

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 11, 2022

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Beverly Baker, Robert Wulf, Mildred Peters

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 783 Blue 69 (Gray 54) 918

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

TODAY 11:30 a.m. Sunday School Kickoff Picnic in Island Park

Sept. 11 8:15 a.m. Worship at English

Sept. 11 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Begins

Sept. 11 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Sept. 13 NO 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Class

Sept. 13 NO 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Sept. 14 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Sept. 14 Noon Bible Study Class

Sept. 14 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

Sept. 14 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting

Sept. 17 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group

Sept. 18 9:00 a.m. Service Fair in Fellowship Hall

Sept. 25 11:30 a.m. Fish Boil

Sept. 28 1:00 p.m. LWML Fall Rally

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is hymn 783, *Take My Life and Let it Be*. In this hymn, we pray that our hands, our voices, our wills, and our treasures would be consecrated to God. All of us were created for a purpose, and while we may not know the specific details of that purpose, while we may often wonder, "What am I here for?" we do know the general outline of God's will for us. He made us to serve, to serve him in worship and to serve others in love. So we pray, "Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee."

A WORD: Our theme of the day is *God has a plan for you*. We see that theme in the story of Esther. A man named Haman is plotting to destroy the Jews, but before Haman had even conceived of his plan, God had chosen Esther to save his people. She was put into the world "for such a time as this." Psalm 138 is a prayer that strengthens us as we live out God's plan for us, "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life... The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever." While God has a plan for all of us, we don't always know the specifics of that plan. But we do know how we are to live generally for Jesus tells us in the Gospel reading that we are to keep his commands and love one another. That is God's will for every disciple.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jonah 4:1-11 1Timothy 2:1-4 Matthew 5:43-48

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The Lord, our Shepherd, cherishes each and every one of His sheep, so much so that if one goes missing, that one sheep becomes of singular importance. He has come to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Our Shepherd continues to seek out wandering and lost sheep—us and those for whom we pray—in order to bring them into the fold of His merciful forgiveness, won by His cross and eternal protection.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY September 11 from 9am-10am. Ages 3 (potty trained or with parent) through 12th grade are welcome to attend. We will have our Rally Sunday Picnic at the Swimming Pool park following the church service. Anyone who would like to help out with Sunday School, as a teacher or helper, please contact Keri Davis @ 712-348-2308.

PEACE QUILTERS will meet September 14 and 21 from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. with Pastors' Bible Study to follow at noon. There will not be quilting on September 28 because the LWML Fall Rally will be here at Peace that day starting at 1:00 p.m..

BLESSINGS JAR: The Third Sunday of every month the Blessings Jar will be on the table in the sanctuary. If you feel blessed by having another birthday, anniversary, child, grandchild, or anything you feel thankful and blessed for receiving, you can place a donation in the Blessings Jar. All proceeds will be used for missions.

SERVICE FAIR: It is an exciting time at Peace Lutheran Church as we resume Sunday School and Confirmation. We are also excited to welcome a new group of volunteers who will serve God and the church for the upcoming year. Please stop by the Service Fair in the fellowship hall next week and consider volunteering to serve with your gifts. After the Service Fair, we will be holding a training day for all volunteers following the service on October 2.

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE will meet Wednesday, September 14th at 3:30 p.m. Deanna Hrdlicka will have Devotions and Program and Viola McKenney will be the hostess.

CONFIRMATION: Our first confirmation meeting will be from 5:15-6:30 on Wednesday, September 14. This meeting will orient parents, children, and sponsors to the new confirmation program. Please plan on at least one parent attending with the child for this first meeting.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Sunday School department is collecting items for their Operation Christmas Child boxes. A list of items needed is located in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Davis at 712-348-2308.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to deliver Meals on Wheels September 26-30th and October 3-7th. If you are able to help, please contact Lois Baatz at 472-3076

ALTAR FLOWERS: Sept. 11-Kathleen Dieren, Sept. 18-Bev Doorenbos, Sept. 25-Diane Drenth.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect personal hygiene products for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 5: Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartze, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz **Next Sunday is Team 6:** Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 783: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 30:2–5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.
C Gracious Father, before we were born, You knew our days and our times for all things are within Your hands. Guide us in the way we should go that we might bring praise to Your name and reach our eternal goal; for You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 138

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 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.

SECOND READING

Esther 4:4–14

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

John 6:68

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

John 15:12–17

After the Reading

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

Blue Hymnal 61; Gray Hymnal 54

SERMON

OFFERTORY

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \dagger give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN 918: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

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