

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso and Sharon Murphy

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joe Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 10– 121 (7:45) 87 (10:30) Bible Class – 110

Wednesday, September 13 – 44

Thursday, September 14 – Communion Matins – 33 Coffee Break – 23

Altar Flowers are given in memory of Christian and Gary Schmidt.

Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of Clara Schellack.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 10,347.66
Mercy fund:	\$ 45.00
Nigeria fund:	\$ 250.00
	\$ 10,642.66

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPT. 2023:

General funds received in September:	\$ 19,969.96
Capital Imp. Funds received in September:	\$ 100.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in September:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in September:	\$ 100.00
Mercy funds received in September:	\$ 105.00
African Mission funds received in September:	\$ 350.00
	\$ 20,674.96

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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.

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 17, 2023

THEME: The Lord's Mercy Endures Forever!

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. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, 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. "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 LCMS and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

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 15**
Bible Class 9:15 LCMS Convention Review
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Didache Divine Service 6:30—Lesson 2**
- **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 *Jesus Prays for His Enemies*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Thursday Morning Matins with Communion at 8:30

Matins with Communion has resumed on Thursday mornings at 8:30am followed by Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30am.

Sunday Bible Class on September 17: LCMS Convention Review

On Sunday, September 17, during the Bible Class hour, Pastor Bender will lead a discussion of the most important business conducted at our Synod convention earlier this summer. Included in this discussion will be encouragement for how we can be more connected with the work of the Synod nationally and internationally.

Sunday School Classes will resume on Sunday, September 24

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Wednesday Didache Divine Service

This year’s Didache will cover the Catechism by utilizing the Gospel of Mark. Lesson 2: **Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath** (Mark 2:23-3:6) and teaching the **4th – 8th Commandments**. This is a good time to invite family members, neighbors, friends, and coworkers to come with you to Didache. The schedule of Wednesday night services is in the narthex.

Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat Coming to Sunday Bible Class
Beginning Sunday, October 22, a series of Sunday Morning Bible Classes will take up the topics of “Family, Life, and Marriage” in a “Sunday morning retreat in the Word of God.” The study is meant to be encouraging to children, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, and the calling of grandparents, widows, and those who are single. It is called a “retreat” because it is intended to refresh us all in the Word of God in the good gifts that God has given us in marriage and family, and how to live in a world that is hostile to our Christian way of life. Topics will range from a Christian view of dating and courtship to the beauty and sanctity of the one flesh union. We will talk about the joys and opportunities of grandparents and the single Christian. This “retreat” is for everyone! Recording will be made and handouts will provide a resource for continued study and encouragement in the Word of God.

NEWS AND NOTES

High School/College Youth Group Resumes on Sunday, October 1

Youth group will resume on Sunday, October 1, and will meet the first Sunday of every month from October through May for lunch, study, and prayer after the 10:30 Divine Service from Noon to 1:30.

Fish Fry Resumes October 20!

The new season of Fish Fries will begin on Friday, October 20. A complete schedule of the year’s Fish Fries from October through May will be published for the entire congregation. Over the next two weeks, teams will be contacted, and orientation meetings will be held with the various teams and their team leaders. Thanks to everyone for participating in the Fundraiser survey and for your willingness to share the work in support of our Academy.

Senior Choir meets for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings 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.

Board of Elders meets Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Properties meets Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education meets Tuesday, September 19 at 7:15 p.m.

Parish Council meets Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 9-10-23

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 4 (online)

Gross sales: \$2,100.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$227.75

Attendance: 239 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$1,010.94

Sunday Order of Service

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 17, 2023

Divine Service Setting Two Lutheran Service Book p. 167

“**And also with you**” 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 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation

726

“Evening and Morning”

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon

(Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3)

Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
save Your servant who trusts in You! You are my God.
Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to You do I cry all the day.

Psalm

(Ps.86: 4, 6, 15a, 16)

Gladden the soul of Your servant,
for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;
turn to me, and be gracious to me!
Give Your strength to Your servant,
and save the son of Your maidservant.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, *
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading

I Kings 17:8-16

The Lord provides for the widow of Zarephath and her son.

Psalm 146

Insert

Prayed responsively with the choir as indicated.

Psalm 146

Henry V. Gerike

Choir: The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless.

Congregation: REFRAIN



The LORD watch - es o - ver the so - journ - ers; He up -



holds the wid - ow and the fath - er - less.

Congregation sings verses in bold.



Praise | the LORD!* Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
Put not your trust in | princes,*
in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.
When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*
on that very day his plans | perish.

REFRAIN

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is | in them,*
who keeps faith for- | ever.
who executes justice for the | oppressed,*
who gives food to the | hungry.
The LORD sets the | pris'ners free;*
the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;*
the LORD loves the | righteous.
The LORD watches over the sojourners;
He upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*
but the way of the wicked He brings to | ruin.

REFRAIN

The LORD will reign for- | ever,*
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!
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.

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Epistle

Galatians 5:25-6:10

Living in the Spirit and bearing one another's burdens

Verse sung by the choir

(Ps. 95:1)

Alleluia. Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24-34

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Hymn of the Day

758

“The Will of God Is Always Best”

Choir sings stanza 3

Distribution Hymns

“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

750

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

621

“What God Ordains Is Always Good”

760

Hymn to Depart

725

“Children of the Heavenly Father”