

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 14 – 113 (7:45) 97 (10:30) Bible Class – 82

Wednesday, September 17th – 26

Thursday, September 18th – 23

Flowers: given in memory of Christian and Gary Schmidt

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,430.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 450.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 25.00
	<u>\$ 6,905.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER 2025:

General funds received in September:	\$ 18,045.00
Capital Improvement funds received in September:	\$ 40.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in September:	\$ 450.00
International Mission funds received in September:	\$ 231.10
Mercy funds received in September:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
	\$ 18,791.10

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity


September 21, 2025

THEME: Jesus Is the Way of Life!

Universal grace is the doctrine that God loves the entire world in Christ and not just a selected few. In the account of the cleansing of the ten lepers we see Jesus cleansing not just the one Samaritan who returned to Him in faith and thanksgiving, but all ten. In the same way we learn that Christ died for all sinners, even though many will reject His gift in impenitence and unbelief. The Old Testament Law included provisions for lepers to be brought back into the community of faith if they were cleansed of their disease. When Jesus told the cleansed lepers to show themselves to the priests as a testimony to them in accordance with the Law, He wanted to demonstrate that the One who is the source of cleansing had come, and that He had not come to set aside the Law, but to fulfill it. Ironically, it was the Samaritan that recognized the true nature of Jesus' miracle. Jesus hadn't merely healed him of a physical disease; Jesus was the source of all salvation as the One who fulfilled the Law for all people. Thanksgiving is the fruit of repentant faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

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.



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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 14**
 Bible Class at 9:15 — The Sower and the Seed
- **Mon-Fri:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Trinity 14**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00**
 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00

Sunday Bible Study—The Parables of Jesus

Throughout the fall, we will be studying the parables of Jesus and how they teach us to meditate upon the grace of God in Christ.

Coffee Break Bible Study resumes after a two-week hiatus. Join us at 9:00 on Thursday mornings to continue our study in the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday School has resumed for children in preschool through 4th 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 ***The Rich Young Ruler – Mark 10:17-31***. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Youth Group resumes October 5 after the 10:30 service and will continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month. Pastor Bender will teach on The Theology of the Body for the first three sessions, drawing from Dr. John Kleinig’s book *Wonderfully Made*. Lunch will be provided for the October class. All high school and college-age members are encouraged to attend, and to bring a friend!

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 **tomorrow morning, 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 in the cul-de-sac (Oak Dr.) to the west of the Church parking lot, or on Sumac Ln., the street directly across from our driveway, and walk *on the grass* to the door. The lot should be open for Wednesday evening Divine Service.

New Traffic Pattern: The driveway will be restriped along with the parking lot tomorrow. There will **no longer be 2 turn lanes at the exit**. There will be a *single* entrance lane and a *single* exit lane. Please be aware of the change especially as you exit the drive.

Parish Council meets this **Tuesday, September 23** at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Nicene Creed Series... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Pastor Timothy Winterstein, author of the new book “Worshipped & Glorified: A Study of the Nicene Creed” at issuesetc.org/nicene Creed.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 9/14/2025

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 10 (online)

Attendance: 242

Gross sales: \$3045.00 Profit earned this week \$122.38

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$1724.47

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
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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 **812**
“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”
Choir sings stanza 1

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps. 84:9-10a)
Behold, O God, our Shield,
and look upon the face of Thine anointed;
For a day in Thy courts
is better than a thousand.

Psalm (Ps. 84: 1-2a)
How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts:
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD.

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 **Proverbs 4:10-23**
The Life-giving Character of God’s Word

Gradual *sung by the choir* (Ps. 92:1-2)

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD:
and to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High,
To show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning:
and Thy faithfulness ev’ry night.

Epistle **Galatians 5:16-24**
The Battle between the Spirit and the Flesh

Verse *sung by the choir* (Ps. 65:1)

Alleluia! Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion:
and unto Thee shall the vow be performed. Alleluia!

Holy Gospel **Luke 17:11-19**
The Cleansing of the Ten Lepers

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **790**
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
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
“My Song Is Love Unknown” **430**
“Wide Open Stand the Gates” **639**
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” **549**

Hymn to Depart **526**
“You Are the Way; through You Alone”