

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Polly Joubert

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Anna Steinhilb

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, November 19– 119 (7:45) 95 (10:30) Bible Class – 85

Sanctuary Candle is given by the Kütemeier's in memory of Doris Wagonblast.

Altar Flowers are given for Bob and Pat Rothe's 47th wedding anniversary and Del Duwe's 95th birthday.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 4,468.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 80.00
African Mission fund:	\$ 50.00
	<u>\$ 4,698.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOV. 2023:

General funds received in November:	\$ 27,477.31
Capital Imp. funds received in November:	\$ 100.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in November:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in November:	\$ 100.00
Mercy funds received in November:	\$ 250.00
African Mission funds received in November:	\$ 350.00
	<u>\$ 28,377.31</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Last Sunday of the Church Year


November 26, 2023

THEME: Watch and Pray for the Coming of Christ

Faith in Christ alone makes one wise to salvation. Foolish is the one who casts aside the Gospel of Christ. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins is a parable about faith and unbelief. To believe in Christ is to love Him and long for His coming again in glory, like a faithful bride and her bridesmaids who await the coming of the Bridegroom. Those who do not believe in Christ have no particular yearning or anticipation for the Bridegroom's coming. We go to the Sacrament each week, confessing our sins that we might "learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins,... so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved." (Small Catechism) To "watch, [that is] pray" is to cry out to our Bridegroom, as His faithful bride, according to the loving promises of His Gospel and the gracious Words of His testament: "take eat, this is My body ... drink of it all of you, this is My blood."

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 LCMS 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 – 6:30 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD — *“Sanctify them by 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**— Last Sunday in Trinity
Bible Class 9:15 — *The Problem of Sin and Its Disordered and Destructive Impact on Family, Life, and Marriage*
- **Daily Chapel Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Didache Divine Service 6:30** — The 2nd Coming
- **Thursday: Matins with Communion at 8:30**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer lesson. The lesson this week is *The Angel Gabriel Announces the Birth of John the Baptist*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat During Sunday Bible Class

The study is meant to be encouraging to children, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, and the calling of grandparents, widows, and those who are single. Topics will range from a Christian view of dating and courtship to the beauty and sanctity of the one flesh union. We will talk about the joys and opportunities of grandparents and the single Christian. This “retreat” is for everyone! Recordings will be made, and handouts will provide a resource for continued study and encouragement in the Word of God.

Advent Services—Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. 2:30 & 6:30 p.m.

The Holy Spirit in the Coming of Christ and His Ministry

Wednesday Advent Midweek Services prepare us for the celebration of our Lord's nativity, His Second Coming, and His daily coming in Word and Sacrament. There are three divine service opportunities each Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. as part of Chapel; 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

December 6—**Jesus Heals the Demoniac – Mark 5:1-20**

December 13—**Jesus Restores to Life – Mark 5:21-42**

December 20—**Jesus Heals the Deaf Mute – Mark 7:31-37**

Issues Etc - Daily Lutheran Chapel Service... You can listen to morning chapel from Kramer Chapel at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN live weekdays at 9 a.m. Central, 10 a.m. Eastern, 8 a.m. Mountain or 7 a.m. Pacific at issuesetc.org. You can also listen on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.

Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 10

Three-year-old children through those in 8th grade are preparing for the program – The Ark of the Covenant - during the Sunday School hour. Children in **grades 1-8** meet in the 1st – 2nd grade classroom from 9:15-9:30. Grades 5-8 are excused at 9:30 to join their parents in Bible Class. Children **3 PK to Kindergarten** rehearse in Loehe Hall from 9:30-9:45. On Sunday, December 3, all the children will join together to practice in the 1st -2nd grade classroom. Final practice for the program will be 9 – 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 9. Parents mark your calendars.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar - Please sign-up to purchase poinsettias for the altar. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. A total of 15 are needed. \$12 each. Make check payable to Peace Lutheran Church.

Giving Tree - we will once again be using the Giving Tree as a way to **express our thanks to our teachers and staff at Christmas time.** Please take as many ornaments from the tree on the bulletin board as you would like to the RaiseRight counter to order gift cards to be given to the teachers. These cards will also support the Academy through RaiseRight. If you prefer to take ornaments that support local businesses, you will need to purchase those cards yourself and turn them in to the office. All cards will be pooled and divided among the staff at Christmas and will not be linked with your name. Let's make this a special thanks to our staff!

Box tops for Education – You can help the academy with the Box Tops program. Pick up a flyer to learn how it works at the RaiseRight counter. If you need help signing up contact Rosie Koplring at 414-690-4106.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 11-19-23

Number of families participating: 8 (in-person) + 6 (online)

Gross sales: \$1775.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$276.72

Attendance: 261

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$2,294.69

\$10 gift cards are now available. See the order form at the RR counter or online/in app.

Sunday Order of Service
The Last Sunday of the Church Year
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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.

Pre-service Music

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” by J. S. Bach

Hymn of Invocation

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“Jerusalem, O City Fair and High”

Introit *sung responsively with the congregation with Gloria Patri from DS 3*

Antiphon (Is. 35:10)

The ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with | singing, *
with everlasting joy | on their heads.
They shall obtain joy and | gladness, *
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

Psalm (Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8)

**LORD, make me to know my end,
and what is the measure | of my days, *
that I may know how | frail I am.**

Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths,
and my age is as nothing be-|fore You; *
certainly every man at his best state is but | vapor.

And now, Lord, what do I | wait for? *

My hope | is in You.

Deliver me from all my trans-|gressions; *
do not make me the reproach of the | foolish.

**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

The Glorious New Creation

Isaiah 65:17-25**Psalm 149** *sung responsively***Insert****Epistle**

The Day of the Lord

I Thessalonians 5:1-11**Alleluia-Verse** *sung by the soloist**(Rev. 21:2)*

Alleluia. I saw the holy city,
 new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
 prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

The Wise and Foolish Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13**Hymn of the Day**

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

516**Distribution Hymns**

"Come, Let Us Eat, for Now the Feast Is Spread"
(sung responsively with the soloist)

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"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

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"Wide Open Stand the Gates"

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"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

515**Hymn to Depart**

"Greet the Rising Sun"

871**Psalm 149**

Choir: Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of
 Zion rejoice in their King!

Congregation: REFRAIN

Let Is - ra-el be glad in his Ma - ker; let the



chil-dren of Zi - on re - joice in their King!



Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a | new song, *
 his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

Let Israel be glad in his | Maker; *

let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!

Let them praise his name with | dancing, *

Making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people; *

he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

Let the godly exult in | glory; *

Let them sing for joy | on their beds. **REFRAIN:**

Let the high praises of God be | in their throats *
 and two-edged swords | in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the | nations *

and punishments on the | peoples,

to bind their | kings with chains *

and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,

to execute on them the judgment | written! *

This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the Lord!

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. REFRAIN:

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