

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May Altar Committee: Jeanine Walentoski
Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy
Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider
Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer
Wednesday 6:45pm Elder: Erik Krueger

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sun, September 26: Early-119 Late-86 Bible Class-88
Wed, September 29: 57
Thurs, September 30: Communion Matins-41 Coffee Break-41

Altar Flowers are given by Joanne Smith.

Sanctuary Candle is given for Kent and Christine Franklin's anniversary.

OFFERINGS:

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 4,595.00
(Loose Plate \$200; Gen. Env. \$4395)	
LCEF fund:	\$ 18.00
Capital Improvements fund:	\$ 25.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 100.00
Last Week's Total:	\$ 4,738.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER:

General funds received in September:	\$ 29,606.00
Other funds received in September:	\$ 250.00
LCEF additional received in September:	\$ 1,215.06
Capital Improvements funds received in Sept.:	\$ 644.00
Nigeria funds received in September:	\$ 215.00
	\$ 31,930.06

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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.

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 3, 2021

THEME: Christ Teaches the Fulfillment of the Old Testament

Jesus was confronted by many who did not believe in Him. In this Gospel the Pharisees, who had heard He had silenced the Sadducees, took their turn to challenge Jesus about the Old Testament teaching on the Law. They asked Him, "What is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus answers reveals that, according to the Old Testament, love for God above all things is the greatest commandment and that love for the neighbor as oneself follows love for God. The Pharisees knew that Jesus answered correctly, but for them following God's law was about manipulating God into doing for them what they desired, rather than understanding that the law calls for a love for God and for the neighbor that we cannot fulfill. The Old Testament law and prophets hang on these two commandments because Jesus, the Son of God, and the Son of David, is the fulfillment of the law of love in his sacrifice for us upon the cross. His love for God and the neighbor does not move Him to look out for Himself but to serve us. By His service He shows Himself to be the greater Son of David and the promised Messiah. Because of Jesus' love for the Father and for us, the Father will place all enemies under Jesus' feet, and He will sit forever at the Father's right hand. For the Pharisees, the Law of God was about achieving what they wanted. For Jesus', God's Law was fulfilled in His self-denial for us.

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

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 18
Bible Class 9:15 — The St. Peter Option
- **Monday:** Chapel — 8:00
- **Tuesday:** Chapel — 8:00
Youth Catechesis — 4:30
- **Wednesday:** Chapel — 8:00
Divine Service 6:45 — Trinity 18
- **Thursday:** Thursday Communion Chapel 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study 9:00 — OT History
- **Friday:** Chapel Matins — 8:00

THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FAMILY PRAYER AT HOME:

The Creation

Parents are called to lead family prayer at home each week. Sunday School lessons cover the same material for the week and will reinforce family prayer at home. The next **Family Prayer instructional meeting for parents and Sunday School teachers is Tuesday, October 5 at 6:30**. Daily prayer with your family is a wonderful blessing, but for those for whom the habit has not been established a goal of two to three times a week would be a great place to start.

Sunday Morning Bible Class Series: Starts Today, 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.

Sunday School Regular Classes Begin Today, Sunday, October 3

All Students are to meet in Loehe Hall at 9:15 Regular Sunday School classes for three-year-old preschool through grade 4 begins today. Students will begin today with singing, followed by prayers, and the Sunday School Lesson with Pastor Gehlbach. They will also be shown their classrooms and the Sunday morning agenda will be sent home for parents to see, along with the full schedule of the year's lessons. Fifth grade and above are to attend Bible Class with their parents and grandparents. The Sunday School schedule will be emailed to parents this week.

Didache Divine Service—Adult and Youth Catechesis begins Thursday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. This class is for adults seeking communicant membership in the congregation and our members who would like to be refreshed in the Christian faith and life. This year's class will once again offer the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of the catechesis. The entire evening will run from 7:00 to 8:30.

Theology of Worship— Pastor's current presentations on *Issues Etc* are on the topic of worship. Link at: <http://lutherancatechesis.org/links/worship/>

NEWS AND NOTES

Family Prayer Instruction – 6:30 pm Tuesday, October 5.

All Boards meet Tuesday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m. 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, October 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Would You Like to Sing? Senior Choir has begun a new season of leading the congregation in song. If you ever thought of singing in the choir, we would love to have you. Please talk to Pastor Bender if you are interested.

Fish Fry Drive-thru — Friday, October 8, from 5:00-7:00. Tell your friends!

16 oz. Plastic Containers with Lids Needed: The Academy art program needs your assistance. Please save clean and rinsed 16oz. containers with lids from cottage cheese, sour cream, cool whip, etc. and drop them off in the office or the teacher workroom. These are needed to hold tempera paint. Keep saving them until you are notified that we have enough. Thank you for your support.

Weekly Scrip Report: Week of 9-26-2021 (8 families participating)

Gross sales \$1,770.00

Profit paid to Academy \$28.00

Attendance – 229

Total profit this fiscal year \$1,011.72

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 3, 2021

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

597

“Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying”

Introit Sung by the choir

Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You,
and let Your prophets be proven faithful.
Hear the prayer of Your servants,
according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your people.

(Liturgical Text)

Psalm

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go into the house of the LORD.”
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
may they prosper who love You.
For the sake of my brethren and companions,
I will now say, “Peace be within you.”
Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

(Ps. 122: 1, 6, 8-9)

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

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

The Essence of the Law

Choral Response

“Thy Perfect Love” – K. Lee Scott

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast
that I Thee love and never rest;
and make me love Thee of all things the best, and wound my heart
in Thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with Thee.

Therefore, be a reflection of God, as dearly loved children;
And lead a life of love, just as Christ has loved us
and gave Himself for us.

Epistle

I Corinthians 1:1-9

God is Faithful to His Church

Alleluia-Versus Sung by the choir

Alleluia! Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples! Alleluia!

(Ps. 117:1)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

Jesus Catechizes the Scribes and Pharisees on the Old Testament

Hymn of the Day

694

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”
Choir sings stanza 4

Distribution Hymns

745

“In God My Faithful God”
“Lord of All Nations Grant Me Grace”
“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

844

919

Hymn to Depart

838

“The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place”