

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: Philip Gehlbach
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, December 18 – 118 (7:45) 71 (10:30) Bible Class – N/A
Lessons & Carols December 18 – 208
Wednesday Advent Midweek, December 21 – N/A (8:30, 2:30 & 6:30)
Thurs, December 22: Coffee Break -N/A

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	
(Loose Plate \$180 Gen. Env. \$16,657)	\$ 16,837.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 250.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 55.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 50.00
Last Week's Total:	\$ 17,242.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN DECEMBER:

General funds received in December:	\$ 43,673.66
Music funds received in December:	\$ 200.00
Capital Imp. funds received in December:	\$ 7,270.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in December:	\$ 450.00
Mercy funds received in December:	\$ 955.00
Nigeria funds received in December:	\$ 7,400.00
Total Offerings received in December:	\$ 59,948.66

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day


December 25, 2022

THEME: The Word became Flesh!

Never doubt God's love for you! He, through whom God the Father created and sustains all things, the eternal Word of the Father—the Son of God, became one with our flesh and blood to redeem us from all sin and every evil. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." The glory of God is manifested in the gift of His only Son for our redemption. Though He came to His own and His own did not receive Him, but resisted His grace, still He continued His work for the world's salvation. But to "as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name."

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. Brennick T. Christiansen, Assoc. Pastor — (262) 236-6104
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 9:30** — Christmas Day
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30** — The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- **New Year's Eve Divine Service**, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.
- **New Year's Day Divine Service**, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.

NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME

This week's lesson: The Nativity 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.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- **Christmas Day Divine Service** at 9:30 a.m.
- **Holy Innocents Divine Service** Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- **New Year's Eve Divine Service**, December 31 at 5:00 p.m. with individual absolution
- **New Year's Day Divine Service**, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Epiphany Divine Service**, Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Innocents Divine Service Wednesday, December 28, 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Music and Talk for the Christmas Season at Issues, Etc.

You can listen 24/7 to sacred music and talk for the 12 days of Christmas at issuesetc.org, lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

NEWS AND NOTES

Holiday Office Hours:

Office Open: 8am-12pm: Tuesday – Friday, December 27-30.

Office Closed: Monday, December 26 and January 2.

Regular hours resume on January 3.

2023 Envelopes and Membership Directories are available in the narthex. Please remember to pick up your copy.

Sign-up charts for altar flowers and sanctuary candles for 2023 are posted on the board outside of the church kitchen. Please sign up to bring fresh flowers for the altar.

Fish Fry Drive-thru — Friday, January 13, from 5:00-7:00. Tell your friends!

Save the date for the Academy Auction—March 25, 2023!

The Academy Auction will be held on March 25th from 4-8:30pm at Lake Country Lutheran High School. Save the date on your calendar and plan to attend this exciting event.

Synodical Nominations for President and Regional Vice Presidents

All congregations of the Synod are encouraged to make nominations for the offices of President and Vice Presidents of the LCMS. The Board of Elders will recommend candidates for our congregation to nominate at our February Congregational Assembly meeting. If anyone in the congregation has names to suggest, please forward them to Pastor Bender or one of the elders by January 15, 2023.

Weekly RaiseRight Report (formerly Scrip): Week of 12-18-2022

Number of families participating: 8 (in-person) + 3 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,550.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$358.82

Attendance: 340

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$3,017.61

Walgreen eGIFT cards are available to order online or through the app.

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

Routine weekly orders will resume Jan 3rd.

Hymn to Depart

"See in Yonder Manger Low"

All:

- 1 See in yonder manger low,
Born for us on earth below,
See, the gentle Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.
Hail, O ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Men:

- 2 Lo, within a stable lies
He who built the starry skies,
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.
All: Hail, O ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Women and Children:

- 3 Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.
Men: Hail, O ever blessed morn!
Women: Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
All: Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

All:

- 4 Teach, O teach us, holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility.
Hail, O ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day, December 25, 2022

9:30 a.m.

The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us! "He whom the sea and wind obey doth come to serve the sinner in great meekness. Thou, God's own Son, with us art one, dost join us and our children in our weakness" (Paul Gerhardt). Welcome to the Divine Service. Guests desiring to commune are asked to speak to the Pastor before approaching the altar. For the spiritual care and welfare of all we practice closed communion. Guests, please sign our guest register in the narthex.

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.

Stand and face the processional cross

Processional Hymn

380

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Entrance Hymn

Inside Insert

"O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is"

Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

The Old Testament Tabernacle of the Lord

Gradual Hymn

624

"The Infant Priest"

Epistle

Titus 3:4-7

The kindness and love of God our Savior appeared.

