

## 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 Linda Mewes + 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: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
 Altar Guild: Jul. Brenda Christensen Aug. Diane Gundlach, Dianne Stutheit  
 Ushers: Jul. Wes Christensen Aug. Walt Irmner  
 Elders: 7/14 Ernesto A. 402-705-3472 7/21 Don N. 402-460-6430  
 Bus Drivers: 7/14 Gary O. 402-469-9797 7/21 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>	114
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 2,544.00
<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 14th	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Bible Class
Monday, July 15th	6:30am	L.W.M.L. Salad Supper, Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, July 16th	9:30am	Bible Study
	7:00pm	Board-Trustees
Saturday, July 20th	11-5:00pm	Reserved-Fellowship Hall Bridal Shower
Sunday, July 21st	9:00am	Divine Service
	10:30am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

*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 peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com*

## Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

*"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful"* (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay"* (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).



**DIVINE SERVICE**  
Setting Four

Prelude & Ringing of Bells	
Hymn	#500
<u>Confession &amp; Absolution</u>	p. 203
<u>Service of the Word</u>	
Introit	<i>insert</i>
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	#696
Sermon	Luke 6:36-42
Prayer of the Church	
Offering	
<u>Service of the Sacrament</u>	p.208
Preface & Sanctus	
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The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei	
Distribution & Hymns	#629 #732 #725 #861
Nunc Dimittis & Collect	
Benedicamus and Benediction	
Hymn	#923
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:** 7/19 Brint Christensen, Diane Gundlach, Aletha Jacobitz 7/20 Donna Bond

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 7/14 Hilary Ham 7/15 Kendall Russ, Carolyn Fredricks 7/17 Summer Nunnenkamp 7/18 Delores Merkel

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 7/19 Dale & Anna Ellis, Whitney & Kayla Reutzel 7/20 Dr. Phil & Becky Hesterman

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS of PRAYER** available in the Narthex, copies run July 21-August 31, 2019. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

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

**L.W.M.L.** Ladies of Peace we invite you to our Annual Salad Supper & Quarterly Meeting. Please bring a Salad to share if able. Christian Fellowship with a Program. Monday, July 15th at 6:30pm. The Bus will be available, please call the Church Office if you need a ride. Ronda Johnson

**ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL** will soon become Zion Classical Academy! 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Our Guest - Lincoln musician, Paul Siebert will present his "Echoes of an Era" Make plans now to attend! Sara Nielsen, Principal

**LIFEQUOTE** "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you," says God. Each life, before even coming into existence, God has cast His gaze upon, delighting in having us hear His voice and that we would be led home to Him." *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

**EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...** 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 teachings include: Marriage Equality, The Spirituality of Presidential Candidate Marianne Williamson, The Resurrection & Ascension of Jesus, Psalm 82, Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed and more. You can listen live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**LCMS Trinity 4**

**Romans 8:18 - "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."** It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed," we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

July 14th  
9:00am



## Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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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 #



**Peace Lutheran Church**

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

# Fourth Sunday after Trinity

14 July 2019 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1-2*)



*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\**

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?*

**When evildoers assail me to eat | up my flesh,\***

**my adversaries and foes, it is they who stum- | ble and fall.**

*Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;\**

*though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.*

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\***

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life.**

*For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\**

*he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high  
up- | on a rock.*

***Glorify 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.***

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered  
by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all  
godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

GRADUAL (*Ps. 79:9-10a*)

***Atone for our sins, for your | name's sake!\****

***Why should the nations say, "Where | is their God?"***

***Help us, O God of our sal- | vation,\****

***for the glory of your name de- | liver us.***

## Old Testament:

### Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, 'Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

### Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the

freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 6:36-42

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." <sup>39</sup>He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye."

<sup>40</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

- “Here Christ relates this figure of speech to us, lest we be displeased or hurt when we must suffer something in the world for His sake and together with Him. He wants to say: “I am your Master; you are My servants. Why do you want a better fate than Mine?” It is incongruous for the Head to wear a crown of thorns and the members to sit on a velvet cushion. Thus Christ also declares in Luke 6:40: ‘A disciple is not above his master; but everyone, when he is fully taught, will be like his teacher.’ This is both right and proper, and he who experiences both good and bad in his master’s company is a true and faithful servant.” (*Luther’s Works* 24:278)

<sup>41</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

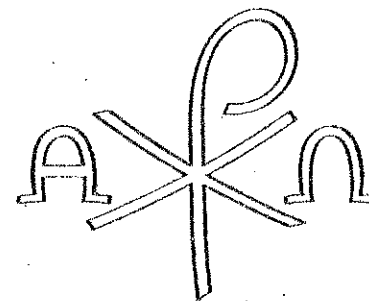
- The word translated “notice” means to consider diligently in order to learn.
- It’s not that the brother’s eye is ignored, rather just the opposite: one’s own eye is ignored. The neighbor’s sin is a call to repent.

