

# NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY AND CHURCH EDUCATION YEAR KICK-OFF!

*Welcome,  
always come  
as you are.*

## *It's a Neighborhood Block Party*

soft serve ice cream, bounce house and yard games. Meet neighbors living in our neighborhood, enjoy the food, fun for the kids and adults too! 4:30-7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share if you are able. This is meant for all ages. The bus will run. Watch for your postcard in the mail.

## **Engaging Your Community,**

a workshop put on by the LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission and the Nebraska

District for our circuit and those surrounding us, will be hosted by Peace Lutheran on Saturday, October 6, 2018, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All members are invited to attend free of charge since we are hosting the event, but you MUST pre-register in the church office by Friday, September 28. If you do not, it will cost you \$25 at the door. Helpers to set up, serve the lunch meal, and clean-up will be needed. Please be sure to pre-register if you are a helper. Donations of coffee cake and cookies will be needed. We have LCEF grant money to provide the noon lunch.

Contact Joan Primrose at 402-463-9752 for more information.

LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission



**ENGAGING YOUR  
COMMUNITY EVENTS**



**Join Us for Wednesday Family Night  
At Peace Lutheran Church  
906 N. California Starting  
Wednesday, September 12**

**“Train up a child in the way he should go; even  
when he is old he will not depart from it.”  
Proverbs 22:6**



<b>5:30– 6 pm</b>	<b>Delicious Meal</b>
<b>6-7 pm</b>	<b>Classes (Pre-K-Adult), Choir Practice</b>
<b>7 :00 pm</b>	<b>Church Service</b>
<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>High School Youth Group</b>





## Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:8-16

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>9</sup>"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son." <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, "The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

## Epistle: Galatians 5:25-6:10

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. <sup>27</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>28</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>29</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>30</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>31</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>32</sup>One who is taught the

word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>34</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>35</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>36</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. <sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

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- The Gentiles (that is, pagans) know nothing of God and see nothing beyond creation as the supplier of their needs. The pagans take confidence in their accumulation of wealth as proof that they will have the things they need. Because they trust in their wealth to provide for them, their god is Mammon. Their hearts are turned toward their possessions, which is what Jesus warns His followers not to do.

<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

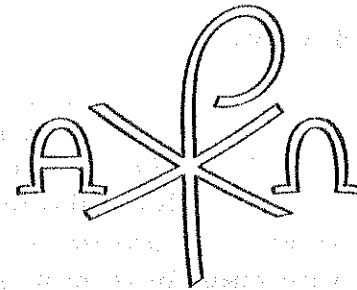
- Because Jesus treats the kingdom of God in contrast with earthly things and wealth, it must be said that the kingdom of God does not consist of the things of this world.
- Christ's disciples are to seek His kingdom as of first importance, and the little earthly things of this life will come in due season.

<sup>34</sup> "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

- Because the world is full of evil, every day brings its own evil to the children of God. We are not to worry about the future. Rather, we take what each day has to give us, trusting that the Lord will help us through and preserve us both now and in the future.
- Your Heavenly Father, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, will provide for you, His own dear child. Not only will He provide the little things we need for each day, but He provides us with our righteousness through faith in Christ.



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## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Daniel Hinton

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### Collect of the Day:

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Introit:

Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16 (antiphon:  
Psalm 86:1a, 2b, 3) — Save Your servant,  
who trusts in You

### Psalm:

146 (antiphon: v. 9a) — Praise the LORD, O  
my soul!

### Old Testament Reading:

1 Kings 17:8-16 — *Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath*

### Gradual:

Psalm 118:8-9 — *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man*

### Epistle:

Galatians 5:25-6:10 — *Christians bear each other's burdens*

### Verse:

Psalm 95:1 — *Alleluia. Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Alleluia.*

## MATTHEW 6:24-34 ESV

### Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused St. Matthew Levi the Apostle and Evangelist to write this gospel around AD 50. This is a portion of Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount. Not long before this passage begins, Jesus says, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21) Jesus continues this teaching with the passage that follows.

<sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

- The Lord makes it clear in the First Commandment that He permits nothing and no one to be served as a god alongside Him. It is a general truth that servants cannot serve two masters; Jesus is speaking here of serving God and mammon, or money, Note well that He is not condemning the possession of wealth, but instead He condemns the love of it.

