

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 18, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns Peace - Blue 95 709 Blue 61
English - 851 709 744

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

TODAY 9:00 A.M. SERVICE FAIR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sept. 18 8:15 a.m. Worship at English
Sept. 18 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
Sept. 18 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace
Sept. 20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Sept. 20 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English
Sept. 21 9:00 a.m. Quilting
Sept. 21 Noon Bible Study
Sept. 24 9:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Group
Sept. 25 11:30 a.m. Fish Boil
Sept. 28 1:00 p.m. LWML Fall Rally
Oct. 1 No Women's Prayer Group
Oct. 2 Training Day for Service Volunteers

HYMN OF THE DAY: The theme for this Sunday is *God invites us to mercy*. Our hymn of the day, *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*, helps us to picture the mercy of God. It is a mercy that finds the lost, frees the chained, ransoms the condemned. It is a mercy that extends to all people because Christ gave himself as a sacrifice for every person. It is a mercy that God invites us to receive, and a mercy that God invites us to share with others as his children.

A WORD: Our theme for this Sunday is *God invite us to mercy*. In Jonah 4, we find the prophet angry because God showed his mercy to the Ninevites when they repented. But through the story of the plant, God invites Jonah to enter his mercy. If Jonah feels pity for the plant (which is a little thing), how much more should God show pity for the Ninevites, a people whom he created and whom he loves? Likewise, our epistle lesson shows us how we are to share in God's mercy, by praying for all people, in the knowledge that Christ died as a ransom for every person.

Finally, Jesus reminds us in the Gospel lesson that God shows mercy both to the just and the unjust. Therefore, as children of the heavenly Father, our mercy is to be perfect, not withheld from those we hate, but offered to our friends and our enemies alike.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 8:26-30
Luke 6:17-36

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: So far have we fallen short of the glory of God that we return to the dust (Genesis 3:19). However, Christ has joined us in this fallen and dusty world by going to the cross, through which He has given us a new and exalted life. Paul shows us the fulfillment of the psalmist's words when he says, God "raised us up with [Christ] and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6).

CARD SHOWER: Bob Fick will celebrate his 85th birthday on September 22nd. If you wish to send him birthday greetings his address is 1479 County Highway 4, Luverne, MN 56156.

LWML FALL RALLY: The Fall Rally will be held here at Peace Lutheran on September 28th. The Board meeting will begin at 12:00 noon, Registration from 12:30-1:00 p.m., Opening devotions at 1:00 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Pastor Pedro Lopez, IDW Hispanic Outreach Ministries. Ingathering items will be canned foods, rice and pasta, pinto beans and cleaning supplies.

PEACE QUILTERS will meet September 21st 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 at 1:00 p.m.

BLESSINGS JAR: TODAY 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.

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. 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 6: Steve Janssen, Aaron Janssen, Jesse Janssen, Arnold Vogel, Robert McKenney, Gary Dieren, Adam Vogel **Next Sunday is Team 1:** Keith Lambert, Keith Berg, Bob Iwen, Lucas Larson, Devin Olson, Justin Olson

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN: WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL, SAVIOR

Blue Hymnal 95

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 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.
Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.

You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

My zeal consumes me,
because my foes forget your words.

Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

Your righteousness is righteous forever,
and your law is true.

**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.**

Your testimonies are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 4

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.

EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1–4

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

Matthew 5:43–48

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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 † everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 709: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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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.

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 † give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN: AMAZING GRACE, MY CHAINS ARE GONE

Blue Hymnal 61

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