

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May                      Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke  
Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Anna Steinhilb  
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus  
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Phillip Gehlbach  
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, November 27 – 125 (7:45)    80 (10:30)    Bible Class – 79  
Wednesday Advent Midweek, November 30 – 150 (8:30, 2:30 & 6:30)  
Thurs, December 1: Communion Matins-47    Coffee Break-34

**Altar Flowers** – given by Kristine Ellestad

### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	
(Loose Plate \$2,500 Gen. Env. \$6,057)	\$ 8,557.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 5.00
Nigeria fund:	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$ 8,662.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER:

General funds received in November:	\$ 25,182.00
Capital Imp. funds received in November:	\$ 250.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in November:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appts. funds received in November:	\$ 100.00
Mercy funds received in November:	\$ 265.00
Nigeria funds received in November:	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Total Offerings received in November:	\$ 26,197.00

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Second Sunday in Advent

**Populus Zion (*People of Zion*)**

December 4, 2022

### THEME: The Son of Man Will Come Again in Glory!

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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The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032  
**Divine Service:** Sunday – 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.  
**Bible Class and Sunday School:** Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

**WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**—*Jesus prayed, “Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it” (Luke 11:28).* 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 World after the Flood
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday through Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Advent Communion Service** at 8:30, 2:30, and 6:30
- **Thursday:** **Holy Communion Matins at 8:30**
- **Thursday:** **Coffee Break Bible Study 9:30** — Gospel of Matthew

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: GENESIS!** In addition to our weekly introduction to the Congregation at Prayer at the beginning of Bible Class, we will be studying the book of **Genesis** this year. Today's Bible class will discuss the world after the Flood and look to the Tower of Babel

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME**

**This week's lesson:** The Annunciation of Our Lord

The Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast devotion are posted on the website weekly.

**“Family Prayer/Sunday School Devotional Studies”** will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer/Sunday School lesson. Look for our posting each week on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**Sunday School Christmas Program is next Sunday, December 11.**

*Three-year-old children through those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade are preparing for the program during the Sunday School hour. **Today ALL children will rehearse in Loeh Hall from 9:15-9:45 and then be dismissed to their classrooms for today's lesson. Final practice for the program will be this Saturday, December 10 from 9 to 11 a.m.***

**Advent Midweek Services—Saints Day's Celebrations**

This year's midweek advent services will prepare us for the celebration of our Lord's nativity and His Second Coming by celebrating four saints' days that are often overlooked but which provide a rich opportunity to meditate upon what our Advent King has accomplished in the lives of His chosen ones. There are, once again, three divine service opportunities each Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. as part of Day School Chapel; 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

December 7—**St. Stephen, Martyr** (transferred)

December 14—**St. John, Apostle** (transferred)

December 21—**St. Thomas, Apostle**

**High School/College Youth Group, Sunday, December 11**

Youth group will meet December 11, for lunch, study, and prayer after the 10:30 Divine Service from noon to 1:30. The topic for December 11: A Christian view of courtship, dating, engagement, and preparation for marriage.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Giving Tree** – show your support and appreciation for our teachers in the Academy this year with a Christmas gift from the Giving Tree. Here's how:

1. Visit the bulletin board in the narthex and choose a hanging ornament (with a dollar amount) off the tree. Select as many ornaments as you wish.
2. Take the ornament to the Scrip/RaiseRight counter where you will be assisted in selecting your gift.

All gifts should be purchased or ordered no later than December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent Hymn Festival** - on December 11 at 7 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Watertown, WI. **“Amen! Come Lord Jesus”** which celebrates the sacred music of Advent is led by Rev. Dr. James Marriott, chair of the music department at Concordia University -Texas.

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** is Sunday, December 18, at 3pm. All the choirs of the congregation will lead the congregation in meditations upon the great texts of Scripture that lead up to and include the birth of Christ. The choirs will sing from the chancel, so there will be extra room for everyone to hear, see, and enjoy the service.

**Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar** - Sign-up to purchase poinsettias for the altar/chancel. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Fifteen plants are needed (\$12 each). Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

**All Boards and Parish Council** meet Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The meeting begins jointly in the nave with opening prayer and study. Each board will begin its meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Parish Council will convene at 7:30 p. m. **Agendas, reports, and board minutes should be posted on Teams by Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Weekly RaiseRight Report (formerly Scrip):** Week of 11-27-2022

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 4 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,915.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$66.77

Attendance: 410

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$2,287.35

**Walgreens is currently unavailable.**

Order forms for \$10 and under cards are available at the RR counter.

**The LAST RaiseRight order to be placed with guarantee of delivery BEFORE Christmas will be December 12, 2022.**

**The Second Sunday in Advent**  
**Populus Zion (People of Zion)**  
December 4, 2022

**Divine Service Setting Three**  
**Lutheran Service Book p. 184**

“And with thy spirit” is the response in this service to the salutation,  
“The Lord be with you.”

*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** **351**

“Creator of the Stars of Night”  
*Choir sings stanzas 2 and 3 and the choral Amen alone*

**Introit** *sung responsively with the choir.*

*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**

“Lost in the Night” – Setting by Michael Burkhardt

Lost in the night do the people yet languish  
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,  
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.  
Will not day come soon?

Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?  
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,  
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?  
Will you help us soon!

Sorrowing wand’rers, in darkness yet dwelling,  
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,  
Death’s dreaded darkness forever dispelling.  
Christ is coming soon!

Light o’er the land of the needy is beaming;  
Rivers of life through its deserts are streaming,  
Bringing all peoples a Savior redeeming.  
Come and save us soon!

**Epistle** **Romans 15:4-13**

Through the Scriptures we have hope

**Alleluia Verse** *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the  
verse of the Day. The choir sings the appointed verse. (Luke 21:26b-27)*

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.

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

Jesus catechizes us on His Second Coming.

**Hymn of the Day** **345**

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

**Distribution Hymns**

“The Night Will Soon Be Ending” **337**

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” **348**

“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” **353**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” **621**

**Hymn to Depart** **338**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”