

Altar Paraments (Linens) change color with the various church holidays and special events. Today's paraments are Green for Pentecost.

Next Sunday's Scripture: Isaiah 55:6 – 9 (737); Philippians 1:12 – 14, 19 – 30 (1178); Matthew 20:1 – 16 (987); Sermon Title: "Late to the Road"

SERVING	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Accompanist	JoAnn Deveny	JoAnn Deveny
Special Music	Peace Choir	Peace Choir
Acolyte	Avalynn Underdahl; Charley Stuntebeck; Austin Seefeldt	Wyatt Sprenger; Roslyn Schubert; Owen St. Aubin
JAM Session	Beth Seefeldt	Colette Thorson
Reader	Julie Maas-Kusske	3 rd graders; Lexi D; Maci M; Liam R; Truett M
Greeters	Eichelbergs	Pederson/Hansen
Ushers	Rieckenbergs & Nicklebys	Langners & T. Dressels
Slide Presenter	Anissa VerBout	RaKel Schroeder
Sound System	Jim Grosshuesch	Glen Hulley
Recorder	Colette Thorson	Dan Juncewski
Peace Café	RALLY SUNDAY	K. Schroeders & Pews
Altar Care	Deb Wasser & Wendy Forland	
Communion	N/A	James W & Julie M-K

Ministry Board Serving Today: James Walz & Julie Maas-Kusske

Family Room & Busy Bags – There is a Family/Calming area in the Preschool Room with activities for children. Busy bags are available at the sanctuary doors. Please place them in the basket after worship.

Assistive Listening – Williams Sound Assistive Listening System and T-Coil devices are available at the Tech Booth in the back of the sanctuary. Let us know how they sound, so we can adjust the system for the best sound.

Need to reach Pastor Jim VerBout? Contact him at (651) 440-8709 or pastor@come2peace.com.

Peace Offering: Sunday, September 6 – Received: \$6,281 | Attendance: 146

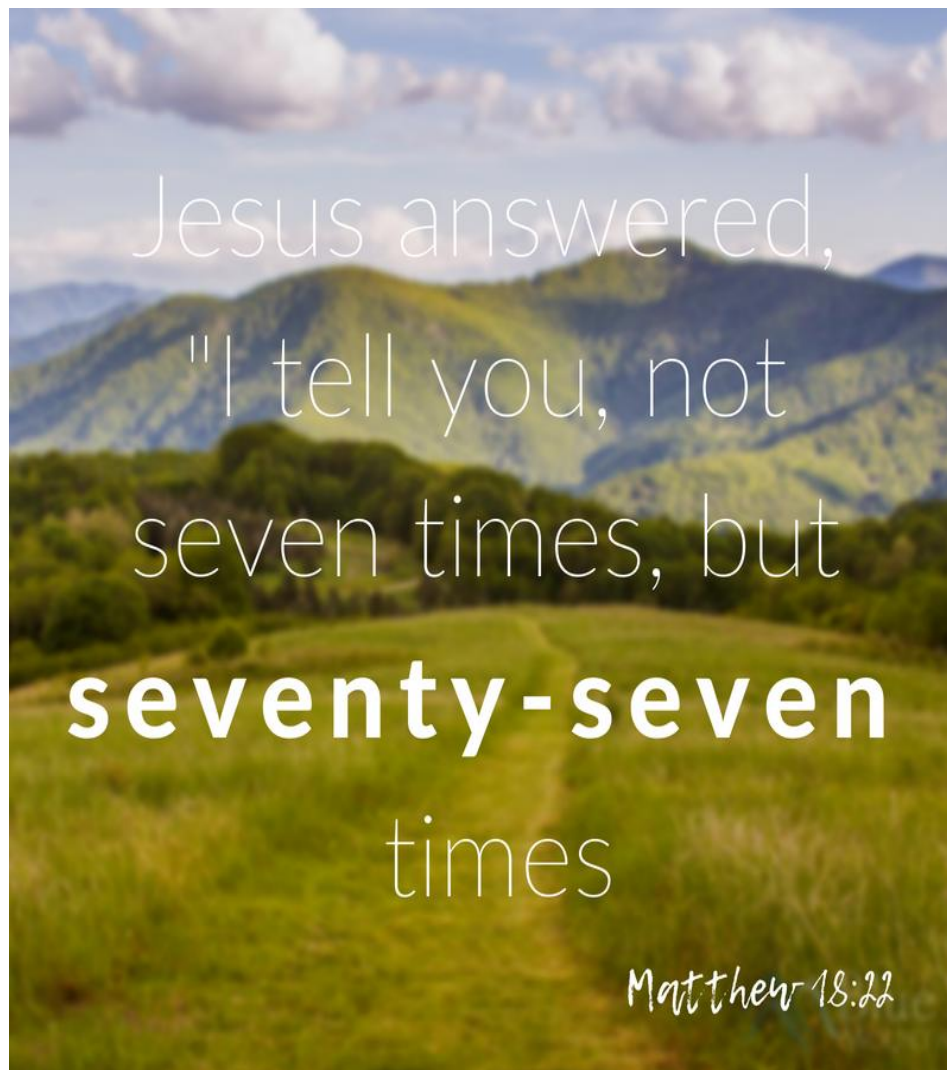
Capital Campaign Envelopes are available in chair backs or request a pack of them by contacting Sue at 763-442-1703 or Sue.Beulke@gmail.com

