

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Holly Schneider

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Nicola Giordano,  
Jennifer Scheler

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Keith Gierach

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, November 24 – 125 (7:45) 75 (10:30) Bible Class – 78

Wednesday, November 27 – NA

Thursday, November 28 – NA

**Altar Flowers** – Bob and Pat Rothe’s 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Del Duwe’s 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Last Week’s Offering:

General fund:	\$ 5,204.00
International Missions fund:	\$ 50.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 5,160.00
Sacred Appointments fund:	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	\$ 10,914.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN NOVEMBER 2024:

General funds received in November:	\$ 30,496.20
International Missions funds in November:	\$ 250.00
Capital Imp. funds received in November:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Scholarship funds in November:	\$ 300.00
Mercy funds received in November:	\$ 5,400.00
Sacred Appointments funds in November:	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
	\$ 36,996.20

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024

**THEME: Cast Away the Works of Darkness and Put on the Lord Jesus Christ!** With every passing day, the Lord’s return in glory draws nearer. The Apostle Paul calls us to awaken from the slumber of impenitence and spiritual sloth. He calls us to “cast off the works of darkness” through confession and to “put on the armor of light” by receiving afresh the Lord’s forgiving Word. Only then will we be enabled to walk properly as “children of the day.” Only then will we be prepared for the Lord’s return. “Put on the Lord Jesus!” He IS our righteousness! “And make no provision for the flesh!” Jesus is 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.



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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** — *“Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” (Ro. 13:14).*  
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, by calling Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service 7:45 & 10:30** — Advent 1  
**Bible Class 9:15** — Ephesians 4
- **Daily Chapel Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Advent Divine Service 8:00am, 2:30 & 6:30pm**  
**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 **Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane — Matthew 26:36-45**. Jesus teaches us that prayer yields to the will of God, even in suffering and hardship. Jesus prayed, “not My will, but Thine be done.” Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**Adult Catechesis, *Didache* with Compline: Monday at 6:00 p.m.**

Adult catechesis class is held on Monday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. **This week, *Lesson 8: The Resurrection and Ascension*** is the third of four lessons on the second article of the Creed. This week we explore how the forgiveness of sins earned by Jesus' suffering and death is the power of God that raises the dead. Our evening will conclude with Compline.

**Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 15**

Three-year-old children through those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade are preparing for The Great “O” Antiphons. **Next Sunday, December 8, ALL the children will practice together at 9:15 in the 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom. Final practice for the program will be 9 – 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, December 14.** Parents, please mark your calendars.

**Youth Group Meets Today, Sunday, December 1** — Our high school and college-aged youth will meet with Pastor Bender for lunch and study after the 10:30 service. Contemporary challenges to the Christian faith and spiritual support for each of our young adults is always the order of the day. This week's topic: **The Last Days Leading up to Christ's Second Coming.** Our gathering will conclude by 1:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday Advent Midweek Services prepare us for the celebration of our Lord's birth as we focus upon the conception of John the Baptist, the Annunciation of Our Lord, and the Visitation. 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 4— **John's Birth Announced to Zacharias – Luke 1:1-25**
- December 11— **Christ's Birth Announced to Mary—Luke 1:26-38**
- December 18— **Mary Visits Elizabeth—Luke 1:39-56**

**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.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Fish Fry is Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:00-7:00pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

**Christmas Craft Fair – Zion Lutheran Ladies Guild in Menomonee Falls** will feature crafts, gifts, ornaments, and bakery. Admission is free. Come visit us on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 2pm**. We are located on the corner of Brookfield & Lisbon Roads.

**The Giving Tree** is a way to thank our teachers and staff for their faithful service all year. If you wish to order some gift cards to be distributed evenly among the faculty and staff, please fill out a special Giving Tree RaiseRight form at the scrip counter. You can place your personal orders on a separate form and write one inclusive check. Thank you!

**RaiseRight App** is easy, convenient, and fun to use on your phone! If you would like to open up a whole new way of paying for purchases and supporting the Academy, see Erik Krueger. He is willing to help you get set up! Talk to him or email him at [ekrueger@peacelutheranacademy.org](mailto:ekrueger@peacelutheranacademy.org) For an online account or to sign up for the app, you will need **our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5**

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 11/24/2024; Attendance: 226  
Number of families participating: 8 (in-person) + 6 (online)  
Gross sales: \$1,290.00 Profit earned this week \$32.63  
Profit paid to the Academy to date: \$2,636.90;  
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$3,226.88

**\$10 RaiseRight cards are available for the holidays.** Please see the order form at the Scrip Counter

**Sunday Order of Service**  
**The First Sunday in Advent**  
December 1, 2024  
**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.*

**Hymn of Invocation** **340**  
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

**Introit** *sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* *(Ps. 25:1-3a)*  
Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul;  
O my God, I trust in Thee. Let me not be ashamed;  
let not mine enemies triumph over me.  
Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed.

*Psalm* *(Ps.25:4)*  
Show me Thy ways, O Lord;  
teach me Thy paths.  
  
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** **Jeremiah 23:5-8**  
The Lord is Our Righteousness

**Choral Response**  
“Rejoice, O Jerusalem” by Healey Willan

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.  
Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness,  
and let us put on the armor of light.  
Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him;  
and in that day the light shall be great.  
Rejoice O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia!

**Epistle** **Romans 13:(8-10)11-14**  
Cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

**Alleluia Verse**  
*The congregation sings the triple alleluia before and after the verse. The verse is sung by the choir.*

Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us Your salvation. *(Ps. 85:7)*

**Holy Gospel** **Matthew 21:1-9**  
Hosanna! Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!

**Nicene Creed** *following the reading of the Gospel* **191**

**Hymn of the Day** **332**  
“Savior of the Nations, Come”  
St. 1 – All                      St. 5 – Men  
St. 2 – All                      St. 6 – All  
St. 3 – Choir                  St. 7 – Women/Children  
St. 4 – All                      St. 8 – All

**Proper Preface for Advent**  
It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy...

**Distribution Hymns**  
“Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors” **339**  
“Prepare the Royal Highway” **343**  
“O Bride of Christ, Rejoice” **335**

**Hymn to Depart** **338**  
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”