

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Carol Zick

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, and Anna Steinhilb

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Mike Ferguson

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Matthew Voss

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, August 13– 126 (7:45) 87 (10:30) Bible Class – 84

Wednesday, August 16 – 25

**Sanctuary Candle** is given in honor of Wesley Giordano's baptismal birthday.

### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 10,592.66
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 20.00
African Mission fund:	\$ 200.00
	<u>\$ 10,812.66</u>

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN AUGUST 2023:

General funds received in August:	\$ 23,074.66
Capital Imp. Funds received in August:	\$ 140.00
Goehner Schlr. funds received in August:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in August:	\$ 100.00
Mercy funds received in August:	\$ 50.00
African Mission funds received in August:	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
	\$ 23,714.66

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 20, 2023

### THEME: "God be Merciful to Me, a Sinner!"


The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector teaches us the difference between "works righteous faith" and faith in the grace of God. The two men who went up to the Temple to pray came at the time of the daily sacrifice. They were both coming to the same liturgy of the Divine Service, but one came with faith in himself and his own works and the other came as a penitent. In the daily sacrifice, the congregation gathered to confess sin and to plead for forgiveness in broken and contrite hearts. Instead, the Pharisee worshiped himself, saying, "God, I thank you that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess." This was no confession of sin. It was a confession of self-righteousness. He not only worshipped himself, but it turned him into a very selfish man. The Tax Collector confessed in shame and contrition, "God be merciful to me, a sinner!" Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others. God deliver us from self-righteous impenitence and give us a truly repentant heart.

### Opening of the Academy Academic Year

Today we celebrate the opening of another academic year of our academy. The installation of teachers will take place at the 7:45 service. We will offer prayers for the academy, our parents, students, faculty, and staff at both services.

**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



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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 11**  
**Bible Class 9:15**
- **Daily chapel this week Wednesday to Friday:** 8:30 to 9:00
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service 6:30— Trinity 11**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:30**  
**Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30**

**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 Pool of Bethesda*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**Didache Divine Service—Adult Catechesis begins September 13!**

Once more our adult catechesis will be held in the context of the Divine Service on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., beginning on September 13. There is a schedule of the Wednesday night services included in the bulletin today. Extra copies of the schedule are available in the narthex. This year’s Didache will cover the Catechism by utilizing the Gospel of Mark. This is a good time to invite family members, neighbors, friends, and coworkers to come with you to Didache. There is NO obligation to join the congregation, but those who attend have the opportunity to receive comfort from the Gospel and answers to the questions they have about the Christian faith.

**Daily 15-Minute Bible Study... 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 be leading a study this week on The Macedonian Call; The Conversion of Lydia; Paul and Silas in Prison and The Philippian Jailer Converted in Acts 15 and 16. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Congregational Assembly** meets Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. (The agenda and minutes are available for review in the narthex.)

**Parish Council** meets this week on Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**Pastor Bender in Pennsylvania**

Pastor Bender is preaching at the ordination anniversary of Rev. Christopher Seifferlein today and leading a catechesis retreat for his congregation this weekend.

**Regular Office Hours Resume** —Beginning August 21, the office hours will be 7:30am-4pm when school is in session.

**Senior Choir Rehearsal** resumes after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:45pm. New members are welcome and encouraged. If you are even remotely interested, please talk to Pastor Bender. He will be happy to answer your questions and give you guidance.

**Coffee Break Bible Study and Matins with Communion**

Matins with Communion will resume this week on **Thursday, August 24 at 8:30am** followed by **Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30am.**

**Back to School** - Peace Lutheran Academy is about to start its 2023-2024 school year! Our teachers this year are Pastor Gehlbach, Jennifer Duessler, Angela Volquardsen, Olivia Gehlbach, Kathy May and Pastor Christiansen. The Duessler family is joining us after moving from Grace Lutheran in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Dates to take note of as classes begin:

- **Records Day** was this past Friday, where families finalized paperwork for the upcoming year. It was great to see the families getting ready for school!"
- **Opening Service and Installation of Teachers** takes place today, **Sunday, August 20** at the early service. Please keep our faculty in your prayers over the days and weeks ahead.
- **First Day of School** is **Wednesday, August 23**. The school routine will start with daily chapel at 8:30am. The school day will finish at 3:30pm.

God be praised for the opportunity to catechize children in God's Word!

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 8-13-23

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 7 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,600.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$149.54

Attendance: 243 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$620.06

# Sunday Order of Service

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 20, 2023

## 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

“Just As I Am”

570

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

*Antiphon* (Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b)

God is in His holy habi-| tation. \*

God sets the solitary in | families.

The God of Isra-| el is He \*

who gives strength and power to His | people.

*Psalm* (Ps.68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19)

**Let God arise, let His enemies be | scattered; \***

**let those also who hate Him flee be-|fore Him.**

**But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice be-|fore God; \***

**yes, let them rejoice ex-|ceedingly.**

**O God, when You went out before Your | people, \***

**You, O God, provided from Your goodness | for the poor.**

**Blessèd be the Lord, who daily loads us with | benefits, \***

**the God of our sal-|vation!**

**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

Cain murders Abel.

**Genesis 4:1-15**

**Psalm 50:7-23** (antiphon: v. 14) *sung responsively with the pastor; congregation sings the even verses.*

### Epistle

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

For by grace you have been saved.

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

Lord, You have been our | dwelling place \*  
in all gener-| ations.

*(Ps. 90:1)*

### Holy Gospel

**Luke 18:9-14**

Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

### Hymn of the Day

“Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion”

559

**Installation of Teachers** *(after the Offertory at the 7:45 service)*

### Distribution Hymns

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

611

“Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

419

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

631

### Hymn to Depart

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

548