

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

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

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sun, August 22: Early-138 Late-111 Bible Class-95
Wed, August 25: 26
Thurs, August 26: Communion Matins-48 Coffee Break-38

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle are given in celebration of Rev. Gary and Susan Gehlbach's 40th wedding anniversary.

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,012.00
(Loose Plate \$1597; Gen. Env. \$5415)	
Capital Improvements fund:	\$ 55.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 10.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Last Week's Total:	\$ 7,177.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN AUGUST:

General funds received in August:	\$ 25,467.00
Capital Improvement funds received in Aug.:	\$ 355.00
Other funds received in August:	\$ 210.00
Nigeria funds received in August:	\$ <u>200.00</u>
	\$ 26,232.00

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

August 29, 2021

THEME: JESUS IS OUR GOOD SAMARITAN

The Parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates what it is to love God with all one's heart and to love the neighbor as oneself. The self-righteousness of the priest and the Levite who believed they had kept the Law caused them to be curved in upon themselves and unconcerned about the wounded man in need. Though they were Jews and had the Law, they did not believe or practice what the Law demanded. The Samaritan who was viewed as the enemy of the Jew is the one who demonstrates what true love is. He cares not for himself, but spares no time, effort, or expense to help the wounded man, even though the wounded Jew would have considered him his enemy. What a wonderful illustration of what Jesus has done for us. He fulfills the Law by loving us more than He loved Himself. Though we rebelled against God and were left for dead on the side of the road, Jesus came to our rescue, bandaged our wounds, brought us to the inn of the Church, and paid all the expenses necessary to bring us back to health. In Jesus we see what love really is as described by God's Law.

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

Directory Updates: The membership directory for the congregation is being updated. If your address, phone number, and/or email addresses (if you want to be included) have changed within the past two years, and if you're unsure whether your changes have been recorded, please contact the office with your updates.



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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:

- **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.*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service** 7:45 & 10:30 — Trinity 13
Bible Class 9:15 — O.T. Catechesis
- **Monday:** **Chapel** 8:00
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
- **Wednesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
Divine Service 6:45 — Trinity 13
- **Thursday:** **Chapel Matins with Holy Communion** 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — O.T. History
- **Friday:** **Chapel Matins** – 8:00

THIS WEEK’S FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME: The Boy Jesus in the Temple

Orientation Meeting with Parents on Tuesday, September 7 for Sunday School and Family Prayer

At 6:30 on Tuesday, September 7, I would like to meet with parents of children from pregnancy through grade 8. I want to highlight the vision for Family Prayer, the Congregation at Prayer, Catechesis, and Sunday School in the years ahead. I want to support you as parents in your sacred calling to protect your children from harm from a godless society and to preserve them in the faith. I also want to get feedback from you on the challenges we face and how we can best support you as Christian parents. I understand that one parent may need to stay home to care for the children. We will record our discussion and post them online for those who cannot attend, but it is my hope that at least one parent with children in this age group will be able to join the discussion. The Lord bless and keep you and your children in the joy of His salvation! In Christ, Pastor Bender

Upcoming Sunday Morning Bible Class Series: Starts October 3rd

The St. Peter Option—To Everyone an Answer

What troubles you as a Christian these days? What causes you to fear for the future? What is our response to LGBTQ theology, transgenderism, the WOKE movement, cancel culture, global climate change, progressivism, totalitarianism, the loss of freedom, Christian persecution, and a host of other threats? Beginning October 3 and throughout this academic year during Sunday morning Bible Class, we will engage in a comprehensive study of 1 and 2 Peter, and how we are called to live joyfully and without fear as Christian pilgrims in a world of darkness and hostility toward the things we believe. Peter says, “Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15) **“The St. Peter Option”** will explore how we are called to live in this vale

of tears. Peter emphasizes that our calling in this world, even as we learn His Word deeply so that we might give a defense of our faith, is always to trust in Christ and to sing the praises of our God without fear or despair. Peter’s opening doxology serves as the foundation for living as Christian pilgrims: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials...yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:3-9).

NEWS AND NOTES

Installation of New Officers and Board Members - Sunday, September 12. during the Divine Service at 7:45 a.m. It is also our hope to take group pictures of each board, the Parish Council, and administrative group on that Sunday between the services at 9:00 a.m.

Congregational Assembly – Sunday, September 12 at 9:15 a.m. (the agenda is available in the narthex).

Submitting Names for Calling an Associate Pastor and Headmaster — Anyone in the congregation may submit names to Pastor Bender for possible consideration of the Office of Associate Pastor and Headmaster. Under the provisions of our Constitution, the Board of Elders and the Board of Education work jointly as a call committee to screen potential candidates for the position. The Congregational Assembly is the calling body of our congregation. After candidates have been screened, and the Board of Elders, Board of Education, and Pastor Bender are prepared to make a recommendation to the congregation, a special meeting of the Congregational Assembly will be convened to consider extending a divine call. Updates on the process and candidates submitted for possible consideration will be posted each week on the narthex bulletin board.

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Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 8-22-2021 (13 families participating)

Gross sales \$2,220.00	Profit paid to Academy \$98.63
Attendance – 274	Total profit this fiscal year \$688.98

The first 6 weeks of this fiscal year show a rebound in sales! Thank you!

Keep up the good work!

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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 765
“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

Introit *Sung by the congregation*

Antiphon (Ps. 74:20a, 21a, 22a, 23a)

Have respect to the cove-|nant, [O LORD]; *
oh, do not let the oppressed re-|turn ashamed!
Arise, O God, plead Your |own cause; *
do not forget the voice of Your |enemies.

Psalm (Ps. 74:1-2, 19b, 21b)

O God, why have You cast us off for-|ever? *
Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your |pasture?
Remember Your congre-|gation, *
which You have pur-|chased of old,
the tribe of Your inheritance, which You |have redeemed— *
this Mount Zion where |You have dwelt.
Do not forget the life of Your poor for-|ever. *
Let the poor and needy |praise Your name.

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 **II Chronicles 28:8-15**
Israel returns those captured in war

Gradual Hymn 579
“The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

Epistle **Galatians 3:15-22**
The function of the Law to direct us to faith in Christ

Holy Gospel **Luke 10:23-37**
The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Hymn of the Day 683
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Distribution Hymns
“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” 580
“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior” 640
“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” 848

Hymn to Depart 649
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”