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

- Jesus is not giving generic self-help advice like one might find on daytime television. Instead, He is teaching that anxiety about the daily necessities of life is more than self-destructive; it is in fact a denial that God provides such things for us. Thus the source of this kind of anxiety is a lack of trust in God.

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

- Compared to man, birds do very little. They do not work ahead for coming hardship, and yet God sees fit to provide even for these! Jesus wants the disciples to consider how the birds have all they need and see in their little example that it is God who cares for them.
- Moving from the simple birds to the complex lives of humanity, Jesus reminds His disciples and us how God cares for man as well as the birds.

<sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

- Despite claims to the contrary, our positive thoughts carry no ability to bless ourselves.

<sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

- The flowers do not work in order to be clothed with their glorious petals. Instead, God cares for them and gives them their glory. Solomon was known, among other things, for the splendor of his clothing and for the luxury provided by his immense wealth. And yet, the flowers which are clothed by God are far more beautiful than Solomon and his robes.

<sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

- As impressive as the lilies may be, they are more or less weeds with very little value. However, the Lord clothes them. The contrast with the lilies is the children of God, whose value is infinite and who are cared for so richly by God and yet worry about whether they will have what they need.

## News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class from 9:30am-10:15am! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL and WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** resumes this week! May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, that we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 9/11 Jeffery Ellis, Matthias Mackay 9/13 Hunter Fowler, Jaden Lacy, Vicci Willmon 9/14 Jared Blackwell, Carol Garlock 9/15 Andre Reiners, Jeri Dush

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/10 Andrea Melendez 9/11 Gwen Shuler, Jeremy Shuler, Kari Wolfe, Lillian Shuler, Kira Zuehlke 9/15 Gloria Kroger

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 9/12 Dick & Kathy LeBeau

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER** available in the Narthex August 12-September 22, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER** to support the work of the South Central Nebraska **RIGHT TO LIFE!** Help us support the cost of the two Respect Life Billboards in Hastings, as well as our Pink & Blue Baby Flag displays at local churches. **DATE:** Sunday, September 16, 2018 **TIME:** Serving from 8 - 11:00 am **COST:** Free Will Donation **LOCATION:** St. Michael's Catholic Church Theisen Hall 715 Creighton Ave, Hastings, NE

**HEARTLAND LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL:** Wednesday, Sept. 19th Blood Drive for the Red Cross, ph. 308-385-3900. Golf Scramble Sept. 30th, see posters for details in Narthex. Oct. 7th HLHS Craft Fair contact school office to donate items.

**LIFE CHAIN :** A peaceful, prayerful, gathering to remind the community and its leaders that we care about the plight of the preborn children slaughtered daily though abortion. Sunday Oct. 7th at 2-3:00p along Burlington Ave. and also 2nd Street in Hastings. Please line up by 1:45p

