
Before Messiah sets us free from every yoke and tyranny?
How long, O Lord, how long?

Vengeance, they knew, belong to God;
Who smites the wicked with His rod:
But some, inspired by gospel grace, saw mercy in Messiah’s face.
How long, O Lord, how long?

And now, at last, in God’s good time shall Mary come to Bethlehem,
In great humility to bear the Prince of Peace as David’s heir.
He came, our Savior came!

These Advent days with loving care and childlike joy,
let us prepare our waiting churches,
hearts and homes, to make Him welcome when He comes.
He comes, our Savior comes!

Epistle **Romans 15:4-13**

Through the encouragement of the Scriptures, we have hope.

Alleluia-Verse *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the verse of the Day. Choir sing the appointed verse.*

Alleluia. 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. Alle-|luia. (Luke 21:26b-27)

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

The Second Coming of Christ

Hymn of the Day 336
“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Communion Hymns

“The Clouds of Judgment Gather” 513
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” 621
“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” 515

Hymn to Depart 348
“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”