

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 an Elder.

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 an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

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 Tessa Sadd **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Beverly Saathoff + Rick Ressel + Kay Krueger + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Victor Gaunt + Mary Ann Ressel + Patty Whitten + Jenny Brogan + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Maria Gomez + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U.S. Navy Retired
Organist: Caleb Staehr Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
Altar Guild: Jul. Brenda Christensen Aug. Diane Gundlach, Dianne Stutheit
Ushers: Jul. Wes Christensen Aug. Walt Imer
Elders: 7/07 Dale G. 308-641-6658 7/14 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472
Bus Drivers: 7/07 Wes C. 402-984-4650 7/14 Gary O. 402-469-9797

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	115
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 3,583.38
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,498.11
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign</u>	<i>Remaining Loan Balance as of 5/31/2019</i> \$ 107,622

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter.

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

The Lord's Week

Sunday, July 7th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class
Monday, July 8th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	4:00pm	L.W.M.L. Executive Board Meeting
	7:30am	Church Council
Tuesday, July 9th	9:30am	Bible Study
	6:00pm	Board-Finance
Wednesday, July 10th	11:00am	Sr. Bible Study/Lunch Village Diner
	6:00pm	Board-Elders
Sunday, July 14th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class

Office Hours: 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays/errands. Secretary Mrs. Jeri Dush, ph. 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranastings@gmail.com

Jesus Receives Sinners

"This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20). *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you"* (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting Four

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

Hymn #915

Confession & Absolution p. 203

Service of the Word

Introit *insert*

Kyrie & Gloria In Excelsis

Salutation and Collect

Old Testament Reading

Gradual

Epistle Reading

Alleluia & Verse

Holy Gospel

Apostles' Creed p. 207

Hymn of the Day #608

Sermon Luke 15: 11-32

"The Father's Love For You"

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament p.208

Preface & Sanctus

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

Distribution & Hymns

#628 #611 #594 #700

Nunc Dimittis & Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

Hymn #922

Postlude

News and Notes of Interest

Please use new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

Divine Service: Sunday, Divine Service 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 7/10 Emma Reutzler 7/11 Drake LeBeau

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 7/11 Neil Merkel

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: No Listings for this week

VOLUNTEERS YOU ARE NEEDED! Creative and artistic volunteers are needed to create props for VBS. Please contact Joan Primrose at 402-469-6335 to help.

TRUSTEES: Wanted: a 2nd refrigerator for Pastor's family to put downstairs. Glen Krueger

L.W.M.L. *Collecting items for School Kits* in July & August
Thanks for Your Support! Nadeen Debban

L.W.M.L. Monday, July 15 at 6:30p Annual Salad Supper & Quarterly Meeting Please bring a salad to share! Ronda Johnson

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: Saturday, August 3, 2019

Time: VBS 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ages: 3 years through 6th grade Registration Forms: available on the church website www.peacelutheranhastings.org, or Narthex table or Church Office at 402-462-9023. Board of Education

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL

will soon become Zion Classical Academy - Est. by Zion Lutheran Church! What is a Classical Christian Education? Zion invites you to come and learn more about the major and exciting changes taking place at our school. Please join us for our "Rally in the Park" at the Chautauqua Pavilion in Hastings on Sunday, July 21st at 12:00 Noon. Our Guest - Lincoln musician, Paul Siebert. Paul will present his "Echoes of an Era" Make plans now to attend!

Sara Nielsen, Principal

LIFEQUOTE "Father, You are the Author of life, and we thank You for the gift that it is. Forgive us when we devalue it in any way. Heal our land from the scourge of legalized abortion and turn our hearts back to profound respect for all life. In Jesus's name. Amen." *Duane Matz, former lay pastor with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) and Christian radio announcer - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Discipleship, The Book of Matthew, Christian Questions with Their Answers from "Luther's Small Catechism," The Sanctus and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS Trinity 3

Luke 15:10 - "Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Why does Jesus eat with sinners? Certainly not so that they will remain stuck in their sins. Jesus meets sinners where they are so they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

Third Sunday after Trinity

July 7th
9:00am



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REGISTRATION FORM

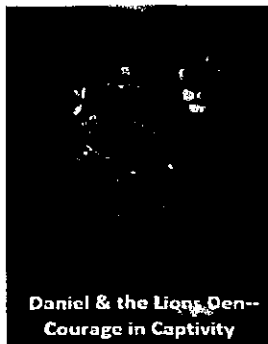
August 3, 2019 one-day

9:00am-5:00pm

For Ages 3 years - entering 6th Grade

Please return completed forms to the Church Office:

Peace Lutheran Church (402) 462-9023
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Child's Name	Age / Date of Birth	Grade in Fall 2019

Allergies or Medical Conditions

Church Affiliation and/or Membership

Friend or Relative of: *(if non-member at Peace)*

Parents' Names *(or those authorized to pick up children)*

Address

City, State Zip

Home Phone / Cell Phone

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #



I would like to volunteer. Please mark where:

