

## Announcements

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Melody Ruhbusch

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Lance Carus

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Thomas Aidich

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 7 – 119 (7:45) 62 (10:30) Bible Class – 80

Wednesday, September 10th – 32

Thursday, September 11th – 28

**Flowers:** In celebration of Jason and Cathy Petersen's 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary

**Sanctuary Candle:** In memory of Clara Schiellack, given by Frank and Rosie Kopling

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### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 11,615.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 40.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 00.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 231.10
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 11,886.10</u>

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER 2025:

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## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 14, 2025

### THEME: While We Were Yet Sinners, Christ Died for Us!

The Parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates what it is to love God with all one's heart and to love the neighbor as oneself. The self-righteousness of the priest and the Levite who believed they had kept the Law caused them to be curved in upon themselves and unconcerned about the wounded man in need. Though they were Jews and had the Law, they did not believe or practice what the Law demanded. The Samaritan who was viewed as the enemy of the Jew is the one who demonstrates what true love is. He cares not for himself, but spares no time, effort, or expense to help the wounded man, even though the wounded Jew would have considered him his enemy. What a wonderful illustration of what Jesus has done for us. He fulfills the Law by loving us more than He loved Himself. Though we rebelled against God and were left for dead on the side of the road, Jesus came to our rescue, bandaged our wounds, brought us to the inn of the Church, and paid all the expenses necessary to bring us back to health. In Jesus we see what love really is, as described by God's Law.

**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.

### Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

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The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032

**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** — “*I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.*” (1 Cor. 12:3). 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, by calling Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:**        **Divine Service at 7:45 & 10:30 — Trinity 13**  
                         **Bible Class at 9:15 — The Good Samaritan**
- **Mon-Fri:**       **Daily Chapel at 8:00**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Trinity 13**
- **Thursday:**    **Matins with Communion at 8:00**

**No Coffee Break Bible Study this Thursday, September 18.** Pastor Bender will be conducting a visitation at Concordia University St. Paul for Concordia University System accreditation.

**Sunday School starts today** for children in preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 a.m.

**Family Prayer Devotional Studies** will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is ***Bless Those Who Curse You – Matthew 5:33-45***. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**Book of Proverbs 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 recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app, or your favorite podcast provider.

**Didache, Adult Catechesis Class, Begins Monday, October 6 at 6p.m.** Don’t miss this opportunity to be renewed in your faith! If you have been a lifelong Lutheran, this class is for you! If you are a new Lutheran, this class is for you! If you have relatives, friends, or coworkers who need to know Christ, this class is for them! If you are curious about the faith, this class is for you! If you are hurting and in need of comfort and strength, this class is for you! Didache will address itself to the most important questions of life and eternity. Join us on Monday nights, beginning on October 6 at 6 p.m.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Parking lot sealing & restriping** will take place Monday, September 22. We cannot drive on the lot for 48 hours after the sealing is complete. If you need to be at church on **Sept. 22, 23, or 24** during the day, please find street parking and walk *on the grass* to the door. The lot should be open for Wednesday evening Divine Service.

**Board of Properties** meets this **Tuesday, September 16** at 7:00 p.m.  
**Parish Council** meets next **Tuesday, September 23** at 7:00 p.m.

**Goehner Scholarship Fund** provides financial support for sons and daughters of our congregation to help defray the cost of becoming an ordained or commissioned minister in the LCMS. Rev. Eamonn Ferguson is the current recipient of the scholarship. See the latest update on his ministry and family posted in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Goehner Scholarship fund.

**Senior Choir Rehearsal** has resumed and meets on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. New members are welcome and encouraged to join. If you are even remotely interested, please talk to Pastor Bender. He will be happy to answer your questions and give you guidance.

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Weeks of 8/31/2025 & 9/07/2025

Number of families participating (2 weeks): 13 (in-person) + 12 (online)  
Attendance: 232 on 8/31/2025 & 213 on 9/07/2025  
Gross sales: \$3240.00    Profit earned past 2 weeks \$608.55  
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$1107.11  
Profit paid to the Academy: \$993.54

**Sign up for the RaiseRight App** to use on your phone while shopping. The app is available from the App Store or Google Play as ***RaiseRight Fundraising***. You will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5.

**Sunday Order of Service**  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity  
September 14, 2025

**Divine Service Setting Two**  
**Lutheran Service Book p. 167**

*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** **701**

“Draw Us to Thee”  
*Choir sings stanza 2*

**Introit** *sung by the choir*

*Antiphon* (Ps. 74:20a, 21a, 22a, 23a)  
Have respect, O LORD, unto Thy covenant:  
O let not the oppressed return ashamed.  
Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause:  
And forget not the voice of Thine enemies.

*Psalm* (Ps. 74:1)  
O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever?  
Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?

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** **2 Chronicles 28:8-15**  
Israel is instructed to return the captives of Judah.

**Gradual** *sung by the choir* (Ps. 74:20a, 21a, 22a, 23a)

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And forget not the voice of Thine enemies.

**Epistle** **Galatians 3:15-22**  
The purpose of the Law is to serve faith in Christ.

**Verse** *sung by the choir* (Ps. 88:1)

Alleluia! O LORD God of my salvation:  
I have cried day and night before Thee. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** **Luke 10:23-37**  
The Parable of the Good Samaritan

**Nicene Creed** *confessed after the Holy Gospel.*

**Hymn of the Day** **683**  
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”  
*Choir sings stanza 3*

**Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy...

**Distribution Hymns**  
“O God of Mercy, God of Might” **852**  
“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain” **865**  
“Salvation unto Us Has Come” **555**

**Hymn to Depart** **692**  
“Praise to You and Adoration”