

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 6, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: PENTECOST 15 I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

When danger strikes, most people instinctively move away from it. Fire, violence, accidents, and disasters trigger a natural desire to find protection and safety. Yet first responders do the opposite. Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics run toward the very scenes others are fleeing. They enter burning buildings, approach violent situations, and kneel beside the injured in chaotic moments. This response is unexpected because it goes against basic human instinct.

Today God calls us to be spiritual first responders when we see people in trouble because of sin. Instead of self-preservation and comfort, we choose service to them and to our Lord. Our motive is the grace of God and his desire for the salvation of all mankind. Therefore, we do not want to be like Cain (Genesis 4) who sarcastically quipped: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Instead, we humbly take up the task Jesus gives us to show concern and love for our family of believers and say: "**I am my Brother's keeper,**" just as our fellow believers are for each of us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Prayer (8:00 & 10:30 am) pg. 207 in the blue hymnal
Evening Praise (6:30 pm) pg. 215 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	654:1-3	Jesus Sinners Does Receive
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 32	page 32 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	656	As Surely As I Live, God Said
Closing Hymn	654:4-7	Jesus Sinners Does Receive

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Ezekiel 33:7-11
Second Lesson	Galatians 2:11-16
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Matthew 18:15-20
What is the loving thing to do?

ADULT CONFIRMATION

During the Monday 6:30 pm service, Jesslynn Tramburg will declare her loyalty to Christ and her unity in faith with us through the Rite of Confirmation. Jesslynn’s husband, Max, is a Peace member who grew up in Columbus. We welcome them into the Peace family!!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

FIRST READING**Ezekiel 33:7–11**

⁷But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. ⁸When I say to a wicked man, “Wicked man, you shall surely die,” if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel.

This is what you people are saying: “Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, “As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Galatians 2:11–16**

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. ¹²For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision group. ¹³And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, “If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?”

¹⁵“We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. ¹⁶We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. ¹⁸Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Surely As I Live, God Said | **CW 656**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Creator God, we give thanks for all the work you give us to do:
for work that sustains and work that fulfills,
for work which, however tiring, also satisfies and resonates with your work in creation.

Lord, we give you thanks.

As we give thanks to you we also pray for those
who have no work, who have too much or too little work,
who work at jobs that involve great danger,
work that others are willing to do on our behalf.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Extend your guidance and grace in the many and varied places of our work:

in factory or field,
in sheltered office or under open sky,
using technical knowledge or physical strength,
working with machines or with people or with the earth itself.

Lord, direct us with your love.

Lead us, O Lord,
to bring the full weight of our intelligence and strength to our work
and to make our place of work a place of safety and respect for all with whom we labor.

Lord, make us faithful and helpful in all we do.

Keep us from engaging in work that harms others,
that promotes injustice or violence,
that affords individual gain
but ignores the common good.

Lord, forgive us when we fall into sin.

Protect us from greed that elevates our work above that of others,
from discontent when we see the successes of others,
and from pride when we view the disappointment of others.

Lord, give hearts that are pure and alive in your love.

Give us faith to use the wages we gain as gifts of your grace,
for supporting our families,
for helping those less fortunate,
for sustaining good government,
and for promoting the ministry of the gospel in our city and world.

Lord, make us faithful stewards of all your gifts.

Provide healing and health to those who have been injured at work,
those who have been hurt by the negligence of others,
those who have been harmed by unfair practices,
and all who are enduring pain in body or mind.
Protect all people at work or at play.

Lord, fill us with compassion for all your people.

Special Intercessions

In our labor and in our laughter, O Lord, in our work and in our rest, pour out on us the blessings of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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