

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Holly Schneider

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

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Lance Carus

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Tom Aidich

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 13 – 111 (7:45); 104 (10:30); 86 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, September 16 – 23

Thursday, September 17 – Chapel Matins – 30

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 9,251.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 125.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 50.00
	<u>\$ 9,426.00</u>

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER 2026:

General funds received in September:	\$ 15,781.00
Capital Improvement funds received in September:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in September:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in September:	\$ 250.00
International Mission funds received in September:	\$ 25.00
Mercy funds received in September:	\$ 50.00
	<u>\$ 16,106.00</u>

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

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$113,133 (19%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

THEME: Salvation by Grace

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard teaches us that salvation is a free gift of God's grace and is dependent upon nothing in the person who is being saved. The workers in the parable are all paid the same wage regardless of how long they worked. This is the language of grace. To put the term "worker" and "wage" together in a discussion of salvation certainly sounds as if we are saved by our works. But when everyone is "paid" the same thing regardless of how long they worked it is clear that we are talking about something entirely different. Sinners are called to faith in Christ at every age of their lives. Where there is faith there is a busy and active life of love in good works toward the neighbor. The works do not save; they serve the neighbor and give testimony to the faith of the heart. In the end, all the workers are "paid the same wage" because salvation is of the Lord alone who redeemed each one of us by His blood. "It is lawful" for Jesus "to do what [He] wishes with His salvation."

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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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. — Lutheran Day School
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Homeschool Catechesis at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 17**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 a.m.**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Break Bible Study is every Thursday morning at 9:00. Join us in our study the book of Acts.

Beginning today in Bible Class: The Lutheran Day School: Its Theological Foundation and Practice (part 2) A study of the Three Estates—Family, Church, and State. We will continue the study during Sunday Bible Class over the next two weeks.

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 TODAY 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.

Sunday School begins today for children in preschool through 4th grade. The lessons your children begin learning on Sunday morning are posted under the Family Prayer tab on our website for your family to meditate upon during the rest of the week. There are lessons to print as well as recordings by Pastor Bender to help guide the study. The lesson this week is *Ahab Covets Naboth’s Vineyard—1 Kings 1-15*

Unanswered Bible Questions... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org; Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc; X: @IssuesEtc or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and with a favorite podcast provider.

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!

Parish Council meets Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 9/13/2026
Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 10 (online)
Attendance: 240
Gross sales: \$2,800.00 Profit earned this week \$639.85
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$1,887.62
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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 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 **726**
"Evening and Morning"
Choir sings stanza 2

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *Psalm 116:17*
I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanks- | giving*
and call on the name | of the LORD.

Psalm *Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16*
What shall I render | to the LORD*
for all His bene- | fits to me?
I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation*
and call on the name | of the LORD.
Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of His saints.
O LORD, I am Your | servant;*
I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant.
You have | loosed my bonds.

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 **Isaiah 55:6-9**
The Lord's Way of Grace

Choral Response *sung by the choir*

"Taste Here My Grace" by Benjamin Culli

As rebels, Lord, who foolishly have wandered
Far from Your love—unfed, unclean, unclothed—
Dare we recall Your wealth so rashly squandered,
Dare hope to glean that bounty which we loathed?

Still we return, our contrite words rehearsing,
Speech, that within Your warm embrace soon dies;
All of our guilt, our shame, our pain reversing
As tears of joy and welcome fill Your eyes.

A feast of love for us You are preparing;
We who were lost, You give an honored place!
"Come, eat; come, drink, and be no more despairing—
Here taste again the treasures of My grace."

Epistle **Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30**
Paul's suffering furthered the cause of the Gospel.

Alleluia Verse *(Ephesians 2:8)*
The congregation sings the triple Alleluia with the choir before and after the verse of the Day. The choir sings the appointed verse.

For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and that not | of yourselves; *
it is the | gift of God.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**
The Parable of the Laborers in the Vinyard

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **555**
"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

<i>St. 1 – All</i>	<i>St. 6 – Choir</i>
<i>St. 2 – All</i>	<i>St. 7 – Men</i>
<i>St. 3 – Choir</i>	<i>St. 8 – Women & Children</i>
<i>St. 4 – Men</i>	<i>St. 9 – All</i>
<i>St. 5 – Women & Children</i>	<i>St. 10 – All</i>

Farewell and Godspeed to Jake Aidich departing for military service
(10:30 service following the offertory)

Distribution Hymns
"Your Table I Approach" **628**
"Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion" **559**
"For Me to Live Is Jesus" **742**

Hymn to Depart **573**
"Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"