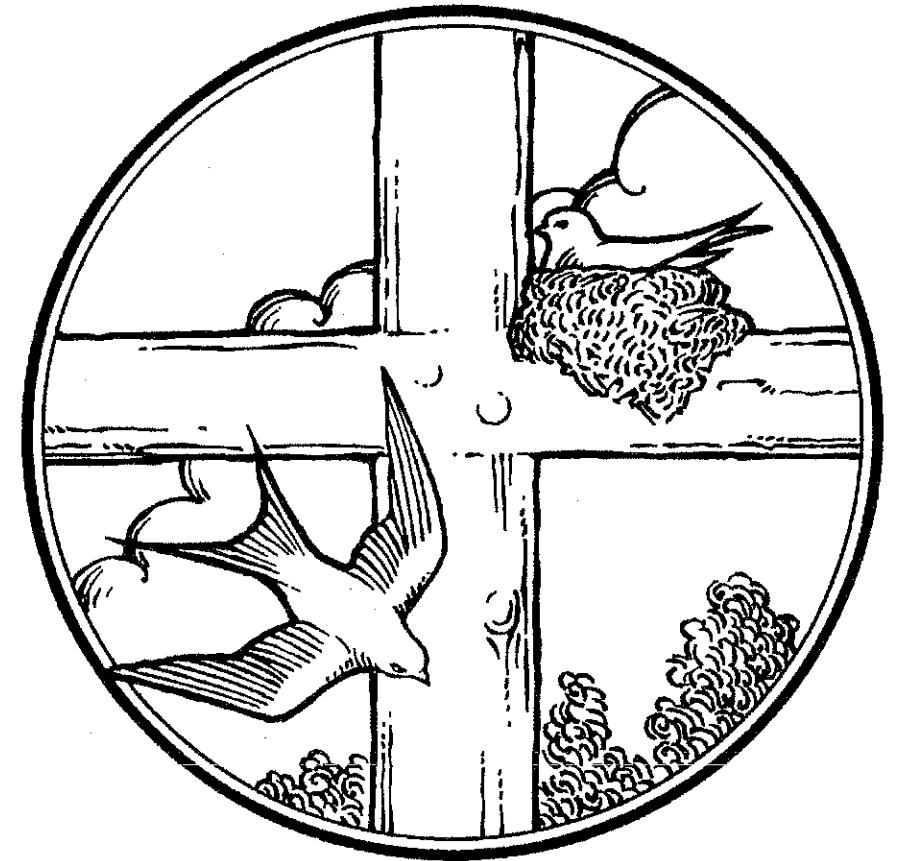
**LIFEQUOTE** "The culture of life respects human life at all its stages, recognizing that those who have lived long and well have much to offer those who are just beginning their journeys on this earth. Not only should the young respect the aging, but the elderly should also respect themselves with the honor God says is due them. If Grandpa is too weak to work, he is not too weak to pray. Let us cherish our parents and grandparents as they intercede on our behalf and pass down to their children's children the wisdom of the Lord." *Ryan C. MacPherson, Professor at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity 15)**

**Matthew 6:24** - "... You cannot serve God and money." In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the first and last word about our stewardship - well, you have to go back a few verses to verse 21 to get the whole thing: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Read Matthew 5:19-34 again this week at home and consider your generosity to the Lord's work in light of what Jesus says.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 9th  
8:00am & 10:30am



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## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift.** . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor or an Elder know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

**Mourning** + Family of Harlan Wherley + Family of LeRoy Thom + Family of Ward Fitzke + Family of Jan Callan + Family of Dan Warrings + Family of Mark Zimmerman **Expecting** + Sara Armon + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzel + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Tammy Rodriguez + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Carol Smith + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Barbara Classan + Brenda Christensen + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay  
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
 Altar Guild: Sept: Laurie S., Tonda W. Oct. Shannon B., Jeanne Buck  
 Ushers: 8:00am Craig W., Malachi, Matthias, Micah M. 10:30am Walt I., Mike N.  
 Elders: 9/09 Roger B. 308-390-3484 9/16 Wes C. 402-984-4650  
 Bus Drivers: 9/09 Wes C. 402-984-4650 9/16 Harold H. 402-984-9666

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday's Attendance</u>	93	<u>Year to Date Avg Attendance</u>	148
<u>Last Sunday's Offering</u>	\$ 2,937.00	<u>Jan-July Income</u>	\$ 93,583.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-July Expense</u>	\$ 116,438.00

OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Loan Balance as of July, 2018 \$ 194,213.00

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com*

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, September 9th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service
	4:30pm	Neighborhood Block Party Cook-out
Monday, September 10th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, September 11th	9:30am	Bible Study 6:00pm Finance Board
	7:00pm	Trustees & Elders Meetings
Wednesday, September 12th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study & Lunch 11:30am
	5:30pm	Mcal 6:00pm Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship 7:30pm High School Youth
Thursday, September 13th	9:00am-1:30pm	Hastings Circuit Pastors' Meeting
Saturday, September 15th	9am-3:00pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday, September 16th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30am	Divine Service

*Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com*

## The Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

"You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24-34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God— that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8-16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25-6:10).



## DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
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Gloria in Excelsis	
Salutation & Collect	
Old Testament Reading	
Epistle Reading	
Alleluia & Verse	
Gospel Reading	
Nicene Creed	
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The Words of our Lord	
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<b>Announcements</b>	
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*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee & Goodies before Bible Class and Sunday School begin!*