Alleluia-Choral Verse

Verbum Caro Factum Est
15th cent. English Carol, tr. Brennick Christiansen, b. 1992
Setting: Richard Proulx, 1937-2010

<i>Latin:</i>	<i>Translation:</i>
Verbum caro factum est;	The word became flesh;
Habitavit in nobis.	[and] dwelt among us.
Alleluia, Alleluia.	Alleluia, Alleluia.
Notum fecit Dominus	The Lord made known
Salutare suum.	His own salvation.
Alleluia, Alleluia.	Alleluia, Alleluia.
Prope invocavit me	He called me near.
Pater meus es tu.	You are my Father.
Alleluia, Alleluia.	Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Hymn of the Day

384

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Stanza 1: Congregation

Stanza 2: Choir

Stanza 3: Women and Children

Stanza 4: Choir

Stanza 5: Congregation

Choral Offertory

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" – Michael Praetorius

From heav'n above to earth I come to bear good news to ev'ry home.
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, where of I now will say and sing.

To you this night is born a Child of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little Child, of lowly birth, shall be the Joy, of all the earth.

Distribution Hymns

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	379
"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"	375
"Joy to the World"	387
"We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth"	382

Recessional Hymn

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"See, in Yonder Manger Low"

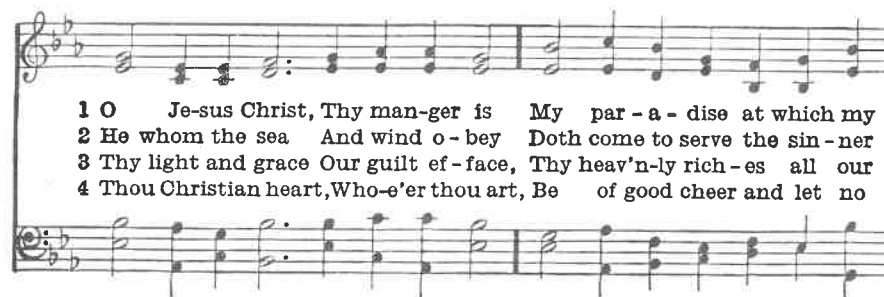
CHRISTMAS

Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

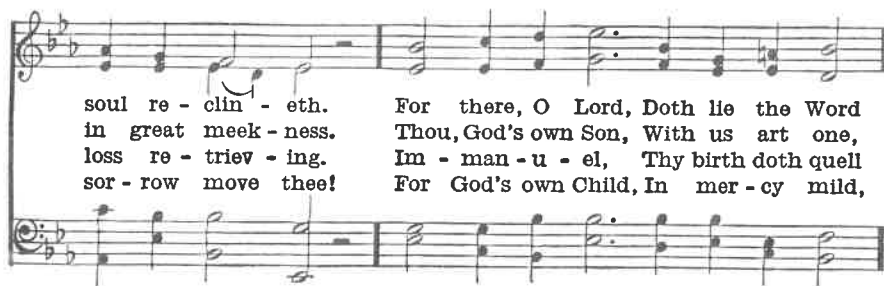
Luke 2: 7
O Jesu Christ, dein Krippelein ist
Paul Gerhardt, 1653, cento
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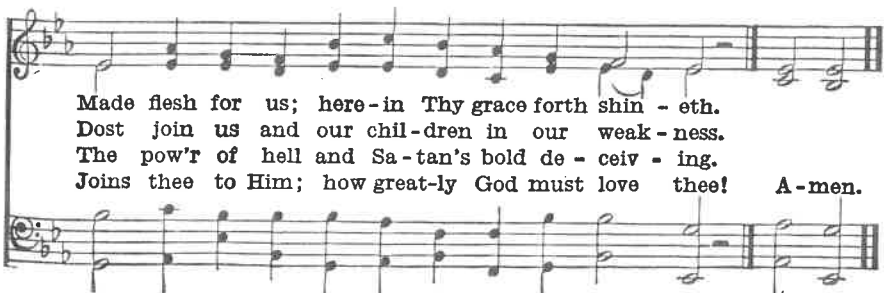
O Jesu Christ, dein Krippelein
Johann Crüger, 1653



1 O Je-sus Christ, Thy man-ger is My par-a-dise at which my
2 He whom the sea And wind o-bey Doth come to serve the sin-ner
3 Thy light and grace Our guilt ef-face, Thy heav'n-ly rich-es all our
4 Thou Christian heart, Who-e'er thou art, Be of good cheer and let no



soul re-clin-eth. For there, O Lord, Doth lie the Word
in great meek-ness. Thou, God's own Son, With us art one,
loss re-triev-ing. Im-man-u-el, Thy birth doth quell
sor-row move thee! For God's own Child, In mer-cy mild,



Made flesh for us; here-in Thy grace forth shin-eth.
Dost join us and our chil-dren in our weak-ness.
The pow'r of hell and Sa-tan's bold de-ceiv-ing.
Joins thee to Him; how great-ly God must love thee! A-men.

5 Remember thou
What glory now
The Lord prepared thee for all earthly sadness.
The angel host
Can never boast
Of greater glory, greater bliss or gladness.

6 The world may hold
Her wealth and gold;
But thou, my heart, keep Christ as thy true Treasure.
To Him hold fast
Until at last
A crown be thine and honor in full measure.