

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Polly Joubert

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Joanne Smith
Chris Dubnicka

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Tom Aidich

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Philip Gehlbach

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, July 19th – 96 (7:45); 102 (10:30); 54 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, July 22nd – 26

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 7,090.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 25.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 100.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 25.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 7,240.00

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN JULY 2026:

General funds received in July:	\$ 21,095.00
Capital Improvement funds received in July:	\$ 505.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in July:	\$ 100.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in July:	\$ 440.00
International Mission funds received in July:	\$ 327.18
Mercy funds received in July:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 22,467.18

Needed for general ministry for 2026-27: \$594,500

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$30,811 (5%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

THEME: Christ has redeemed me with His holy precious blood!

The twin parables of the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price are parables of redemption. In the Second Article of the Creed each of us confesses that Christ “has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own.” Jesus is like the man who found a treasure hidden in a field who, for joy over it, sells all that he has and buys that field. Jesus redeemed the whole world by the price of His blood that He might obtain His treasure—the redeemed who believe in Him. Even though many reject Christ’s redemption, He still paid the full price to redeem the entire world. Jesus is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, when he finds one of great price, he sells all that he has and buys it. Again, Jesus set aside all that was His in order to redeem us—His pearl of great price. The redeemed of the Lord are a “treasure” or a “pearl of great price” because of the price that Jesus paid for our redemption.

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 — “*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it*” (Luke 11:28). 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 or texting Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday: Divine Service at 7:45 & 10:30**
Bible Class at 9:15 — Pentecost 9 Propers
- **Wednesday: Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 9**

Coffee Break Bible Study is in recess for the summer. It will resume on September 3.

Bible Class for the Whole Family During the summer, children should attend Bible Class with their parents. This is a wonderful way to stimulate discussion in the faith at home. Throughout the summer we take a deeper look at each week’s appointed Sunday readings. Also, please continue to use the online Family Prayer lessons under the Family Prayer tab on our website with your family at home over the summer hiatus.

Sunday School is for the whole family! Lessons are posted under the Family Prayer tab on our website for your family to meditate upon during the week. There are printable lessons with related artwork as well as recordings by Pastor Bender to help guide the study. The lesson this week is *The Kingdom Parables — Matthew 13:44-52*.

Educating a New Generation of Lutherans ... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent show topics include: Pope Leo’s Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence, The Lord’s Prayer in Lutheran Worship, A Lutheran View of the Scholastics, The Population Bust and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Regular office hours resume on Monday, August 3. Beginning that date, the office will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Road Closure Today, July 26. Main St. will be closed in Lannon between Custer Ave. (at the BP Station) and Lannon Rd. The closure will be 5:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thanks to all who helped with labeling library books this month!
We appreciate all the time you committed to the project. This has been a huge step toward getting our electronic check out system set up.

Library books may not be checked out until school begins as we review the catalog and make sure everything is in order before the first day of the school year. Children may continue to read books in the library, but please do not remove them from the school. They should be placed on the return cart after reading. Thank you!

Travel to Germany/Lutherland, Austria, and Prague!

Pastor Aaron Koch (Mt. Zion Lutheran, Greenfield) is leading this two-week trip in June of 2027 that will include wonderful music, beautiful historic sites, and Sunday worship both at our sister congregation in Prague and at Trinity Steglitz in Berlin. Listen to a Bach Motet in Leipzig, attend a concert at the Mirabell Palace in Salzburg, see the Alps from the Eagle’s Nest (Kehlsteinhaus), visit the Terezin Concentration Camp, and of course, see all of the Martin Luther sites. We will be staying in Wittenberg for three nights. There will be lots of fun and free time along the way. If you are interested, please see the brochure at the Scrip counter for all the details.

A Place of Refuge is looking for volunteers, either individual or teams/youth groups to help sort, fold, price and hang items in their resale store; work the cash registers; and box and pick up donations—especially large items with their trailer. If you are able to help, please contact A Place of Refuge at 414-464-9099 or graces@aplaceofrefuge.org.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 7/19/2026

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 8 (online)
Attendance: 228
Gross sales: \$2,850.00 Profit earned this week \$97.38
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$504.67
Profit paid to the Academy: \$0.00

If you would like to sign up on the RaiseRight app, please contact Julie Goltermann or the church office to get the enrollment code.

There will be no RaiseRight order placed on July 27. The next order will be placed on August 3.

\$100 Pick ‘n Save gift cards are currently unavailable, but extra \$50 Pick ‘n Save cards are stocked for cash & carry orders.

Sunday Order of Service
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026

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 **531**
“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor*

Antiphon *Psalm 105:1*
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on His name; *
make known His deeds among the | peoples!

Psalm *Psalm 105:2-6*

Sing to Him, sing prais- | es to Him; *
tell of all His | wondrous works!
Glory in His | holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD | and His strength; *
seek His presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | He has done, *
His miracles, and the judgments He | uttered,
O offspring of Abraham, His | servant, *
children of Jacob, His | chosen ones!
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 **Deuteronomy 7:6–9**
The Lord’s redeemed are His holy people, a special treasure.

Gradual *Sung by the congregation* *Romans 11:33,36*
Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God! *
How unsearchable are His judgments
and how inscrutable | His ways!
For from Him and through Him and to Him are | all things. *
To Him be glory forever. | Amen.

Epistle **Romans 8:28–39**
God works in all things for our good.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 13:44–52**
The Parables of the Treasure, the Pearl of Great Price, and the Dragnet

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **713**
“From God Can Nothing Move Me”

Common Proper Preface I
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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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
“Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit” **746**
“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” **619**
“Lord, ’Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee” **573**

Hymn to Depart **548**
“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”