- Where needed most Crafts
 Recess & games Bible/storytelling
 Home Room Leader Kitchen/snacks
 Bible Challenge activity station

Third Sunday after Trinity

7 July 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT (Ps. 25:1-2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:16, 18)



Turn to me and be gra- / cious to me,
for I am lonely and af- / flicted.*

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.**

*To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**You are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.*

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

***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.***

Turn to me and be gra- / cious to me,
for I am lonely and af- / flicted.*

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL (Ps. 55:22a, 16, 18a)

***Cast your burden | on the LORD,*
and he will sus- | tain you.***

***I call to God, and the LORD will | save me.*
He redeems my soul in | safety.***

Old Testament:

Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Epistle: 1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁷Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁸Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ⁹And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹⁰To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

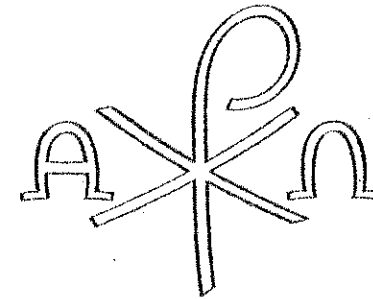
²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

- The second parable tells of a similar search for what is lost and the joy that comes with it. There is, however, a slight variation in the conclusion. Here, Jesus does not include anything about sinners who do not need repentance. We can see from this that the sorrow of those who remain in their sin will not be known to those in heaven, nor does Christ know these sinners who refuse to come to Him (see Matthew 7:21-23 and Matthew 25:12).
- The image of the lost coin, like the image of the lost sheep above, calls all men to repentance. Just like a coin bears the image of the ruler of the land, so also Adam and Eve were minted with the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). At the fall into sin, however, we lost the image of God. But out of His great love for us, God sought us out to restore us. In Holy Baptism, we put on Christ (Galatians 3:27), and the image of God is restored to us (see Ephesians 4:23-24 and Colossians 3:9-10). The old sinful nature is drowned, and a new man arises to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.



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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Jordan McKinley

Collect of the Day:

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Introit:

Psalm 25:1-2a, 5b, 15, 20 (antiphon: Psalm 25:16, 18) – *Turn to me and be gracious to me*

Psalm:

Psalm 103:1-13 (antiphon: v. 8) – *Bless the LORD, O my soul*

Old Testament Reading:

Micah 7:18-20 – *God's Steadfast Love and Compassion*

Gradual:

Psalm 55:22a, 16, 18a – *Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you*

Epistle:

Ephesians 2:13-22 – *Christ Jesus came to save sinners*

Verse:

Psalm 18:1-2a – *Alleluia. I love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. Alleluia.*

Luke 15:1–10 ESV

Author and Date:

Luke the Evangelist around AD 55-60. Luke 15 contains three parables, the chief of which is the Parable of the Prodigal Son (vv. 11-32). This teaching takes place during the period of Jesus' travel toward Jerusalem and the cross (see Luke 9:51).

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

- This is the context into which Jesus tells the three parables of Luke 15. The theme connecting these parables is central to the person and work of Christ, who came to seek and save the lost (Luke 5:31, 19:10; Matthew 20:28). The attitude of the Pharisees and scribes demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of the Messiah.
- ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?"
- This is similar to Jesus' argument for healing on the Sabbath that goes from lesser to greater (Luke 14:1-6). Jesus says there, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" If you would do that on a Sabbath, even if it would be considered "work" by the standard of the Law, why wouldn't you heal someone on the Sabbath?
 - In fact, this is the true meaning and purpose of the Sabbath. God had set aside a day for His people to hear His Word of forgiveness and life, healing the sin that was the cause of their ailments. For us, the Sabbath is no longer linked to the seventh day but is the day when the Word of God is preached and the Sacraments are given. Jesus is our Sabbath (see Hebrews 3:7-4:10) who gives us rest from all our labors (Matthew 10:28-30).
 - The image of the lost sheep recalls Isaiah's prophecy (53:6) about the work of Christ when he says of man, "All we like sheep have

gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." We are lost sheep in need of rescue from death and hell because of our sin. Even as the shepherd lays the sheep on his shoulders, so also are our sins laid upon Christ.

- ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- The contrast between the Pharisees and the rejoicing seen here cannot be any clearer. The Pharisees grumbled at the tax collectors and sinners (v. 2), but the parable describes great joy at the finding of the lost sheep.
 - With the words, "Just so, I tell you," Jesus ends the parable and comments on it. From this we can draw that Jesus, the holy angels, and the Church rejoice at the salvation of the sinner who repents. The author of Hebrews says that Jesus "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." If Jesus is the head of the Church, then it follows that the body also rejoices (see 1 Corinthians 12:26).
 - But who are the righteous persons who need no repentance? When Jesus begins His ministry, His first sermon is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Martin Luther's first of the 95 theses, commented on this verse, saying, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." This is a devastating jab at the Pharisees, who regarded themselves as righteous, based on their reading of the Law. They thought that by their keeping of the moral and ceremonial laws, God would regard them as righteous. But, as St. Paul teaches in Romans 7:7-12, the Law demands more of us than we can render.