

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Melinda Burger

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Melody Ruhbusch, Mary Nitzsche,  
Jennifer Scheler

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus      Acolyte: August Christopherson

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Kent Franklin      Acolyte: Clint Duessler

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Philip Gehlbach

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Wednesday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Eve) – 132

Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Day) – 73

Sunday, November 26– 146 (7:45) 77 (10:30) Bible Class – 82

Wednesday, November 29 – 28

Thursday, November 30 – Communion Matins – 42      Coffee Break - 45

### Last Week's Offering

General fund: \$ 7,542.00

Mercy fund: \$ 50.00

Goehner Schlr. fund: \$ 100.00

\$ 7,692.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOV. 2023:

General funds received in November: \$ 35,019.31

Capital Imp. funds received in November: \$ 100.00

Goehner Schlr. funds received in November: \$ 200.00

Sacred Appt. funds received in November: \$ 100.00

Mercy funds received in November: \$ 300.00

African Mission funds received in November: \$ 350.00

\$ 36,069.31

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The First Sunday in Advent

*Ad Te Levavi (To You I Lift Up)*

December 3, 2023

### THEME: Hosanna to the Son of David

The Passover Lamb. The Son of David. The Christ. The King. The Lord. The lowly servant who rides upon a donkey as a sign that He is the Savior of sinners. Jesus is all this for you! "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" proclaims Jesus to be everything that the Old Testament Church was looking forward to in the coming of their Messiah. The One whom they lauded and confessed as Savior when He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is the same Lord whose birth we prepare to celebrate, whose Word and Sacrament continue to nurture us, and whose Second Coming we look forward to with great joy and anticipation. This is Advent par excellence: penitential joy that looks forward to the gracious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 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 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**— Advent 1  
**Bible Class 9:15** — *The Problem of Sin and Its Disordered and Destructive Impact on Family, Life, and Marriage*
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Advent Divine Service 8:00am, 2:30 & 6:30pm**  
Jesus Heals the Demoniac
- **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 Annunciation of Our Lord*. 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.

**Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 10**

Three-year-old children through those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade are preparing for the program – The Ark of the Covenant - during the Sunday School hour. Today, all the children will join together to practice in the 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. Grades 5-8 will be excused afterwards to join their parents in Bible Class. **The final rehearsal for the program is this Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am.** Parents, please mark your calendars.

**High School/College Youth Group Meets today, Sunday, December 3**

for lunch, study, and prayer after the 10:30 Service from noon to 1:30.

**Sacred Music for the Advent Season...** 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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

**Come, Holy Spirit! Come, Lord Jesus!** — Advent is the season of comings. In preparation for our Lord's Second Coming, Jesus promised, “When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” (John 15:26; 14:18) The ministry of the Holy Spirit played a vital role in the coming of our Savior in the flesh, and He continues to play a vital role in how Jesus comes to us every day. By the Holy Spirit's ministry in our lives we are prepared for Christ's Second Coming in glory. 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**

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Board of Elders** meets Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

**Board of Properties** meets Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education** meets Tuesday, December 19 at 7:15 p.m.

**Parish Council** will not meet in December.

**Rededication and House Blessing of A Place of Refuge** will take place on Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 am. First vice-president of SWD Rev. Eric Skovgaard will officiate the service. Kindly keep APOR in your prayers as our heavenly Father continues to provide with His mercies.

**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!

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 11-27-23

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

Gross sales: \$1,475.00      Profit paid to Academy: \$46.63

Attendance: 355      Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$2,341.32

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

**The final RaiseRight order for 2023** will be placed on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023.

**Sunday Order of Service**  
*Ad Te Levavi—To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*  
December 3, 2023

**Divine Service Setting Two**  
**Lutheran Service Book p. 167**

**Liturgical Practice:** Beginning today, the first Sunday in a new church year, we will observe the “Presiding Minister” and “Assisting Minister” directions in the *Lutheran Service Book*. The “Presiding Minister” typically speaks the sacramental portions of the liturgy in the stead of Christ: the Absolution, the Reading of the Gospel, the Sermon, and is the celebrant at the Lord’s Table. The “Assisting Minister” typically speaks the sacrificial portions of the liturgy and gives voice to the response of the congregation to the Word of God.

“**And also with you**” 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 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

**Hymn of Invocation** **341**  
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

**Introit** *sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* *(Ps. 25:1-3a)*

To You O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.

*Psalm* *(Ps. 25:4-5, 21-22)*

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord;  
teach me Your paths.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me,  
for You are the God of my salvation;  
for You I wait all the day long.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
for I wait for You.

Redeem Israel, O God,  
out of all his troubles.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

*(Antiphon is repeated.)*

**Old Testament Reading** **Jeremiah 23:5-8**  
The Lord Is Our Righteousness

**Choral Response**  
“O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort” by Johann Franck

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne’er in sorrow pine,  
My heart and soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus, trust alone in Thee.  
Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven,  
True God, true Man, my Morning Star!  
O Come Thou precious Sun most radiant,  
Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.  
In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine.  
My thoughts, desires, and all my longings  
I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.  
O Come Thou precious Sun most radiant,  
Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

**Epistle** **Romans 13:8-14**  
Our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

**Verse** *sung by the choir* *(Ps. 85:7)*

Alleluia. Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, \*  
and grant us Your salvation. Alle- luia.

**Holy Gospel** **Matthew 21:1-9**  
Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem

**Hymn of the Day** **332**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

*St. 1: All*

*St. 5: Men*

*St. 2: Men*

*St. 6: Women/Children*

*St. 3: Women/Children*

*St. 7: All*

*St. 4: All*

*St. 8: All*

**Distribution Hymns**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

**334**

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

**359**

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come”

**350**

**Hymn to Depart** **331**

“The Advent of Our King”