Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso and Sharon Murphy

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider Sunday 10:30am Elder: Paul Kachelmeyer Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Lance Carus

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 17–129 (7:45) 72 (10:30) Bible Class – 81

Wednesday, September 20 – 40

Thursday, September 21 – Communion Matins – 42 Coffee Break – 54

Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Jason and Cathy Petersen's 29th wedding anniversary.

Sanctuary Candle is given in celebration of Don and Roseanne Fell's 35th wedding anniversary.

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 13,442.11
Memorials:	\$ 60.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Schlr. fund:	\$ 25.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 100.00
	\$ 13,677.11

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPT. 2023:

General funds received in September:	\$ 33,412.07
Memorials received in September:	\$ 60.00
Capital Imp. Funds received in September:	\$ 150.00
Goehner Schlr. funds received in September:	\$ 75.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in September:	\$ 200.00
Mercy funds received in September:	\$ 105.00
African Mission funds received in September:	\$ 350.00
•	\$ 34,352.07

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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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 24, 2023

THEME: God Has Visited His People to Raise the Dead

Jesus is the resurrection and the life, but the life He gives is not merely the resuscitation of a dead individual, but the restoration of life with God and one another in a wonderful fellowship with the Triune God of love in whose image we were created. Loneliness and separation from loved ones are what sin and its resulting death brings into our lives. When Jesus raised the widow of Nain's son, he arrested the funeral procession, touched the open coffin, and spoke the word that raised the dead. It is a wonderful picture of what Jesus' death, resurrection, and preaching accomplishes. He has touched our sin and death and made it His own. He took away the cause of death when He atoned for the sin which separated us from God and one another. And in His resurrection, He proclaims a Word of forgiveness and new life which raises the dead and restores our fellowship with God and one another. That Jesus presented the raised son to his mother is a wonderful picture of the blessed reunion which is yet to come. From this miracle the people rightly confessed, "A great prophet has risen up among us" and "God has visited His people."

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 16

Bible Class 9:15—Q & A on LCMS Convention

• Daily Chapel Monday to Friday at 8:30

• Wednesday: Divine Service 6:30—St. Michael and All Angels

• 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 *Ahab Covets Naboth's Vineyard*. 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.

Law and Gospel Series – Issues Etc.... What does St. Paul mean when he writes about "rightly handling the word of truth?" Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has an in-depth series with Pr. Will Weedon based on "The Proper Distinction Between Law & Gospel" by C.F.W. Walther. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/lawandgospel.

Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat Coming to Sunday Bible Class

Beginning October 22, 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! Recordings will be made, and handouts will provide a resource for continued study and encouragement in the Word of God.

St. Michael and All Angels Divine Service this Wednesday, Sept. 27

Come celebrate the ministry of angels throughout Scripture and in our lives. Think of all the times that angels surrounded the conception, birth, suffering, and resurrection of Jesus alone. Angels announced His birth to Mary and Joseph. Angels ministered to Him in the wilderness and in the Garden of Gethsemane. Angels announced His resurrection. He will appear again in the clouds with all His holy angels. Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

Sunday School Classes will resume today, Sunday, September 24.

NEWS AND NOTES

Garden Cleanup with LCL volunteers will be on Friday, Sept 29th from 9-11 (rain or shine). If you'd like to join us, bring gloves, rake, and/or hedge clippers. Questions? Contact Beth Boehringer at 920-285-8626.

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.

Remember to sign up to attend the St. Michael and All Angels Conference on Classical Education this Saturday, September 30. Peace will host a mini conference on classical education, entitled "Lutherans and the Liberal Arts." If you have your children in a classical school, this is for you! If you love learning about how to learn, this is for you! The theme this year is "Lutherans and the Liberal Arts". The keynote speakers are Dr. Gene Edward Veith and Mr. Nathaniel Pullmann. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. This is helpful for planning lunch.

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.

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

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 9-17-23

Number of families participating: 12 (in-person) + 3 (online) Gross sales: \$3,425.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$96.30 Attendance: 245 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$1,107.24

Sunday Order of Service

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity September 24, 2023

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"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

755

"In the Very Midst of Life"

Introit sung responsively with the choir

Antiphon

(Ps. 86:3, 5)

Be merciful to | me, O Lord, *

for I cry to you | all day long.

For You, Lord, are good, and ready \mid to forgive, \ast

and abundant in mercy to all those who call up- \mid on You.

Psalm

(Ps.86: 1, 7, 12-13)

Bow down Your ear, O LORD, | hear me; *

for I am poor and | needy.

In the day of trouble I will call up-|on you, *

for You will | answer me.

I will praise You, O Lord my God, with | all my heart, *

and I will glorify Your name for- | ever more.

For great is Your mercy | toward me, *

and You have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

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

1 Kings 17:17-24

The Lord raises the son of the widow of Zarephath.

Choral Response

"Be Still My Soul"

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord, When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Epistle Ephesians 3:13-21

To know the love of Christ

Verse sung by the choir

(Matt. 28:18b)

Alleluia! You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain.

Hymn of the Day

552

"O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life"

Stanzas 1, 7-8, 4

Distribution Hymns

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High	544
"Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"	756
"Thy Body, Given for Me. O Savior"	619

Hymn to Depart

745

"In God, My Faithful God"