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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.

Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Holy Communion — At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

Sunday Of Thanksgiving November 24, 2019

As We Gather

We celebrate Thanksgiving, a day dedicated to remembering all that God has done for us and thanking Him for His abundant blessings. Though you may have food to cook and relatives to entertain, take a moment and pause before the Lord, who has provided You with many blessings, chief among them sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to give you eternal life. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. - Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringing Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Please stand)

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. **People:** His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: He has created us together with all creatures.

People: He has given us our bodies and souls, eyes, ears, and all our

members.

Pastor: He has given us our reason and all our senses and still takes care of

them.

People: He has given us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and

home.

Pastor: He has given us our spouses and children, our land, animals, and all

that we have.

People: He richly and daily gives us all that we need to support our

bodies and lives.

Pastor: He defends us against all danger and guards and protects us from

all evil.

People: All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and

mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

Pastor: For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Entrance Song - Come, You Thankful People, Come

(LBW #407. Please remain standing)

- 1 Come, you thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield. Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home. From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away, give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home.
 Gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in your garner to abide.
 Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Confession And Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God,

confessing the truth about ourselves. - Silence is kept for reflection. - Merciful

God.

People: we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always

treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness

around us. Amen.

Pastor: At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God,

renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven

and freed to live for the healing of the world.

People: Amen. (We share the peace of the Lord)

HYMN OF PRAISE - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LBW #543. Please be seated)

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

First Reading - Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Please remain seated)

The annual harvest festival called the feast of Weeks provides the setting for today's reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land, offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and

lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Gradual (Psalm 145:15–16; 118:1. Please remain seated)

Pastor: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food in

due season. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every

living thing.

People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love

endures forever.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:4–20 (Please remain seated)

Paul urges the Christians at Philippi to rejoice, to be thankful, and to dwell on everything worthy of praise.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content

with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. ¹⁵ You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. ¹⁶ For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. ¹⁸ I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Verse (Psalm 136:1. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, **People:** for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

Gospel - John 6:25-35 (Please remain standing)

The day after he multiplies bread to feed five thousand people, Jesus is pursued by the crowds clamoring for more bread. Recalling the image of manna in the wilderness, Jesus promises to provide the true bread from heaven that will never fail. Jesus himself is that bread of life.

²⁵When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread

always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Hymn Of The Day - We Praise You, O God (LBW #241. Please be seated)

- We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise. With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.

Message -

The God Of Peace Will Be With You Philippians 4:6-20

Song Of Response – Praise And Thanksgiving (LBW #409. Please remain seated)

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer for all things living, Created good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing food for your children, by your wise guiding teach us to share one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand.
 Where all obey you, no one will hunger;
 In your love's sway you nourish the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.

Prayer Of The Church (Please stand)

Pastor: Let us return thanks to the Lord, for all the good and perfect gifts He

has given us, and let us pray for all people according to their needs. – Silent prayer - Dear heavenly Father, You have given us abundant earthly blessings. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we thank You for the food and drink that will be on our tables this day and every day.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, provide for all those who do not know from where their next

meal is coming. Strengthen them with Your presence and raise up people who will have mercy upon them. Oh, give thanks to the Lord,

for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gifts of our clothing and shoes, house and

home, and all our fiscal resources. Give hope to the poor, the homeless, the unemployed, and underemployed. Help them to rely on You in these challenging times. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for

He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of families and friends. Thank You for our

communities of faith. Thank You for the opportunity to gather with the ones we love. Protect all who are traveling for the holiday, and strengthen those who cannot be with family and friends today. Oh,

give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the government and those who are in authority

over us. Bless them with wisdom and compassion. Lead them where You want them to go. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for taking care of Your creation. Help us and all

people who are stewards of this planet to make wise choices to care for all You have given us. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of health and long life. Look with favor

upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Oh, give thanks to the

Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Additional prayers

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Lord, thank You for the gift of good friends and faithful neighbors. Be

with all those who are lonely, those who have moved to a new place, and those who are struggling to find community. Bring them the joys of fellowship with others who return thanks to You. Oh, give thanks

to the Lord, for He is good,

People: for His mercy endures forever. Amen

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

Communion Song - For the Bread Which You Have Broken

(Tune: LBW #423. Please remain seated)

- 1 For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. By this promise that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- With the saints who now adore you, seated at the heav'nly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.; Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Words Of Our Lord And The Lord's Prayer (Please remain standing)

Pastor:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." ... In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

People:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei - Just As I Am, without One Plea

(Stanzas 1, 3, 5, 6; LBW #296. Please remain standing)

- Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray to the side. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. ... God the Father, the fountain and source of all

goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into

the flesh,

People: we thank You that in this Sacrament we have beheld the great

love and mercy You have toward us and all people, and we ask You to keep us aware of Your abiding presence here in time until we find ourselves in the paradise He has graciously opened to

us;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of

love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts

and strengthen them in every good work and word.

People: Amen.

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song - Now Thank We All Our God (LBW #533. Please remain standing)

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Pianist: Janet Reese

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Griller, Vicki McGowan

Coffee: Cynthia Smith
Counter: Beverly Erbel
Usher: Mary Ann Griller
Lay Reader: Cynthia Smith

Activities This Week:

Sunday – November 24	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
	After Worship	Council Meeting
Tuesday – November 26	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday - November 27	2:45-6:15 pm	Patricia Miner (S)

	6:00 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – November 30	8:30-9:30am	Pilates (PH)
	9:30a-12:30pm	Stage Door (PH)
	1:00 – 8:00 pm	Nicole (Kitchen)

9:30 am

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

Service of the Word

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Sunday - December 1

Birthdays – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week!

Tuesday - Beverly Erbel Friday - Dahlia Stein

Servers – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

Needed Sunday, December 1 Lay Reader Usher

The Giving Tree – See insert to Help support our friends and neighbors at Fireside this Christmas.

Church Council – The Council meets today after worship.

2020 Calendars - Please consider bringing in all the extra 2020 calendars you receive so we can give them to our friends at Fireside in December.

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

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Weekly Devotional Helps November 24 – November 30, 2019

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – November 25

Psalm 24 Jeremiah 46:18-28 Revelation 21:5-27

Wednesday - November 27

Psalm 24 Isaiah 60:8-16 Luke 1:1-4

Tuesday - November 26

Psalm 24 Isaiah 33:17-22 Revelation 22:8-21

Thursday - November 28

Psalm 122 Daniel 9:15-19 James 4:1-10 Friday – November 29

Psalm 122 Genesis 6:1-10 Hebrews 11:1-7 Saturday - November 30

Psalm 122 Genesis 6:11-22 Matthew 24:1-22

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

First Sunday Of Advent

Micah 5:1-5a Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

Commemorations

November 24 - Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America: Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

November 25 - Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748: Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

November 30 - Andrew, Apostle: The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

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