

Announcements

SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Shawneen Schmitt

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell and Shawneen Schmitt

7:45 Elder: Alex Scheler Ushers: Keith Kunkel, Kevin Larsen,
Acolyte: Hannah Hardenbrook Brian Galles

10:30 Elder: Erik Krueger Ushers: Kurt Ruhnu, Erich Greschner
Acolyte: Autumn Walentoski Brett Rhode

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

Treats are given by Olivia Gehlbach

Flowers are given by Jim and Shirley Weber in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, August 6 – 95 (7:45) 80 (10:30) Bible Class – 73

Wednesday, August 9 – 30

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offerings

General Fund: \$5,813.35

(Loose Plate \$386.35; Gen. Env. \$5427)

Other Funds: Mortgage: \$290;

Rev. Wokoma: \$1100

\$1,390.00

Last Week's Total: \$7,203.35

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN AUGUST:

Other Funds Received in August: \$1,390.00

General Fund received in August: \$5,813.35

\$7,203.35

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, August 13, 2017

TODAY'S THEME: JESUS CANCELLED OUR DEBT FOR US

"The master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly" (Luke 16:1–9). The steward's shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master's name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father's possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord's Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when the earthly fails. These are our escape in temptation (1 Cor 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).—Excerpted from the LSB *hymnal project*

In today's Old Testament reading: This passage of Second Samuel records for us part of the text that Jesus used in teaching the parable of the Unjust Steward. It speaks of how the Lord Himself is more shrewd and clever than even the most shrewd and clever of men: "With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; 27 With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. 28 You will save the humble people; But Your eyes are on the haughty, that You may bring them down" (vs. 26-28).

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 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 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 – 6:45 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD—“*Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.*” (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord. Ongoing catechesis—passing on the Lord’s Word by which faith lives—is the way of life for all the baptized.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: *Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., or by appointment -- Call Pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*

Sunday Service 7:45/10:30: Jesus Cancelled Our Debt

Bible class 9:15 Congregation at Prayer and Hymn Study

Wednesday Divine Service 6:45: Jesus Cancelled Our Debt

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study resumes August 24

LUTHERANISM IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Demographics of US Christianity, The Continuing Threat to Religious Liberty, Media Coverage of Religion, Inner-City Ministry and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

News and Notes

Pastor Bender will be on Vacation from August 9 through 19

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please notify the church office or Pastor Gehlbach.

LCMS Missionary to Nigeria Rev. Richard Wokoma

Rev. Wokoma is our LCMS educator in Nigeria through whom Pastor Bender received the invitation to teach in Nigeria this past February. His work in Nigeria is critically important to raise up faithful Nigerian Lutheran pastors to serve in the congregations of Nigeria and to continue mission work in Africa. Rev. Wokoma will be our guest at Coffee Break Bible study on August 24 at Pastor’s home and on Sunday, August 27 for Divine Services, Bible Class, and a potluck luncheon after services. Pastor Wokoma will speak to us directly about the work in Nigeria and how important our support has been and will continue to be. [Mark your calendar for the potluck luncheon on August 27!](#)

Elders Visit Members in Christian Love

Don’t be surprised if one of our elders gives you a call and asks to pay your family a visit. We have undertaken the goal of having our elders gradually visit all the families of the congregation. The purpose of these visits is simply to get to know one another better in a spirit of Christian love, celebrating the common confession of faith we have together in Christ. The families of the congregation are divided into eight elder groups. Each elder is assigned to a group. Each elder will probably make around 6 home visits a year. Welcome your elder and enjoy this time of Christian fellowship.

Joint board meetings – Properties, and Education are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, August 15. at 7:00. Packets are available. **Elders will not meet in August.**

Family Fish Fry— Friday, August 18 from 4:30-7:00pm.

Congregational Assembly— Sunday, August 20 at 9:15am.

The fall Congregational Assembly meeting will take place between the services on Sunday, August 20. Agendas, Reports, and Financials are available today in advance of the meeting. The main items of business are establishing a two-year deaconess internship for Dr. Sherry Prowatzke in our congregation and the election of church officers and members to the boards of elders, education, and properties. Pick up a packet today.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, August 22 at 7pm. Rev. Charles Wokoma will be in attendance.

Peace Lutheran Academy Families— please turn in all registration and medical forms for the 2017-2018 academic year to the office. If your child will be participating in the milk program, please turn in the form along with the registration. If you need additional forms, please pick them up in the office. Thank you!

PLA Thought of the Week: Put it on your calendar and get your spoon ready! **The Academy’s Back-to-School Ice Cream Social is Thursday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m.** See you there!

Scrip Update for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2017)

Year to Date Profit: \$654.52

Last Week’s Profit: \$94.08

Participating families last week:18

Walgreens scrip is currently not available.

We are excited about adding Wal-Mart \$50 cards to our cash and carry items. Pick some up at the Scrip counter today!

The will be no Great Lakes Scrip order place the week of August 14. Cash and carry items will still be available at the scrip counter or the office.

Sunday Order of Service
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
August 13, 2017
Divine Service Setting Three
Lutheran Service Book p. 184

“**And with thy spirit**” 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 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation **536**
“One Thing’s Needful”
Stanzas 1, 3-5

Introit *the congregation sings the Introit in unison and the Gloria Patri from Setting 3.*

Antiphon *(Ps. 54:4-5)*
Behold, God is my | helper; *
the Lord is with those who up-| hold my life.
He will repay my enemies for their | evil. *
Cut them off | in Your truth.

Psalm *(Ps.54:1-3, 7)*
Save me, O God, | by Your name, *
and vindicate me | by Your strength.
Hear my | prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words | of my mouth.
For strangers have risen up against me,
and oppressors have sought af-| ter my life; *
they have not set God be-| fore them.
He has delivered me out of all | trouble; *
and my eye has seen its desire upon my | enemies.

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 **2 Sam. 22:26-34**
David’s Song of Deliverance

Psalm 51:1-12 *prayed responsively by half verse*

Epistle **I Corinthians 10:6-13**
Warning against Idolatry from Old Testament Examples

Alleluia-Verse *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the verse of the Day. Pastor sings the appointed verse.*

Blessèd is the man who | fears the LORD, *
who delights greatly in His com-| mandments.

(Ps. 112:1)

Holy Gospel **Luke 16:1-9 (10-13)**
Parable of the Unjust Steward

Hymn of the Day **730**
“What Is the World to Me”

Distribution Hymn **438**
“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

Distribution Hymn **783**
“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Distribution Hymn **421**
“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”

Hymn to Depart **673**
“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”