

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Anne Schumacher
Communion Committee: Becca Ligrow, Joanne Smith
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Erik Krueger
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Kent Franklin

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sun, November 28: Early-132 Late-93 Bible Class-99
Wednesday Advent Midweek, December 1 – 148 (8:00, 2:30 & 6:45)
Thurs, December 2: Communion Matins-47 Coffee Break-42

Altar Flowers are given in memory of James LaFore.

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 8,309.39
(Loose Plate \$1318.39; Gen. Env. \$6991)	
Capital Improvements fund:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Schlr. fund:	\$ 300.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 100.00
Last Week's Total:	\$ 8,759.39

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER:

General funds received in November:	\$ 33,597.61
LCEF funds received in November:	\$ 1,202.06
Capital Improvements funds received in Nov.:	\$ 250.00
Goehner Schlr. funds received in Nov.:	\$ 425.00
Mercy funds received in November:	\$ 635.00
Nigeria funds received in November:	\$ 575.00
	\$ 36,684.67

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Second Sunday in Advent

Populas Zion (People of Zion)

December 5, 2021

THEME: The Lord Provides Comfort in the Latter Days

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—*Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Private Confession and Absolution:** *Sundays 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. or by appointment — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 & 10:30 — Advent 2
Bible Class 9:15 — The St. Peter Option
- **Monday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Youth Catechesis – 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Advent Communion Service** at 8:00, 2:30, and 6:45
- **Thursday:** **Thursday Communion Chapel** 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — Gospel of Matthew
Didache 7:00 — The Creed—Third Article
- **Friday:** **Chapel Matins** – 8:00

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME:

The Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:26-38

The next Family Prayer instructional meeting for parents and Sunday School teachers is this Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS SERIES:

The St. Peter Option—To Everyone an Answer

This week's study focuses upon the Royal Priesthood of the Church

DIDACHE DIVINE SERVICE—ADULT AND YOUTH CATECHESIS

This year's class will once again offer the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of the catechesis. This week's class will be on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

ADVENT MIDWEEK DIVINE SERVICES—THE GIFT OF PRAYER

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

- December 8:** "Watch and Pray for His Coming" Mt. 24:4-14, 36-44
- December 15:** "Pray for those Who Persecute You" Matt. 5:43-48
- December 22:** "Prayer for God's Final Judgment" 2 Thess. 1:3-12

The 31st Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

- Children's Choirs on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.
- Senior Choir Epiphany Choral Divine Service, Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 6:45 p.m. (Holy Communion will be offered at this service)

Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 12

The program will involve *3-year-old children thru those in 8th grade.* Preparation for the program will be during Sunday School weekly until Dec 12. Children in **grades 3-8** meet in the 3rd-4th grade room from 9:15-9:30. Grades 5-8 will be excused at 9:30 to join their parents in Bible Class. Children **3 PK to grade 2** rehearse in Loehe Hall from 9:30-9:45. Final practice for the program will be Saturday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m.

NEWS AND NOTES

Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex. If you haven't picked up the annual report and membership directory, please do.

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. \$12 each. Make check payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

All Boards will meet Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Please note this is one week earlier than previously scheduled.

The meeting will begin jointly with a study led by Pastor on educational themes from Martin Luther and the Lutheran Confessions. This 30-minute study is open to anyone in the congregation. **Board of Elders and Board of Education** will remain together to discuss candidates for Ordained Headmaster/Associate Pastor. **The Board of Properties** will adjourn from the joint study to conduct their business at 7 p.m.

Fish Fry Drive-thru — Friday, December 17, from 5:00-7:00.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, December 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Save the date for the Academy Auction! The Academy Auction will be held on March 19th from 4-8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. Save the date on your calendar and plan to attend this exciting event.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 11-28-2021 (10 families participating)

Gross sales \$1,470.00	Profit paid to Academy \$138.31
Attendance – 244	Total profit this fiscal year \$1,977.04

Any Scrip orders you wish to have by 12/24, need to be placed by 12/12/2021. Orders placed after that cannot be guaranteed to arrive by 12/24. This also applies to ordering hard cards online and ship to home. **No scrip order will be placed the week of December 26.**

The Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021 – *Populus Zion (People of Zion)*

Divine Service Setting Two, LSB p. 167

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

Hymn of Invocation: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” 334
Choir sings stanza 4

Entrance Hymn: “The Night Will Soon Be Ending” 337

Old Testament Reading Malachi 4:1-6
The Sun of Righteousness will arise!

Choral Response

“Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain” by Richard Gieseke

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,
You who will bring the good news to Zion.
Lift up your voices and boldly proclaim:
“See the Lord God! He comes in power!”
Write down the vision, inscribe it on tablets,
Ready for a herald to carry it swiftly.
Soon, very soon He will come to you.
Live by faith, my righteous ones!

Second Reading Romans 15:4-13
Through the encouragement of the Scriptures, we have hope.

Alleluia-Verse *Sung by the choir*

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. *(Luke 21:26b-27)*

Holy Gospel Luke 21:25-36
The Second Coming of Christ

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

Distribution Hymns

“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide” 355
“Once He Came in Blessing” 333
“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” 348

Hymn to Depart 331
“The Advent of Our King”