

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke  
Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy  
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider  
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson  
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Kent Franklin

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Christmas Eve: 145 (4:00) 97 (8:00)  
Christmas Day: 171  
Sun, December 26: Early - 100 Late - 69 Bible Class - 61  
Wed, December 29: 12

### OFFERINGS:

#### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 20,999.00
(Loose Plate \$2350; Gen. Env. \$18,649)	
Capital Improvements fund:	\$ 7,000.00
Sacred Appts.	\$ 1,000.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 515.00
Nigeria fund:	<u>\$ 1,075.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$ 30,589.00

#### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DECEMBER:

General funds received in December:	\$ 51,584.00
LCEF funds received in Dec.:	\$ 1,197.06
Capital Improvements funds received in Dec.:	\$ 17,520.00
Goehner Schlr. funds received in Dec.:	\$ 375.00
Sacred Appts. funds received in Dec.:	\$ 1,250.00
Mercy funds received in December:	\$ 1,050.00
Music funds received in December:	\$ 100.00
Nigeria funds received in December:	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>
	\$ 75,276.06

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

#### THEME: The Comfort of God's Grace in the Midst of Sorrow

Joseph brought his father Jacob and his family to Egypt according to the Lord's will and the Lord sustained them there with His promise: "I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation. I will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up again."

The Apostle Peter encourages us to rejoice when we suffer for our faith and for doing what is right in our vocation. At such times we are partakers of Christ's suffering and are confessing our faith in Him.

The Second Sunday after Christmas does not occur very often in the Church Year. When it does, it gives us opportunity to see, even more vividly, that Jesus was born to suffer and die. Herod's murderous plots against Him cause Mary and Joseph to flee to Egypt according to the Lord's Word. In the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, we see the depth of human wickedness and Jesus' future fate as the innocent One who will suffer for the guilty. In the Holy family's sojourn out of Egypt and avoidance of Judea, we see how God's providence directed Him to live in Nazareth of Galilee. All things unfolded for our salvation according to the good and gracious will of God and according to the Scriptures.

**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

**Thank you!** The staff and faculty of Peace deeply appreciate the kindnesses you have shown to us through Advent and Christmas, with your cards and gifts. But even more, we rejoice in your reception of the blessings that Jesus, our Savior gives here in the Divine Service and the catechesis.



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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 prayed, “Sanctify them in Your truth; Your Word is truth.” (John 17:17).* 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 — Christmas 2  
**Congregational Assembly 9:15 Call Meeting**
- **Monday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00  
**Youth Catechesis** – 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Epiphany Choral Divine Service** 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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME**

This week’s lesson: The Epiphany of Our Lord—Matthew 2:1-12  
The **next Family Prayer instructional meeting** for parents and Sunday School teachers is **Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30.**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS SERIES: ST. PETER OPTION**

This week’s study focuses upon the Royal Priesthood of the Church.

**DIDACHE DIVINE SERVICE FOR ADULT AND YOUTH CATECHESIS**

This week’s service: Lutheran Catechesis 12—The Day of Pentecost, Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

**EPIPHANY CHORAL DIVINE SERVICE**

On Wednesday, January 5 at 6:45 p.m., the Senior Choir will lead an Epiphany Choral Divine Service with Holy Communion. This special choral service features Christmas and Epiphany music for the Choir and congregation in celebration of the visit of the Magi and the revelation of the Son of God as the Savior of all mankind.

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

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Special Congregational Assembly Call Meeting Today** for the purpose of calling an Associate Pastor/Ordained Headmaster is scheduled for This morning, January 2 at 9:15 a.m. The Boards of Elders and Education, working jointly over the past several months, are recommending to the congregation that we call a candidate from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, to be our Associate Pastor and Headmaster. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this call meeting.

**Thanksgiving to God for generous support**

Over the last year, the congregation established a capital improvements fund to set aside revenue to be used for major capital improvements. We received substantial gifts and have been setting aside money each month from the General Offerings for this fund. The Lord has richly blessed us in 2021, enabling us to fund the new HVAC system for the Academy, and in early 2022, we will be able to replace the furnaces and air conditioning for the Church. These are major expenses, and we give thanks that we have had the funding to make these repairs and improvements. As you can imagine, the capital improvements fund has been significantly depleted. As you are able, offerings to the capital improvements fund are always appreciated.

**Sign-up charts for sanctuary candle and altar flowers for 2022** are posted on the board outside of the church kitchen. Please sign up to bring fresh flowers for the altar.

**Holy Land Tour in 2022** – if you are interested in seeing the places where our Lord walked and where many of the key events of the Scriptures took place, you are invited to take part in a tour of the Holy Land in late April/early May. This will be a group of Lutherans guided both by LCMS Pastor Aaron Koch and a local Israeli Christian guide. For more information you can call 414-795-9005. Brochures are available in the narthex.

**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.

**Fish Fry Drive-thru** — Friday, January 14, from 5:00-7:00.

**Weekly Scrip Report:**

Gross sales \$7,306.00	Profit paid to Academy \$116.82
Attendance – 345	Total profit this fiscal year \$2,133.75

**BP scrip cards are currently unavailable.**  
**Taco Bell is no longer a cash and carry item.**

# The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

## 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.*

*Stand and face the processional cross.*

### Hymn of Invocation

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“From East to West”

*Introit sung responsively*

*Antiphon* (Ps. 8:2)

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your | enemies, \*  
that You may silence the enemy and the a-|venger.

*Psalm* (Ps. 8:1, 4-6)

**O LORD, our Lord,  
how excellent is Your name in | all the earth, \*  
who have set Your glory above the | heavens!  
What is man that You are mind-|ful of him, \*  
and the son of man that You | visit him?  
For You have made him a little lower than the | angels, \*  
and You have crowned him with glory and | honor.  
You have made him to have dominion  
over the works | of Your hands; \*  
You have put all things un-|der his feet.**

**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 is repeated.)*

### Old Testament Reading

**Genesis 46:1-7**

Jacob’s journey to Egypt

### Gradual *sung by the congregation*

Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the | Gentiles, \*  
to give thanks to Your holy name,  
to triumph | in Your praise.  
You, O LORD, are our | Father; \*  
our Redeemer from Everlasting | is Your name.

*(Ps. 106:47, Is. 63:16b)*

### Epistle

**1 Peter 4:12-19**

Rejoice to partake of Christ’s sufferings

*Stand and face the processional cross.*

### Alleluia-Verse *sung by the pastor*

Alleluia. My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD, \*  
and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever.  
Alle-|luia.

*(Ps. 145:21)*

### Holy Gospel

**Matthew 2:13-23**

The Flight into Egypt and slaughter of the holy innocents

### Hymn of the Day

**Insert**

“Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band”

### Offertory Hymn

**517**

“By All Your Saints in Warfare”  
*Stanzas 1, 9, 3*

### Distribution Hymns

“O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild” **546**  
“Children of the Heavenly Father” **725**  
“Let All Together Praise Our God” **389**

### Hymn to Depart

**381**

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”