

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Gayle Cardo

Communion Committee: Becca Ligrow and Joanne Smith

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Kent Franklin

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 24— 136 (7:45) 67 (10:30) Bible Class – 83

Wednesday, September 27 – 81

Thursday, September 28 – Communion Matins – 41 Coffee Break – 50

Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,522.00
Capital Imp. fund:	\$ 500.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 50.00
	\$ 6,072.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPT. 2023:

General funds received in September:	\$ 38,934.07
Memorials received in September:	\$ 60.00
Capital Imp. Funds received in September:	\$ 650.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in September:	\$ 75.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in September:	\$ 250.00
Mercy funds received in September:	\$ 105.00
African Mission funds received in September:	\$ 350.00
	\$ 40,424.07

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

October 1, 2023

THEME: Jesus Does Good in Fulfillment of the Law

How wonderful it is to see Jesus entering into the homes of those who did not believe in Him! The Pharisees rejected Jesus' mercy for those they deemed unworthy, but that did not prevent Jesus from reaching out to them. In this Gospel, Jesus went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees for dinner on the Sabbath. It appears from the testimony of St. Luke as if nearly everyone was against Him. They watched Him closely to see what He would say or do that they might trap Him in His words or actions. It is worth noting that Jesus does not apologize to them for any way He might have offended them. Instead, He calls them to repentance for their self-righteousness by asking them a question that illuminates the purpose of the Sabbath: to give the rest, peace, and salvation that only God can give. This is why the Old Testament believers were called to "stop working" on the Sabbath, so that God might work in them. So, He asks, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" But they kept silent. Jesus answers His own question by healing the man and setting him free. That is what the Sabbath is all about: God doing good works for our life and salvation! Then Jesus further illustrates His point by asking another question, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath?" But still, they could not answer. It often takes much preaching and prayer to break through the hardened heart of a self-righteous sinner.

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 17**
Bible Class 9:15—Concordia - Texas
- **Daily Chapel Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday: Didache Divine Service 6:30—Lesson 3**
- **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 Worship of the Golden Calf*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and its accompanying podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

A Lutheran View of Depression - Issues Etc... You can listen to the new audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn. Go to issuesetc.org, enter your email address, and you'll receive a link to "I Trust When Dark My Road." This new audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio based in Collinsville, IL. LPR produces radio talk shows, podcasts, and 24/7 sacred music and talk stations.

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.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

High School/College Youth Group Resumes October 1

Youth group resumes today, October 1, following the late service. The topic will be the Gift of Marriage and the Importance of Chastity. Mark your calendars – Youth Group will continue to meet the first Sunday of every month through May for lunch, study, and prayer after the 10:30 Divine Service from noon until 1:30 p.m.

Pastor Bender is attending the ILC Conference in Wittenberg,

Germany from October 6 through October 16. Upon his return there will be a special follow-up discussion on the work of the International Lutheran Council and a presentation on the Luther sites he visited while in Germany.

Moms and Dads, encourage your children to participate in the Divine Service. Help them to learn by heart the liturgy and sing the hymns. Point out to them what their pastors are doing and what to look forward to in the service. Don't hesitate to make use of the Gerhardt Room whenever children are inconsolable, but remember, we want our children hearing God's Word and fully participating in the liturgy.

Thank you to the young people from Lake Country Lutheran High School and those from the congregation who made the garden cleanup possible on Friday morning. A special shout out to Mrs. Olivia Gehlbach's preschool and kindergarten class for also helping us. It is very much appreciated!

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.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 9-24-23

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 5 (online)

Gross sales: \$1,800.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$118.30

Attendance: 243 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$1,225.37

Sunday Order of Service
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
October 1, 2023

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

623

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Introit *sung responsively with the congregation.*

Antiphon

(Ps. 119:137, 124)

Righteous are You, | O LORD, *
and right are Your | just decrees.

Deal with Your servant according to Your | steadfast love, *
and teach me Your | statutes.

Psalm

(Ps. 119: 1-2, 5-6)

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless, *
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

Blessèd are those who keep His testi-| monies, *
who seek Him with their | whole heart!

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast *
in keeping Your | statutes!

Then I shall not be | put to shame *
having my eyes fixed on all Your com-| mandments.

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.

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:6-14

Solomon’s wise counsel describes a life lived in Christ.

Psalm 2

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