

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May                      Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen  
Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Melody Ruhbusch, Anna Steinhilb  
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Lance Carus  
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer  
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Mark Goltermann

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sun, September 5: Early-116    Late-72    Bible Class-80  
Wed, September 8: 19  
Thurs, September 9: Communion Matins-51    Coffee Break-37

**Altar Flowers** are given for Angela, August, and Debbie Christopherson's birthdays.

**Sanctuary Candle** is given for Mary Ellen Nitzsche's birthday.

### OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 9,852.00
(Loose Plate \$2775; Gen. Env. \$7077)	
Gohner Schl. fund:	\$ 25.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 25.00
Last Week's Total:	\$ 9,902.00

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER:

General funds received in September:	\$ 9,852.00
Other funds received in September:	\$ 50.00
	\$ 9,902.00

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 12, 2021

### THEME: LIFE IS MORE THAN FOOD, DRINK, AND CLOTHING

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.

**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**—*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 15  
**Bible Class** 9:15 — Congregational Assembly
- **Monday:** **Chapel** – 8:00
- **Tuesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00  
**Youth Catechesis** – 4:30
- **Wednesday:** **Chapel** – 8:00  
**Divine Service** 6:45 — Trinity 15
- **Thursday:** **Thursday Communion Chapel** 8:00  
**Coffee Break Bible Study** 9:00 — Jeremiah
- **Friday:** **Chapel Matins** – 8:00

**THIS WEEK’S FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME:** Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus’ House

**Upcoming Sunday Morning Bible Class Series: Starts October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**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.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Installation of New Officers and Board Members** during the Divine Service at 7:45 a.m. Newly elected officers include Jason Petersen (chairman), Jim Frerking (vice-chairman), Julie Goltermann (secretary), Pat Handlos (treasurer), Mary Schneider (financial secretary). Newly elected board members include: Board of Elders – Kent Franklin, Paul Kachelmeyer, Mark Schneider, Matthew Voss; Board of Education – Jon Bruss, Laura Ferguson, Barry Wurster, Elton Volquardsen; Board of Properties – Paul Schneider, Fritz Theilacker.

**Congregational Assembly** – Today, Sunday, September 12 at 9:15 a.m. Remember to sign the attendance sheet. Complete packets are available.

**All Boards** meet Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All Boards will meet the third Tuesday of the month. The meeting will begin jointly with a study led by Pastor on educational themes from Martin Luther and the Lutheran Confessions. This 30-minute study is open to anyone in the congregation. Each board will then divide and begin the business portion of their board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**Weekly Scrip Report:** Week of 9-5-2021 (13 families participating)

Gross sales \$2,265.00	Profit paid to Academy \$64.00
Attendance – 217	Total profit this fiscal year \$804.98

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

**Keep up the good work!**

# The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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## Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

*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 750

“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

**Introit** *sung responsively with the soloist. The congregation sings the Gloria Patri from 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 provides for the widow of Zarephath.

### Choral Response “How Firm a Foundation” Paul E. Koch

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say that to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;  
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters, I call thee to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake.”

### Epistle Galatians 5:25-6:10

St. Paul describes the life of faith.

**Alleluia-Verse** *The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the verse of the Day. The soloist 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 760

“What God Ordains Is Always Good”  
*Soloist sings stanza 3*

### Distribution Hymns 736

“Consider How the Birds Above” 736  
“Seek Where You May to Find a Way” 557  
“I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name” 734

### Hymn to Depart 598

“Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters”