

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Central Avenue at 171st Place

Oak Forest, Illinois 60452

Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

November 19, 2017

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Hymn 279: "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

Opening Liturgy – Order of Service, Hymnal, p. 5ff.

The Epistle Lesson: Philippians 3:17-21

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22

The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 12)

Hymn 608: "Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road"

The Sermon: Thomasius Gospel Text: Luke 13:23-30

Theme: Christ — The Only Gate to Heaven

At that Gate I. Some will find admission; but

II. Many will meet exclusion

The Offering "to prove the sincerity of your love." (II Cor. 8:8)

The General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn 278: "Delay not! Delay not! O Sinner, Draw Near!"

Collect for the Word *Congregation: "Amen."*

The Benediction of the Lord *Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"*

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Announcements for the Week

*For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of serious illness or urgency, please call Pastor Mensing, either at his **study** at church, (708) 532-4288, at **home** at the parsonage, (708) 532-9035, or on his **cell phone**, (708) 601-3943.*

***VISITORS** are always welcome to attend our services. Please register in our Guest Book, and leave also your address and telephone number if you would like our Pastor to contact you further. And please come again!*

TODAY, November 19th —Immediately following the service, a **Special Voters' Meeting** to ratify the 2017-2018 Fiscal Budget —1:30 p.m., **Sunday School Teachers' Training Class**

Our Pastor's Schedule this week:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. are the Pastor's general "**Office Hours.**" Unless he is running an errand, attending a meeting elsewhere, making a pastoral call at a hospital or nursing home, or is at lunch, he will normally be "on site." However, if you need to see him in person, it always pays to call first.

In addition...

Monday, November 20th 4:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Jonah and Aaron)
6:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Nick and Connor)
7:00 p.m., **NO Confirmation Class** (Samuel)

Tuesday, November 21st NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Wednesday, November 22nd NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Thursday, November 23rd 10:00 a.m., **Thanksgiving Day Service**

Friday, November 24th NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Saturday, November 25th **Pastor's Preparation Time** for Sunday; also for such special meetings and urgent consultations as are necessary. Please call in advance if needed.

Next Sunday, November 26th **Last Sunday after Trinity**

— 8:30 a.m., **Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** for ALL.

— 10:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service** also for all.

— Immediately following the service, **ANNOUNCEMENT for COMMUNION** by our "**remote**" members. Others, please, on Friday, December 1st, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

A Blessed Week to All of You!