

Announcements

SERVING IN THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Holly Schneider

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Mary Nitzsche

7:45 Elder: Lance Carus
Acolyte: Tim Frerking

Ushers: David Haga, Rich Burger,
George Kaminski

10:30 Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Acolyte: Autumn Walentoski

Ushers: Brett Rhode, Anders Rhode,
Erich Greschner

6:45 Wednesday Elder: Mark Goltermann

Flowers are given by Florence Schmidt in memory of Chris and Gary.

Sanctuary Candle is given by Frank and Rosie Koplting in memory of Clara Schiellack and Betty Bryant.

Treats are given by the Meyle family.

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 2 – 124 (7:45) 94 (10:30) Bible Class 116

Wednesday, August 29 – 19 (6:45)

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study – 47

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General Fund: \$7,775.50

(Loose Plate \$997.50; Gen. Env. \$6778)

Last Week's Total: \$7,775.50

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER:

Other Funds Received in September:

Nigeria Funds Received in September:

General Fund received in September: \$7,775.50
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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity


Sunday, September 9, 2018

TODAY'S THEME: SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The Sermon on the Mount is a rich text wherein Jesus opens up to us the deeper meaning of the Ten Commandments and what love for God and the neighbor looks like. In the Sermon He also gives us the Lord's Prayer and rich catechesis on how we are to pray as the baptized children of God with confidence in God's promises to us. From the Beatitudes, at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, to the concluding its concluding words about building our faith and life upon the solid foundation of Jesus' Word, the Sermon on the Mount is about Jesus. Christology is the study of who Jesus is and what He has done for us. In our Baptism we are placed IN CHRIST, so that all that He is and has done for us might be ours and so that we might live confidently and joyfully IN CHRIST. This Sunday's Gospel is a section of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus catechizes us on the First Commandment: You shall have no other gods! According to the First Commandment, we are to depend upon God and trust in Him for everything without doubting. We cannot serve two masters. Worry does not give us the food to eat, the clothes to wear, or the protection we need. If God takes care of the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, then God will take care of us. How comforting it is to know and learn to believe that God's care for us is NOT dependent upon our strength of faith. The conclusion of this section invites us to "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" and we will be freed from all the anxiety of life. This final word directs us to Jesus. He ushers in God's kingdom. His suffering and death upon the cross for us is "the righteousness of God" that covers all our sin. The more our faith is fixed upon Him and all that He has done for us, the more the idolatry of worry and anxiety of life flees from us. It is in Jesus that we see the perfect man of faith. He fears, loves, and trusts in His Father above all things. Because He did this for us, we are clothed with a more glorious garment than the lilies of the field and we are fed with a food that is more nourishing than anything this creation has to offer. "Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things."

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.

High School Youth Group Begins Today — All high-school-aged youth are invited to attend Youth Group gatherings. We will be discussing Jonathan Fisk's book, "Broken". Sub Sandwiches will be served. We look forward to seeing you there.



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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—“Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me Your statutes.” (Psalm 119:11-12). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

Private Confession and Absolution: *Sundays from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m., after chapel when school is in session, or by appointment — Call Pastor at 246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*

Sunday Service 7:45/10:30 a.m. Seek first the kingdom of God

Bible Class 9:15: Catechesis in our Congregation

Daily Chapel this week Monday to Friday: 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Youth Catechesis Monday 4:30: Old Testament Lesson 1

Wednesday Divine Service 6:45: Seek First the kingdom of God

Thursday Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00: 1 Samuel

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

Sunday School Begins Today — All parents, children, and adults in the congregation will meet for orientation for a new year of Sunday School. We will distribute materials to families for the year, lay out the goals for the year, and give guidelines to parents and adults as to how they can teach the faith at home. The Sunday School materials will assist you to do just that!

Parents and Grandparents are needed to help teach Sunday School to their children and grandchildren. Teaching Sunday School is as easy as having a devotion with your family at home. Pastor teaches you and provides you with material. The Word of God is opened up to children as they hear and discuss all that God has done for them in Christ, as they pray from the Catechism and hymnal, and as they sing. Teaching schedules are flexible. If interested, please contact Pastor Bender or Sherry Prowatzke.