Ways to Give			
 IN-PERSON Offering gifts are received during worship	 ONLINE come2peace.com/giving 	 TEXT any amount to 952-900-7789	 MAIL Peace Lutheran Church PO Box 817 Watertown, MN 55388

Thank you for your generous gifts to the ministry of this congregation; your continued gifts allow us to see a positive and bright future.



September 13, 2026
RALLY SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.



600 Kristi Lane, P.O. Box 817, Watertown, Minnesota 55388
952-955-3434 ♦ plc@come2peace.com

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Praise Prelude	“Indescribable”	Praise Band
Welcome & Announcements		
Call to Worship	“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”	
Worship Prayer/Sharing the Peace		
Confession and Forgiveness		
J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)	“Backpack Blessing”	Beth Seefeldt
Prayer for School Staff (<i>teachers, bus drivers, paras, etc.</i>)		
Scripture	Genesis 50:15-21 (55)	Julie Maas-Kusske
	Romans 14:1-12 (1138)	Julie Maas-Kusske
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35 (985)	Pastor Jim VerBout
	Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord!	
	People: Thanks be to God!	
Sermon	“Traveling Light”	Pastor Jim VerBout
Sermon Song	“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”	
Apostle’s Creed		
Offering		
Special Music	“Come, Sing Unto the Lord”	Peace Choir
Offering Response	“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”	
Prayers of the Church		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Blessing and Benediction		
Closing Song	“You Never Let Go!”	
September Birthdays and Anniversaries		
Sending	Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!	
	ALL: We will!!	
Praise Postlude	“You Never Let Go!”	Praise Band

WELCOME GUESTS! May the Holy Spirit bless your worship, filling you with peace and hope as you go, ready to follow Jesus. You are always welcome here at Peace! Please leave your name in our guest book by the front door or share your contact information on the “Let’s Get Acquainted” card in the pew pocket. Blessings!



WE PRAY FOR COMFORT & HEALING FOR

Our church family: **Bob & Jan Carlson; Robert Dean; Butch Essig; Jake & Judy Jacobson; Tom Mittelstaedt; Paul Nesvold; Carole Sundblad; Lillie Tesch; Roger Larson; Jen Voca**

Our friends and family: **Bill Anderson** (*Barfnecht’s brother-in-law*); **Dan Bird** (*Langner’s brother*); **Sharon Cameron** (*Cramb’s aunt*); **Dawn** (*Eichelberg’s sister*); **Gary Diers** (*Colette’s dad*); **Kimmy Efta** (*Nicole’s sister*); **Emily** (*Julie Potter’s friend*); **Harlan** (*Malone’s brother-in-law*); **Phyllis Healy** (*Marla’s stepmom*); **Mark Hellum** (*Bahl’s friend*); **Lauren Hopper** (*Hoppers’ granddaughter*); **Jackie** (*Gosha’s cousin*); **Jesse** (*Emily Ramirez’s uncle*); **Gary Johnson** (*Hansons’ friend*); **Diane Johnsrud** (*Andy’s mom*); **Brian Junczewski** (*Louie & Sandy’s son*); **Nancy Krenzelok** (*Weinzierl’s sister*); **Chet Larson** (*Larsons’ son*); **Jeremy Laxen** (*Charlotte’s son*); **Beverly Leonhard** (*Audrey’s sister*); **Steve Neddermeyer** (*T. Dressel’s brother-in-law*); **Alan Panning** (*Barfnechts’ friend*); **Dawson Semolina** (*Jobes’ nephew*); **Jill Swing** (*Cramb’s sister*); **Wyatt** (*Bahl’s friend*);

Our community: **LCMC & Augustana District churches; Love INC; those serving in the military; law enforcement, first responders & frontline workers who serve and protect our community; and area churches’ ministries.**

Each week we will pray for LCMC churches. Join us by continuing to pray for these churches during the week:

- Bethany Lutheran Church; Covington, MI
- New Life Lutheran Church; New London, NC

Submit prayer requests using the “How Can We Pray for You?” card (back of “Let’s Get Acquainted”) or at www.come2peace.com/prayer.

Altar flowers – *Information on how to provide flowers for the altar is located on the announcement board by the Connect Counter.*

Mission Opportunities

donations can be placed in the Missions' stack by the youth room

LOVE INC DONATION SUNDAY

Sunday, Sep 13th

Through Love INC's Fresh Start Gap program, eligible clients can receive items quarterly. We need to restock in the following areas:

- Lotion
- Dish Soap
- Shampoo
- Paper Towels
- Conditioner
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Paper Bags with handles

LOVE INC VOLUNTEERS

Love INC relies on the hearts and hands of dedicated volunteers to make its ministry possible. God is transforming lives in our communities through the commitment of volunteers—and more helping hands are needed!

Would you consider volunteering? Learn more at

loveinheartland.org/volunteer or talk to Faye Rothenberger for more information.

FMSC PACKING EVENT

Thursday, Oct 15 | 11:10am

To a starving child, hope can only begin with a reliable source of nutritious food. Join us for this fun and rewarding experience. More info online & on the Connect Counter.



Community Events

Give Your Marriage a Weekend Away

MARRIAGE RETREAT

September 18-20

Mount Carmel Ministries; Alexandria

Step away from the busy for one weekend and reinvest in the relationship that matters most. Follow the QR code for details and registration.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sep 20 | 10 am — 2 pm

Fun for the whole family. Turkey dinner, country market, bingo, kids games & more.

GOLF FOR LOVE TOURNAMENT

Sept. 21 @ Albion Ridges

A day of friendly competition, community, and purpose. Details at loveinheartland.org/event/golf-for-love-2026/

PRAYER SHAWLS

Thanks to a generous Thrivent action card, we've stocked up on plenty of colorful yarn for our Prayer Shawls—part of our Threads of Love Ministry. Now all we need are some willing hands! If you knit or crochet, we'd love to have you join us in creating these comforting gifts. And if you've always wanted to learn, this is the perfect chance—our team is happy to teach you! You'll find yarn, needles, and hooks ready to go at the bottom of the Prayer Shawl display. If you have any questions, feel free to chat with anyone from the Threads of Love Team (part of the Prayer & Care Ministry). A huge thank-you to Thrivent—and to you for helping wrap others in God's love, one stitch at a time!



