

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Pianist: Christine Franklin      Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen  
Communion Committee: Joanne Smith, Rosanne Fell, Lois Scaffidi  
Saturday 5:00pm Elder: Mark Schneider  
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus  
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer  
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Kent Franklin

**Sanctuary Candle** is given in memory of Doreen Corso's sister Janet.

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Saturday, December 19 (Lessons and Carols) – 120  
Sunday, December 20: Early – 94   Lessons and Carols – 118   Bible Class – 84  
Monday, December 21: Didache Divine Service – 24

### OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

<b>General Fund:</b>	\$ 4,595.38
(Loose Plate \$455.10; Gen. Env. \$4,140.28)	
<b>Mercy fund:</b>	\$ 425.00
<b>Goehner fund:</b>	\$ 50.00
<b>Parking Lot fund:</b>	\$ 275.00
<b>Nigeria fund:</b>	\$ 125.00
<b>Last Week's Total:</b>	\$ 5,470.38

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DECEMBER:

General funds received in December:	\$29,821.38
Other funds received in December:	\$ 775.00
Parking Lot funds received in December:	\$ 575.00
Nigeria funds received in December:	\$ 325.00
	\$31,496.38

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The First Sunday after Christmas


December 26 and 27, 2020

### THEME: PREPARED TO DIE!

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**—*"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— Christmas 1
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 — Christmas 1  
**Bible Class** 9:15 — The Nativity of Our Lord  
**Divine Service** 10:30 — Christmas 1
- **Monday:** **No Chapel – Chapel resumes January 4**  
**Didache Divine Service** – 10:30
- **Tuesday:** **Youth Didache** – resumes **January 5**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service** 6:45 — Christmas 1
- **Thursday:** **No Chapel Matins or Coffee Break Bible Study**  
**New Year's Eve Divine Services 4:00 & 6:30pm**
- **Friday:** **New Year's Day Divine Service 9:30am**
- **Saturday:** **Divine Service** 5:00—Christmas 2

**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 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Lessons and Carols—Two More Opportunities!**

To allow opportunity for many people to come, yet afford social distancing, there are extra opportunities this year. The children's choirs sang before Christmas. The Senior Choir will be featured at two services in January. Sign-up is required for these services. All of these are live streamed

- 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)

**New Year's Eve** services at 4:00 and 6:30 (live stream)

**New Year's Day** service at 9:30 (live stream)

**THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HOME: The Nativity of Our Lord**  
The next **parents' instructional meeting** is **Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**

**Didache Divine Service will be held this Week, Monday, December 28**

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Meetings this Month:**

Family Prayer Instruction – 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 5.

Board of Elders – 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 12.

Board of Education – 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 19.

Board of Properties – 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 19.

Parish Council – 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 26.

**Care During the Coronavirus**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, 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. 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. In addition to Divine Services on Saturday, Sunday, and Wednesday, the Lord's Supper is also offered at the Didache Divine Service on Mondays, and at the Chapel Matins Service on Thursday. Saturday, Monday, and Thursday Divine Services have the fewest numbers.

**Offering envelopes** are available for pick up in the narthex. Please do not use them until January 2021 as many people have new envelope numbers.

**Charts for sanctuary candle and altar flowers for 2021** are posted on the board outside of the church kitchen.

**Fish Fry Drive-thru** on Friday, January 8 and 22, 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, text or call John Bender at 262-247-5335.

**Weekly Scrip Report:** Week of 12/20/2020 (19 families participating)

Gross sales \$4,258

Profit paid to Academy \$264.21

Attendance – 458

Total profit this fiscal year \$2,433.40

We will no longer have **Starbucks** as a cash-and-carry item. They will need to be ordered.

# The First Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 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** **367**  
“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

**Introit** *sung responsively with the congregation.*

*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 Messiah is Anointed with the Spirit to establish righteousness.

**Gradual** *sung by the congregation.*

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.

*(Ps. 45:2a, 1b)*

**Epistle** **Galatians 4:1-7**  
In the fullness of time, God sent forth His Son.

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

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

**Holy Gospel** **Luke 2:22-40**  
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

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

**Communion Hymns**  
“In His Temple Now Behold Him” **519**  
“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” **375**  
“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” **386**

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