First Sunday School Teachers' Instructional Meeting, will be held on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Catechesis Class begins tomorrow, September 10. This year's 4:30 to 5:30 Youth Catechesis Class will study **Old Testament Catechesis**. This class is for homeschool and public school children.

Didache—Adult and Youth Catechesis Begins Monday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. This class is for adults seeking communicant membership in the congregation, for youth who have completed Old and New Testament Catechesis, and for members and guests who would like to be refreshed in the Christian faith and life.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...Issues, Etc.

Listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org

Catechesis on the Mission Field Slideshow, Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m.

Join us for an informative slide show on Pastor and Beth's trip to both Sweden and Lithuania. After the fish fry, we will hear about the LCMS mission work to Eurasia, the retreat, and the history of the Church in Sweden and Lithuania, and all of this in conjunction with some amazing pictures!

News and Notes

Directory updates — A new membership directory will be published with the annual report. If your contact information has changed (phone, email, or address) please jot down the updated information and give it to Susan Gehlbach or drop it off on Brenda's desk today or Monday.

Pastor Gehlbach is away this week, preaching in Greenfield.

Choir — Senior Choir is open to all adults, high school age and above. Practice is on Wednesday evenings. Speak to Pastor if interested. Seraph Choir is open for children grades K-3; it meets at 4:00 on Fridays. Cantate Choir is at 4:30 on Fridays, for grades 4-8. Contact Kathy May.

Joint board meetings – Elders, Properties, and Education are scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 18. Study is at 6:30; business meetings at 7:00.

Family Fish Fry— Friday, September 21, from 4:30-7pm. Posters are available on the scrip counter for anyone to take and post for public viewing. **Volunteers are also needed to help during the fish fry. After dinner, at 7pm,** come enjoy the Lithuania slideshow presented by Pastor and Beth Bender.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, September 25 at 7pm.

CRAFTERS NEEDED –Christmas Craft and Vendor Fair Sat., Nov. 10, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Pick up your applications at the SCRIP counter.

Scrip Update for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year (beginning July 2018)

Year-to-Date Profit: \$ 1,386.99

Last Week's Profit: \$130.75

Participating families last week: 19

The next Scrip order will be placed on September 20th. Cash and Carry Scrip will be available, while supplies last. Any family can designate a student to sponsor with their Scrip orders. Academy families, especially, should be encouraged to buy Scrip for their basic food and gas needs.

Sunday Order of Service
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 9, 2018
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 **819**
“Sing Praise to God the Highest Good”

Introit *sung by the choir, congregation sings the Gloria Patri according to Setting 3*

Antiphon (Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3)
Bow down Your ear, O LORD, | hear me; *
save Your servant who trusts in You! You | are my God.
Be merciful to | me, O Lord, *
for I cry to You | all day long.

Psalm (Ps.86: 4, 6, 15a, 16)
Rejoice the soul of Your | servant, *
for to You, O Lord, I lift | up my soul.
Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer; *
and attend to the voice of my suppli-| cations.
You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and | gracious. *
Oh, turn to me, and have mer-| cy on me!
Give Your strength to Your | servant, *
and save the son of Your maid-|servant.

**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 **I Kings 17:8-16**
The Lord brings salvation to the Widow of Zarephath

Choral Response
“God, Who Has Called You to Glory” by Gieseke

God, who has called you to glory, will confirm, support and uphold you.
His favors will never end.
Each morning they are renewed.
Our God is generous and faithful.

Epistle **Galatians 5:25—6:10**
Bear one another’s burdens

Alleluia Verse *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the verse of the day. The choir sings the appointed verse.*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

Holy Gospel **Matthew 6:24-34**
Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness

Hymn of the Day **704**
“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”
Choir sings stanza 2

Distribution Hymns
“What God Ordains Is Always Good” **760**
“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” **750**
“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” **619**

Hymn to Depart **598**
“Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters”