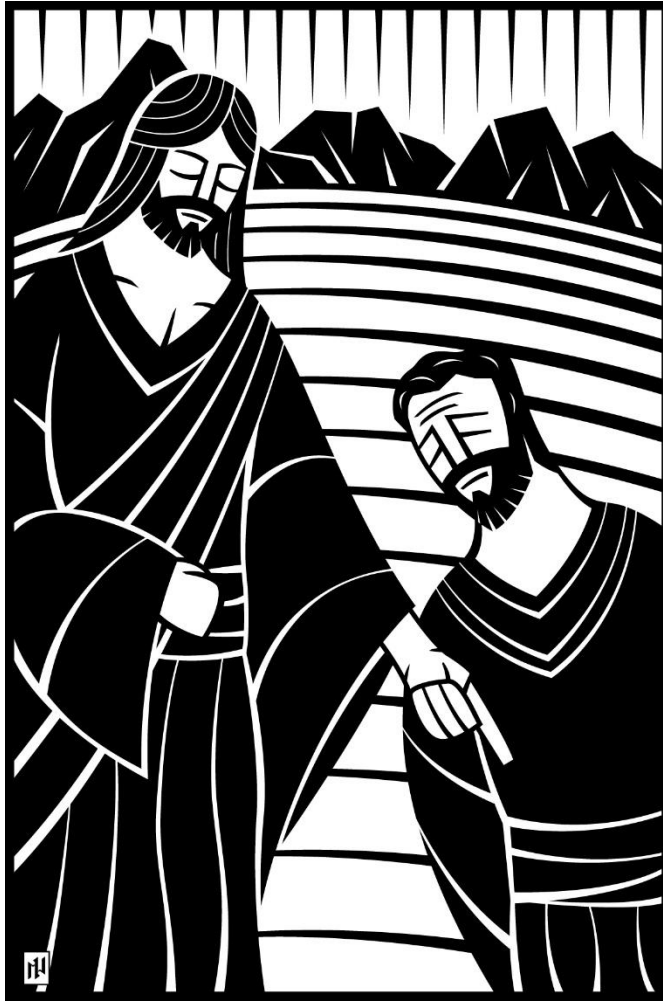




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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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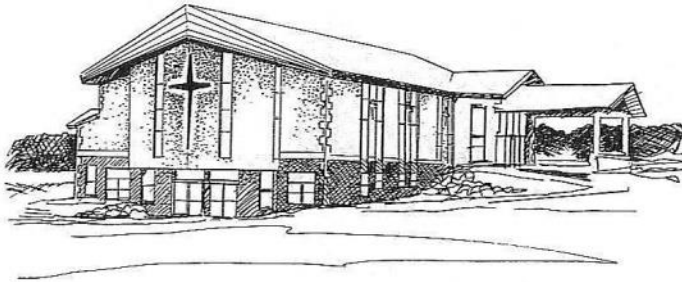
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



Today's service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

September 3, 2023

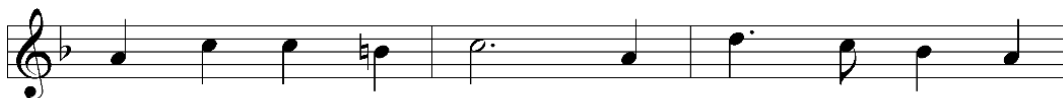
THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 259)

When All Your mercies, O My God



1 When all your mer - cies, O my God, My
2 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts My
3 Through ev - 'ry pass - ing phase of life Your
4 Through all e - ter - ni - ty to you A



wak - ing soul sur - veys, Trans - port - ed with the
dai - ly thanks em - ploy, Nor is the least a
good - ness I'll pur - sue And af - ter death, in
joy - ful song I'll raise, But, oh, e - ter - ni -



view, I'm lost In won - der, love, and praise.
cheer - ful heart That tastes these gifts with joy.
dis - tant worlds, The glo - rious theme re - new.
ty's too short To ut - ter all your praise.

