

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Holly Schneider

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Anna Steinhilb
Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Tom Aidich

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 6 – 88 (7:45); 112 (10:30); 83 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, September 9 – 25

Thursday, September 10 – Chapel Matins – 34 Coffee Break – 43

Altar Flowers: Given in celebration of Jason and Cathy Petersen's Wedding anniversary.

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,530.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 125.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 25.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 6,680.00</u>

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER 2026:

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

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$102,252.76 (17%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

THEME: Forgiveness Seventy Times Seven

Peter's question, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" arose out of Jesus' teaching concerning the impenitent brother. Peter rightly understood that Jesus was instructing his disciples that they were called to forgive their fellow sinners. He also understood that the reason an erring brother is confronted is not to punish him or make sure he pays for his sins, but rather "to win" him back to repentance and true faith. In short, the only purpose in confronting the erring brother is to save him. But Peter, like all of us, reasons that there must surely be a limit to this forgiveness. "Shall I forgive him up to seven times?" "No," says Jesus, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." Jesus is really saying: "There is no limit to how often God's forgiveness is to be given to the repentant sinner." Forgiving sin is what God does. Jesus then tells the parable of the Unforgiving Servant to warn us all about the danger of refusing to forgive. To refuse to forgive is a denial of Christ and what is at the heart of the Christian faith: the forgiveness of sins as a gift of God's grace.

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 a.m.**
Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. — Pentecost 16 Propers
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Homeschool Catechesis at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 16**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 a.m.**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, Pastor Fabrizio will be preaching while Pastor Bender attends a Board for National Mission meeting.

No Coffee Break Bible Study this week. We will be back to every Thursday morning at 9:00 beginning next week on the 24th. Join us as we study the book of Acts.

The Lutheran Day School: Its Theological Foundation and Practice (part 2) A study of the Three Estates—Family, Church, and State will be the focus of our Sunday Bible Class on **September 20, 27 and October 4.**

Sunday Morning Bible Class: Didache and the Augsburg Confession, will run **October 11 through May.** This adult catechesis class will link together an in-depth study of *Lutheran Catechesis* with an in-depth study of the Augsburg Confession, the seminal confessional document of the evangelical Lutheran Church.

Every Adult! Prepare for Didache and the Augsburg Confession. Beginning on October 11, we will begin an extensive study in Bible Class of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. See the table in the narthex with sample copies of *Lutheran Catechesis*, *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, and *Lutheran Service Book*. These resources will be used throughout the year in Bible Class. We are able to offer these books at a discount, and prices are listed on the order sign-up sheet at the table. Join the congregation in studying the treasure of Lutheran Theology in Bible Class, and make these resources part of your home devotional life as well. **Please order by September 20 and pick up your books Oct 4.**

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions is also available online, in a mobile-friendly format for free at bookofconcord.cph.org.

Today is the first YOUTH GROUP of the new school year! We will meet after the 10:30 service. Pastor Bender will begin catechesis on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. For this first session of the year, please bring your own lunches. Cookies will be provided by Mrs. Smith.

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 Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus’ House—Luke 19:1-10 (7th Commandment)

NEWS AND NOTES

Senior Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays after the Divine Service. If you haven’t sung in the choir and have an interest, talk to Pastor Bender.

Thrivent Members: Changes have been made to Thrivent Choice Program, so if you have a Thrivent account, please log in to see if you have Choice dollars to direct—even if you haven’t in the past, you may now!

Congregational Assembly meets **Tomorrow, September 14** at 7:00 p.m. Agendas and financials are available in the Narthex.

Board of Elders meets this Tuesday, **September 15** at 6:00 p.m.
Board of Properties meets this Tuesday, **September 15** at 7:00 p.m.
Board of Education meets this Tuesday, **September 15** at 7:15 p.m.
Parish Council meets Tuesday, **September 22** at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 9/06/2026
Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 9 (online)
Attendance: 236
Gross sales: \$1,450.00 Profit earned this week \$45.90
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$1,247.77
Profit paid to the Academy: \$1,189.07

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

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

Sunday Order of Service
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026

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 **760**
“What God Ordains Is Always Good”

Introit *sung responsively with the pastor. The Gloria Patri is sung from Divine Service Setting 3.*

Antiphon *Psalm 143:1-2*

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to You for | refuge!

Psalm *Psalm 143:9*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with Your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore You.

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 **Genesis 50:15-21**
Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Gradual *sung by the congregation in unison.* *(Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.)*

Fear the LORD, | you His saints, *

for those who fear Him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous, *

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle **Romans 14:1-12**
We live our lives to and from the Lord Jesus.

Alleluia Verse *(Matt. 6:14)*
The congregation sings the triple Alleluia before and after the verse of the Day.
The pastor sings the appointed verse.

If you forgive men their | trespasses, *
your heavenly Father will also for- | give you.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 18:21-35**
The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **758**
“The Will of God Is Always Best”

Common Proper Preface II

It is truly meet, 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
“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee” **750**
“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above” **766**
Stanzas 6-9
“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” **623**

Hymn to Depart **747**
“No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone”