



September 20th – Pentecost 17

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Peace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

About the Picture: In the Gospel lesson, Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard owner who looks for workers.

Offering: The offering is collected as you enter into the sanctuary, in an offering plate located on a small table. Guests and visitors do not need to feel obligated to make an offering, though you are welcome to do so.

[Online Offering Portal](#)

Service of Word and Prayer

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Hymn: 581 – Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you;
that, I know, could never be,
for this heart would still refuse you
had your grace not chosen me.
You removed the sin that stained me,
cleansing me to be your own;
for this purpose you ordained me,
that I live for you alone.

2 It was grace in Christ that called me,
taught my darkened heart and mind;
else the world had yet enthralled me,
to your heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above you;
for your grace alone I thirst,
knowing well that, if I love you,
you, O Father, loved me first.

3 Praise the God of all creation,
praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,
Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation,
him by whom our spirits live.

Undivided adoration
to the great Jehovah give.

Stand

Pastor: I rejoiced with those who said to me,

Congregation: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever
praising you.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

to all who call on him in truth.

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,

that I may follow it to the end.

Your word is a lamp for my feet,

a light on my path.

Faith comes from hearing the message,

and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Peace Lutheran School 4K-2 – Sing and Celebrate

First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

¹But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴But the Lord replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah

was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Peace Lutheran School 4K-8th – Shout for Joy

Second Reading: Romans 9:6–16

⁶It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹For this

was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁰Not only that, but Rebekah’s children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God’s purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses,
“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

¹⁶It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Stand

Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷“ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 575 – By Grace I'm Saved

The offering is brought to the altar during the final verse. Our online [giving portal can be found here.](#)

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
my soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No; then this word must true remain:
by grace you too shall heav'n obtain.

2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
that Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
that brought him from his heav'nly throne.

3 By grace! O mark this word of promise
when you are by your sins oppressed,
when Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
and when your heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend
God by his grace to you will send.

4 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
in tribulation's furnace tried,
by grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
the Father's heart is open wide.

Where could I help and strength secure,
if grace were not my anchor sure?

5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
in Jesus' promise I rejoice;
for though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown,
since I am saved by grace alone.

Sermon: Jonah 3

Peace Lutheran School 3-8th – Battle Belongs

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn 576 – Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace— how sweet the sound—
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

2 The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Stand

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Be seated

Hymn: 584 – Jesus Loves Me

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died
heaven's gates to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

"Service of Word and Prayer" and all hymn lyrics

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Thank you to Donna Wastrack for playing the organ, Mike & Jill Blank, Tyler Stocker, and Steve Jacobs for ushering, and Gary Ziesemer for running tech this morning.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

**Today, September 20: Bible Study & Sunday School,
Worship with PLS singing, Fellowship
Acolyte: Liam Dibelius**

Monday, September 21: Griefshare

**Tuesday, September 22: 125th Anniversary Committee
Meeting, 6 pm**

**Wednesday, September 23: Bible Study, 10 am
Catechism, 5 pm
Choir, 6:30 pm
Chime Choir, follows**

Friday, September 25: Men's Ministry, 6 pm

**Saturday, September 26: Harvest Fest – Sink the Mini-
Bismarck volunteers needed 10 am-3 pm**

Sunday, September 27: Bible Study & Sunday School,

**Worship w/ Communion, Adult & Chime Choirs, and
LWMS Door Offering, Fellowship, Council
*Acolyte: Jackson Stocker***

COMING UP:

October 15: Women's Bible Study

October 17: LWMS Fall Rally

October 25: Trunk or Treat

November 1: 125th Anniversary Festival Worship

September Birthdays! Happy birthday to our

September members: Bonnie Kummerow, Pat Himebaugh, Phil Priebe, Allie Henke, Maria Waters, Jaycee Henke, Drew Stepleton, Adam Henke, Irene Dzbinski, Lorelei Markel, and Tyler Stocker.

Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com.

Noisy Offering last week

Last week's Noisy Offering brought in \$200! Donations will go towards the LWMS Fall Rally Service Project: A new Home Mission in Lodi, WI - Zion Lutheran - which is a daughter congregation of Zion Lutheran in Leeds. Future donations will support the Kids c.a.r.e project, a possible Mission Sunday presentation, our Befriend A Mission families and the like.

LWMS Door Collection

Our first LWMS Door Collection will be taken on September 27th. Additional contributions can be made through Lisa Utecht if you will not be in church on the 27th.

The LWMS will be supporting the following Home and World Missions this year:

Home Mission: Portable Worship Resources - for new missions that do not meet in a permanent structure like a storefront, school or rented facility.

World Mission: Asia-Oceania - serving 20 different countries in Asia and Oceania, donations will support new mission opportunities, partnership with existing synods and training current and future leaders.

A portion of the funds will also go to support the 100 Missions in 10 Years project.

LWMS Fall Rally

The LWMS Fall Rally will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at St. John's in Pardeeville. The theme is "Follow Me...Casting Our Nets Around the World" based on Matthew 4:19 - *"Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"* The guest speaker is Pastor Joseph Fricke from the Home Mission Board. He will speak about the new mission in Lodi as well as other home missions in the Western District.

All confirmed women are invited. It's a wonderful way to see how LWMS works at the individual and circuit level to support our WELS missions and missionary families. Registration begins at 9:15. A light lunch is served and the rally concludes by 2:30. Carpooling is available. See Lisa Utecht with questions.

Harvest Fest Volunteers

Sign up in the fellowship hall to help with Mini-Sink the Bismarck. The Outreach committee has decided not to participate in the parade this year as many of our usual walkers will be at a soccer tournament.

Got Bulletin Announcements?

OFFERINGS 9-13-26

Towards Budgeted Expenses

General Fund \$6,447.00

Back to School Env. \$50.00

Tuition \$5,700

Plate Offerings \$77.00

Total \$12,274.00

Our weekly offering need is \$10,492

Church Special Funds

Blacktop Fund \$50.00

Furnace Fund \$25.00

Roof Fund \$250.00

Wis. Lutheran Child & Family \$150.00

WLA- Forward in Trust/Faith/Building \$645.00

Church Needy Families \$135.00

Worker Training Support Fund \$50.00

Total \$1,305.00

School Special Funds

School Misc. Fund \$75.00

School Misc. Fund Flooring \$100.00

Total \$175.00

In Memory of Barb Manausa

To: Back To School

From: Joel & Georgia Schultz

In Memory of Jeffery May

To: School Misc. Fund

From: Steve & Lisa Utecht

In Memory of Merlyn Krueger

To: School Misc. Fund

From: Gordy & Cheri Smith