Text: Joseph Addison, 1672–1719, abr., alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER OLD (CM) attr. George Kirbye, c. 1560–1634.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sing) All praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills –
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed, and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
Oh, thank him, thank our God with me –
To God all praise and glory! (CW 236:1-2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15–21

*¹⁵ O LORD, you understand. Remember me and care for me.
Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me.
You are slow to anger.
Do not take me away.*

*Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace.
¹⁶ Your words came to me, and I devoured them.
Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart,
because I bear your name, O LORD God of Armies.*

*¹⁷ I did not sit with the band of partygoers,
nor did I celebrate with them.
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me.
You filled me with indignation.*

*¹⁸ Why is my pain unending? Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal?
Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me,
like a source of water that a person can't depend on?*

*¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says.
If you repent, I will take you back, so that you may stand before me.
If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless,
you will be my spokesman.*

*They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them.
²⁰ I will make you like a bronze wall to this people.
They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you,
because I am with you to save you and to rescue you, declares the LORD.*

*²¹ I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked,
and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 121

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



I lift up my eyes to the hills.*
Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel*
will neither slumber nor sleep. ***Refrain***

The LORD watches over you,*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,*
he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going*
both now and forevermore.

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. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope ²¹ that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²² For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. ²³ And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Alleluia.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED



HYMN (CW 465)

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
 scr - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
 earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
 shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-26

²¹ From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you.”

²³ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare^[a] to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?”

SERMON

Embrace the Cross

- 1) His cross
- 2) Your cross

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For trust in the fatherly care of our avenging God, that we would not seek our own vengeance, but rather bless those who curse us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of God and all who proclaim the Word of God, that we may forsake the revelers who despise God's Word and always hear what is precious, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation, its leaders, and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection, for peace in our time and the peace that God alone can give, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For [_____ and] all in need of healing and restoration, that they may bear their crosses and endure to see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For repentance and faith as we approach the Lord's table, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those persecuted for the name of Christ, that in communion with all the saints we may bear our crosses faithfully, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to our pastor. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me?
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me,
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness,
 4 Since I know God nev - er fails me,



Christ is near With his cheer; Nev - er
 Though their weight May be great, They will
 And I will Trust him still When he
 In his voice I'll re - joice When grim



will he leave me. Who can rob me
 not de - feat me. God, my lov - ing
 sends me sad - ness. God is good; his
 death as - sails me. Trust - ing in my



of the heav - en That God's Son For
 Sav - ior, sees them; He who knows All
 love at - tends me Day by day, Come
 Sav - ior's mer - it, Safe at last, Trou -



me won When his life was giv - en?
 my woes Knows how best to end them.
 what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
 bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, st. 1-3, abr.; Harlyn J. Kuschel, b. 1945, st. 4; tr. composite, st. 1-3.
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Tune: WARUM SOLLT ICH MICH DENN GRÄMEN (8 33 6 D) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 345)

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry,
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me,
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure



Tow - 'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the
 Hopes de - ceive and fears an - noy, Nev - er
 Light and love up - on my way, From the
 By the cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is



light of sa - cred sto - ry
 shall the cross for - sake me;
 cross the ra - dianc - e stream - ing
 there that knows no mea - sure,



Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 Joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872.
 Tune: RATHBUN (87 87) Ithamar Conkey, 1815–67.

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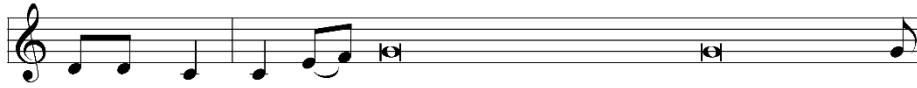
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

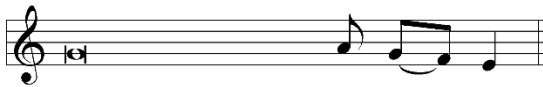


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 454:1,4,6)

I Gave My Life for Thee
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I Gave My Life for Thee



1 I gave my life for thee; My pre - cious
 2 My Fa - ther's home of light, My rain - bow -
 3 I spent long years for thee In wea - ri -
 4 I suf - fered much for thee, More than my
 5 And I have brought to thee Down from my



blood I shed That thou might'st ran - somed be
 cir - cled throne, I left for earth - ly night,
 ness and woe That an e - ter - ni - ty
 tongue may tell, Of bit - t'rest ag - o - ny,
 home a - bove Sal - va - tion full and free,



And quick - ened from the dead. I gave my
 For wan - d'rings sad and lone. I left it
 Of joy thou might - est know. I spent long
 To res - cue thee from hell. I suf - fered
 My par - don and my love. Great gifts I



life for thee; Come, give thy - self to me!
 all for thee; Come now and fol - low me!
 years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.
 much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.
 brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.

