

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns Peace 516 Blue 91 348
English 516 351 348

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Nov. 19-21 Youth Gathering in Des Moines

Nov. 21 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Nov. 21 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Nov. 21 9:00 Sunday School

Nov. 23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Nov. 23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Nov. 24 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Nov. 24 Noon Bible Study

Nov. 24 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Nov. 24 NO 5-5:45 p.m. PS-K Christmas Program Practice

Nov. 24 NO 5:30-6:30 p.m. 1st-8th grade Christmas Program Practice

Nov. 24 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service at Peace

Dec. 5 11:30 a.m. LYC Holiday Meal

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is our opening hymn, *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*. In our Gospel reading, Jesus says, "Stay awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come...and what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake." Christ is coming back. We don't know when, but it will be soon. *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* reminds us of Christ's return by picturing that moment when he is first seen. The watchmen cry out, "Awake!" All God's people rise with joy. Christ gathers his people around his radiant throne. The saints see the light that no eye has seen. They hear the glory that no ear has heard, and they dwell with him eternally. Christ is coming back. Stay awake!

A WORD: This Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year. The theme for this Sunday is the return of Christ. In the Old Testament reading, we hear God's promise to set things right. He is bringing his teaching and righteousness to earth, and though heaven and earth will pass away, his promise to save remains eternally. In the Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us to stay awake and watch for his return. He is coming soon. In the epistle reading, Jude teaches us how to live while we wait. We are to grow in faith, pray in the Spirit, and keep ourselves in the love of God.

To fellow believers who doubt, we show mercy. To believers who are beginning to leave the church, we grab them by the shirt and pull them back. To unbelievers, we show mercy with fear, proclaiming the Gospel but refusing to join them in sin. We seek to live as God's people while witnessing to Christ as we wait for his return.

THANK YOU Pastor Keith Christiansen for bringing God's message to us today.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jeremiah 33:14-16 1Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 19:28-40

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: On the Last Sunday of the Church Year, we turn to the Last Day, when the Lord will bring to completion all things. This is not a day to dread, however. It is the day that we long for with eager anticipation. It is the sight all will behold as our crucified and risen Lord and King comes in glory. Every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11). As Martin Luther said in his explanation of the Third Article, "On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

BLESSINGS JAR: TODAY and the Third Sunday of every month, the Blessings Jar will be on the table in the sanctuary. If you feel blessed by having another birthday, anniversary, child, grandchild, or anything you feel thankful and blessed for receiving, you can place a donation in the Blessings Jar. All proceeds will be used for a special mission project.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Peace Lutheran will be delivering Meals on Wheels December 6-10 and December 13-17. If you are able to assist, please contact Lois Baatz at 472-3076.

HOLIDAY MEAL: The LYC is having a Holiday Meal on December 5th after the church service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to volunteer to bring salad and/or dessert.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: If you wish to donate to the Scholarship Fund to assist Peace Lutheran members with college tuition, mark your offering envelope with the words "Scholarship Fund" and your donation will be put into that fund.

FRONTIER BANK: Frontier Bank Annual Appreciation Day in Rock Rapids is December 10th. All are welcome to stop by and pick up a \$5.00 donation check to be written to the church or charity of your choice.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect soup, canned meals-Spaghetti-o's, Ravioli, Beef Stew, Chili, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 3; Next Sunday is Team 4: Wayne Ranschau, Brad Vogel, Gary Delfs, Marv Flier, Wayne Jepsen, John Schulte

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 516: WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears!

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.

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the home of righteousness.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

C **Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:4–6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE

Jude 20–25

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Revelation 22:13

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME
ENGLISH: HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

Blue Hymnal 91
LSB 351

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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G Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
G Amen.

HYMN 348: THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS

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