

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Melinda Burger

Communion Committee: Becca Ligrow and Joanne Smith

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Matthew Voss

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, June 18– 129 (7:45) 86 (10:30) Bible Class – 71

Wednesday, June 21 – 97; Thursday, June 22 – 70

Altar Flowers; given in honor of the wedding of David and Ravyn Uttenreither's.

Sanctuary Candle; given in remembrance of the 48th wedding anniversary of Bryan and Kathy Stoltenberg.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,062.66
Capital Improvements fund:	\$ 70.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 25.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 20.00
African Mission fund:	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
	\$ 7,377.66

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JUNE 2023:

General funds received in June:	\$ 27,406.66
Capital Imp. funds received in June:	\$ 390.00
Goehner Schlr funds received in June:	\$ 250.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in June:	\$ 125.00
Mercy funds received in June:	\$ 80.00
African Mission funds received in June:	<u>\$ 550.00</u>
	\$ 28,801.66


Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Third Sunday after Trinity

June 25, 2023

THEME: The Father Calls the Prodigal Home

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is the third of the three parables Jesus told to address the Pharisees and scribes murmuring against Him that He received sinners and ate with them. Jesus' reception of sinners does not mean that He condones sin, but rather that forgiveness of sins is granted by God's grace alone to every broken and contrite sinner. The parables also address the question, "Is it possible for a Christian who has fallen into grievous sin to be restored to repentance?" The answer is a resounding "YES!" The lost sheep had belonged to the Shepherd before it went astray and then was sought after and found by the Good Shepherd. The coin was the cherished possession of the woman who lost it so that she dropped everything that she was doing to search for it until it was found. The prodigal son was the son of his father before he squandered his father's love and left home. In all three parables the love of God for His own is on display in how He searches out to reclaim those who had belonged to Him. In the account of the Prodigal Son, the young man not only wasted his inheritance in prodigal living, but in so doing he squandered the love of his father who had given him everything. Yet, when nothing would satisfy the deepest needs of his soul, it was the father's love that called the son home in repentance and faith. To illustrate that it is ultimately God's grace that reclaims us and gives us the courage to confess our sins, while the son is still a great way off the father runs to him, puts his arms around him, kisses him, and extends to him a father's heart of unconditional love. This is a vivid picture of what the Gospel is: God takes the initiative for our salvation; God sends His only Son to die for us apart from any merit or worthiness on our part; the Lord sends forth the Gospel to be preached to call us home to the Father. The father's heart of love for his son had not changed, even though the son had gone astray. This is the basis for our salvation in Christ. It is His greatest joy to restore His fallen children to repentance and faith. This is why there is such joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. This is why the father celebrates his son's return: he was restored to the family by the father's love and mercy. Not only that, but the father was also overjoyed that his son RECEIVED his love and believed it. The older son in the parable is representative of those self-righteous Pharisees and scribes who were murmuring against Jesus. The father went out to the older son and pleaded with him to come into the house and receive his brother in mercy, but the parable does not indicate what the older brother did. It is open-ended. Will the self-righteous Pharisee repent of his self-righteousness and embrace the mercy of God, or will he remain hardened in heart?



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Divine Service: Sunday – 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD — “*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*” (John 17:17). 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 3**
Bible Class 9:15 – Genesis 22
- **Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30— Trinity 3**

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 LCMS and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer lesson. The lesson this week is *The Parable of the Prodigal Son*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

NEWS AND NOTES

Peace Lutheran Academy Update – Things are beginning to fall into place as we prepare for the new academic year this fall. The following individuals are prayerfully considering contracts that they have been offered to serve on the faculty of Peace Lutheran Academy: Olivia Gehlbach, Angela Volquardsen, Rebecca Boehlke, Rev. Gary Gehlbach, and Polly Joubert. Please keep them in your prayers. Student registration materials have been emailed and responses are coming into the office with several new families joining the Academy. If you know of anyone interested in providing their children with a classical Lutheran education, please speak with Pastor Christiansen. Registration materials are available in the office.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Invitation – Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crystal Lake, IL invites you to celebrate the ordination and installation of James Kirk as Associate Pastor of Immanuel Crystal Lake. James is the son of Randy and Pam Kirk. The service is Sunday, July 9th at 3:00 p.m. There will be an appetizer reception to follow. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to so many in the congregation who helped make CCA symposium possible. Thank you to those who cooked and baked, to those who served food and beverages and decorated, to elders and choir, to those who attended and who gave gifts, and to those who helped in so many other ways. What a joy to join for worship and meditating on the word of Christ and enjoying the company of brothers and sisters!

Summer Office Hours —the church office hours will be 8am-12pm Monday through Friday (in June and July).

Volunteers Needed – Synod Convention

The LCMS Convention will be held July 29-August 3 at the Wisconsin Convention Center in downtown Milwaukee. Many volunteers are needed to serve in the days leading up to and throughout the convention in various areas – Hospitality, Information, Registration and more. Visit swd.lcms.org/serve or scan the QR code below to review the available slots and **sign up by Tuesday, June 27**. If you can speak Russian, Korean or Spanish, the International Guests Hospitality Committee could use your assistance in greeting guests at the airport and assisting at the convention. Thank you for serving at the Convention!

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 6-18-23

Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 2 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,200.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$43.51

Attendance: 159 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$5,712.78

\$5 and \$10 gift cards are now available. Brands can be found online, and can be ordered online, in app, and at the RaiseRight counter.

We are **so close** to earning \$6000 in RaiseRight rebates for this fiscal year! Thank you for your support! **Please make an extra effort to buy RaiseRight** these last weeks of June, so that we can support our Academy by meeting this goal!

Sunday Order of Service

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LSB Divine Service Setting Three, 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 **608**
“Lord, to You I Make Confession”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor; the Gloria Patri is sung from Setting 3.*

Antiphon *(Ps. 25:16, 18)*

Turn Yourself to me, and have mer-|cy on me, *
for I am desolate and af-|flicted.
Look on my affliction | and my pain, *
and forgive | all my sins.

Psalm *(Ps. 25:1-2a, 5b, 15, 20)*

To You, O LORD, I lift | up my soul. *
O my God, I trust in You; let me not | be ashamed.
You are the God of my sal-|vation; *
on You I wait | all the day.
My eyes are ever | toward the LORD, *
for He shall pluck my feet out | of the net.
Keep my soul, and de-|liver me; *
let me not be ashamed, for I put my | trust in You.

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 **Micah 7:18-20**
Who is a God like our God who forgives iniquity and sin?

Psalm 103:1-13 (antiphon: v. 8) *sung responsively with the pastor;*
congregation sings the even verses.

Epistle **I Timothy 1:12-17**
Paul confesses to be the chief of sinners.

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

I will love You, O | LORD, my strength. *
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de-|liverer.
(Ps. 18:1-2a)

Holy Gospel **Luke 15:11-32**
The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Hymn of the Day **558**
“Not unto Us”

Distribution Hymns

“As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered” **612**
“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” **609**
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” **611**
“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” **814**

Hymn to Depart **922**
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession: Today is also the Feast of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession. On June 25, 1530, the Evangelical Lutheran Princes of Germany presented their comprehensive confession of faith to Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg. This public confession of faith became the foundational confession of what would later be known as the Lutheran Church. Every confessional Lutheran pastor and congregation subscribes to the Augsburg Confession because it is a faithful exposition of the doctrine of Holy Scripture. We are bound to this confession in all our preaching, teaching, and practice.