

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Polly Joubert
Communion Committee: Becca Ligrow, Joanne Smith
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Matthew Voss

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, July 25: Early – 110 Late – 70 Bible Class – 58
Wednesday, July 28– 33

Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of Evelyn Nitzsche and Helen Keil.

Altar Flowers are given by Kerry and Cindy Welch in celebration of their anniversary.

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering	
General fund:	\$ 5,270 .00
(Loose Plate \$420; Gen. Env. \$4850)	
Mercy fund:	\$ 10.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 285.23
Last Week's Total:	\$ 5,565.23

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JULY:

General funds received in July:	\$ 29,620.00
LCEF fund:	\$ 2,394.12
Capital Improvement funds received in July:	\$ 1,205.00
Other funds received in July:	\$ 815.00
Nigeria funds received in July:	\$ 851.46
	\$ 34,885.58

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

August 1, 2021


THEME: THE PARABLE OF THE UNJUST STEWARD

“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

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

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



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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—*Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he shall never see death."* (John 8:51). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 & 10:30 —Trinity 9
Bible Class 9:15 — Elisha
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service** 6:45 — Trinity 9
- **Thursday:** **Coffee Break Bible Study** 9:00 — O.T. History

THIS WEEK'S FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME: Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath

Teachers needed for Sunday School Classes for the Fall of 2021 – Pastor Bender is nearing completion of the full set of Family Prayer at Home/Sunday School Lessons in the Lutheran Catechesis Series. We plan to make the completed booklet available to all families of the congregation for use with the Congregation at Prayer in your home devotions and with reinforcement through Sunday School classes. If you are interested in volunteering to teach when we resume in the fall, please contact Pastor Bender.

Issues, Etc. The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Mark. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Board of Elders – 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 17.
Board of Education – 6:30 pm Tuesday, August 17.
Board of Properties – 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 17.
Parish Council – 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 24.

Church Office Hours — Beginning Monday, August 2nd, the church office will be open 8am-4pm Monday through Friday until August 20th. When school begins August 23rd the church office hours will be 7:30am-4pm.

Coffee Break Bible Study resumes this Thursday, August 5th. We will be studying Old Testament History.

Communion Registration – Everyone who takes communion, please write your name *legibly* on the communion registration sheet located in the narthex. This is important for church records.

Cantate and Seraph Choirs meet September-May on Fridays after school. Seraphs are children from K5-grade 2. Cantate singers are grades 3-8, and unchanged voices are welcome beyond grade 8. If there are upcoming children who are interested in making a joyful noise with us, please speak to Mrs. May soon. Academy children who love to sing and would like to be involved beyond the school choirs are also welcome.

Thank-you - A special thank you to Mike Ferguson, Alex Scheler and all the volunteers who made this year's Peace Picnic a wonderful success. A good time was had by all those in attendance!

Fish Fry Drive-thru — Friday, August 14th, from 5:00-7:00. Tell your friends!

Capital Improvements Fund – The HVAC system in the Academy was replaced on June 15. Generous donations to the Capital Improvements Fund meant that the funds were available to cover the costs. Giving to this fund allows the congregation to set aside savings to pay for repairs when needed. Thanks for your support!

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Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 7/25/2021 (17 families participating)
Gross sales \$4,105.00 Profit paid to Academy \$96.90
Attendance – 238 (7/25) 212 (7/18) Total profit this fiscal year \$269.92
These scrip dollar amounts reflect the past two Sundays.

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Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation **834**
“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

Introit *Sung by the congregation*

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 | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading **2 Samuel 22:26-34**
God Is My Strong Refuge

Gradual *Sung by the congregation*

(Ps. 8:1)

O | LORD, our Lord, *
how excellent is Your name in | all the earth,
who have set Your | glory *
above the | heavens!

Epistle **1 Corinthians 10:6-13**
God’s Judgment of Israel Serves as an Example to Us

Holy Gospel **Luke 16:1-13**
The Parable of the Unjust Steward

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

Distribution Hymns
“Evening and Morning” **726**
“I Walk in Danger All the Way” **716**
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” **761**

Hymn to Depart **731**
“O God, Forsake Me Not”