6 Oh, let thy life be spent,
 Thy years for me be giv'n,
 As I for thee was sent
 To bear thee home to heav'n.
 I gave my life for thee;
 Come, give thy life to me.



Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

***Note: Next week's worship services return to 8:00 & 10:30 times.**

Adult Bible study, teen class & Sunday school between at 9:15 am.

Bible Studies this week

Sunday 8:00 am: Bible Study, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am New Topic: Gospel of John, downstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Malachi, downstairs

Friday 6:00 am: Matthew

Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45. *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

Sunday School and Teen Class begin September 10



Children aged 4 years through 8th grade are invited to join us for Sunday school starting this fall. Students 9—12 grade are invited to the teen Bible study. Fill out a registration form located at church or on our website.

Classes meet downstairs between services each Sunday from 9:15—10:15 am. A time for music is included in the Sunday School hour. ***Come join us!***

Thoroughly Lutheran Class starting Sept. 7

Peace Lutheran (1007 Stonehaven Drive, Sun Prairie)

Dr. Eggert's Fall Class - "Creation"

Creation has been a hot topic in the Christian church for many years. Unfortunately, most people start with what they see and try to reason about how it came to appear as it does today. This is bound to lead to a faulty understanding of God's creation and preservation of the world. In his book entitled *Creation: In the Beginning and Afterward*, Dr. Arthur Eggert presents creation from God's point of view. In a **10-week class at 6:30 pm on Thursday evenings beginning September 7**, Dr. Eggert will lead a class through the book and present answers to the challenges to creation that do not take a science degree to understand. The live sessions will be held at Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie and will be 90 minutes long. If you cannot attend in person, you can join the class online or view the recorded sessions later. All the necessary information for registering and attending is available on the Online Classes page of the In Terra Pax website www.interrapaxlp.com. Necessary information, class notes, and session videos will be updated on this website on a weekly basis. Book: [Creation – In the Beginning and Afterward](#) *Continued next page*

(Cost: \$7.00 if picked up at Peace, \$15.00 + tax shipping from NPH or Amazon)
Sign-up: Call 608-837-5346 or Email church.office@peacewels.org.
See the website www.interrapaxlp.com for more details.

Sunday September 3: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 9:00 am with Holy Communion

8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Jerry Ewings
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilmen: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, Kayden Zech, Kourtney Zech
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Sunday September 10: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible study, teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Jim Miller, 10:30 Dave Olson
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Mandi Milleer, Vie Miller and Lia Miller
- Refreshments: *Volunteers needed*
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Vie Miller (9/4), Rich Bauer (9/5), Joe Hornbeck (9/5), Alyssa Timler (9/5), Sherry Pribbenow (9/8), Abigail Strong (9/8), Kelly Anderson (9/9), Keith Minnameier (9/9) and Deb Reinhardt (9/9) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Mark & Sandy Heath (9/3), Sharon & Tom Wightman (9/6), Kim & Mark Braatz (9/7), Nikki & William Crary (9/7), Dale & Tami Essmann (9/7) and Jay & Sue Vinson (9/8) who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Donald Bauer (father of Rich Bauer), Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking ahead:

- **September 7: Thoroughly Lutheran Class begins, Peace Lutheran, 6:30 pm**
- **September 10: Sunday worship service times return to 8:00 & 10:30 am**
- **September 10: Ministry Sunday**
- **September 10: Sunday school/teen class begin for the school year. 9:15 – 10:15 am**
- **September 14: Usher training, 6:30 pm**
- **September 16: Euchre Card Party, 6:00 pm**
- **September 21: Ladies Friendship Circle meets, 6:30 pm - *upstairs*.**
- **September 21: Elder and Deaconess meeting, 6:30 pm – *downstairs*.**
- **September 26: Ladies Bunco evening, 6:30 pm**
- **October 1: Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry**
- **October 1: Teen campfire/Bible study at Peace Lutheran. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**
- **October 7: Outdoor workday. Help clear brush on church property. 8:00 – 12:00 noon.**
- **October 22: Teen campfire/Bible study at Peace Lutheran. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**
- **November 10 – 12: WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023, Camp Phillip**