<sup>42</sup> How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

- Hypocrite — refers to one who would seek his salvation in legalism. The hypocrite is the one who would presume to lead blind men when he himself is also blind.
- The word “hypocrite” is used two other times in Luke: of the crowd who did not know how to interpret the present time (12:1) and of the synagogue ruler regarding the Sabbath (13:15).



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

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### Collect of the Day:

O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Introit:

Psalm 27:3-4a (antiphon: Psalm 27:1-2) — *The LORD is my light and salvation*

### Psalm:

Psalm 138 (antiphon: v. 8b) — *Give thanks to the LORD*

### Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 50:15-21 — *God’s good purposes*

### Gradual:

Psalm 79:9-10a — *Atonement for our sins, for your name’s sake*

### Epistle:

Romans 8:18-23 — *Future glory*

### Verse:

Psalm 9:4b, 9 — *Alleluia. You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Alleluia.*

## Luke 6:36-42 ESV

### Author and Date:

Luke around AD 55-60. This teaching is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain (6:17-49).

<sup>36</sup> **"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.**

- The word translated "merciful" stresses the sympathy and pity shown to the unfortunate and needy (a major focus in Luke's Gospel). It is used only here and in James 5:11 — "Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful."
- As children of the heavenly Father, one imitates the Father's mercy. This is all expressed in the name "Christian".
- Cf., "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)
- "The Lord God does not need our services; they make Him neither greater nor smaller. However, He has placed our neighbor beside us as a test; He wishes to test us to see if in our hearts we love our neighbor. In fact, the Lord God has so inseparably fastened love of him to the love of one's neighbor that in this gospel Christ expressly states that, if we forget love and compassion for our neighbor, and frivolously judge and condemn him, then He will judge and condemn us. God will not be merciful toward anyone who is not merciful toward his neighbor (James 2:13): 'For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy.'" (Johann Gerhard, *Postilla* 2:51)

<sup>37</sup> **Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;**

- Four passive verbs are used ("be judged", "be condemned", "be forgiven", "be given"). God is the subject of these verbs.
- This flows right out of the previous verse — all you do begins with the mercy that has been shown to you. The subsequent verses explain how one is to be merciful in the world.
- "Christ preaches repentance when He says, 'Forgive,' and He adds the promise, 'and you will be forgiven'. He does not say that when we forgive we merit the forgiveness of sins by our outward act (*ex opere operato*) as they term it. But He requires a new life, which certainly is necessary." (*Apology to the Augsburg Confession* IV: 259)

- "For God forgives freely and without condition, out of pure grace, because He has so promised, as the Gospel teaches. But God says this ["as we forgive those who trespass against us"] in order that He may establish forgiveness as our confirmation and assurance, as a sign alongside of the promise, which agrees with this prayer in Luke 6:37, 'Forgive, and you will be forgiven.'" (Large Catechism, Lord's Prayer, Fifth Petition, paragraph 96)

- "Therefore 'judge not'. Do not be quick to condemn what you hear or see. For the fault is perhaps in you that you do not see rightly what does not seem right to you." (*Luther's Works* 11:32)

<sup>38</sup> **give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."**

- Note that this is in stark contrast to how Israel and Judah distributed grain (Amos 8:4-6, Micah 6:9-12).
- "Keep the poor in mind. I say this to all of you. Give alms, my brothers and sisters, and you won't lose what you give. Trust God." (Augustine, Sermon 376A.3)

<sup>39</sup> **He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"**

- Jesus phrases the first question to elicit the answer "no" and the second the answer "yes".
- "Truly the good and worthy Spirit, knowing that the whole welfare of the common people depends on the right instruction of the leaders, teaches them first in a friendly and fatherly way, so that they yield to His mind and are all the more ready to be instructed; for they do not direct their own affairs but the matters of all those under them, and they cannot make mistakes without harming the whole people. As it is written: 'A blind man leads a blind man, and both fall into a pit.'" (*Luther's Works* 14:341)