weekly ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13, 2026

Monday, September 14

6:30am – Men's Coffee
8:00am – Church Cleaning Crew
5:30pm – Youth Act MT Mtg
6:00pm – Outreach MT Mtg
6:00pm – I-Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

9:00am – Fall Story Time
6:30pm – Ministry Board

Wednesday, September 16

7:00am – FCA Meeting
9:00am – Worship & Music Mtg
5:00pm – Choir Rehearsal
6:20pm – IGNITE Confirmation
Parent Meeting & 1st Class Night
7:30pm – HS Youth Group

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY

9:00am – Worship
10:15am – Fellowship
Sunday School
MS Youth Group
Bible 101
6:00pm – Luke Bible Study



Activities @ Peace unless otherwise noted

Upcoming Events

Fall Story Time – Sep 22 @ 9am
See You at the Pole – Sep 23 @ 7am
IGNITE Confirmation – Sep 23 @ 6:20pm
HS Youth Group – Sep 23 @ 7:30pm
Luke Bible Study – Sep 24 @ 9am
Food Shelf Donation Sunday – Sep 27
Sunday School – Sep 27 @ 10:15am
MS Youth Grp – Sep 27 @ 10:15am
Luke Bible Study – Sep 27 @ 6pm

Email new & updated activities to office@come2peace.com

Let's IGNITE our youth!
IGNITE CONFIRMATION
KICK OFF NIGHT

Wednesday, Sep 16 | 6:30 pm

There will be a parent meeting in the fellowship hall and student class in the sanctuary.



If you are new to Peace and are interested in confirmation for your 7th, 8th or 9th grader or you have questions, talk to Pastor Jim.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, Sep 20

Bibles are in the Fellowship Hall for family & friends to share a favorite Bible verse by highlighting it in the Bible & putting your name next to the verse. You can also share a prayer on Post-It Note. Getting many "favorite Bible verses" & "colorful prayers" shared in each Bible, will show our youth that we support them in their study of God's word.



Newer to Peace? If you have a 3rd or 7th grader who hasn't received a Bible from Peace, please let us know so we can make sure they have one!

We'll also commission and bless our Christian Ed teachers and leaders.

BIBLE 101 CLASS

Sunday, Sep 20

Following worship

Pastor Jim will lead a Bible 101 class in the sanctuary for anyone interested in learning more about the Bible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF

Sunday, Sep 20

Following worship

Sunday School will kick off with a fun outdoor activity, weather permitting, so dress for outdoor fun.

Storytime

Tuesdays | 9:00 am

We'll enjoy stories, fun, and plenty of fall smiles! Bring a friend and come join us!



Lift Your Voice
PEACE CHOIR

Rehearsals:

Wednesdays | 5pm
Sep 16, Oct 7 & 14



Sing in Worship:
September 13, 20 • October 11, 18

Do you love to sing? Whether you're a seasoned choir member or you've always wanted to give it a try, we'd love to have you! No auditions—just joyful voices praising God together!

Questions? Contact Marla at (763) 331-2525.

NEW TO PEACE?

We'd love to meet you

Coffee, Cake & Conversation

Sunday, October 11
following worship

Enjoy a treat, coffee, and relaxed conversation as you learn about the history, mission, and ministries of Peace. It's also a great opportunity for us to get to know you.



New Member Sunday: Nov 8.

Details & New Member Bio at come2peace.com/next.

PINEAPPLE DELIVERY WKD

Pick-up: Fri, Oct 23 | 4-5:30 pm

Delivery Wkd - Oct 23-25

Help us spread smiles and warm welcomes! Delivering pineapples is fun, easy, and a wonderful way to share God's love. ***Even if you can only deliver a few, every delivery makes a difference!***



Questions or to help? Contact Cathy at 612-819-0602 or cmriecken@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



A new year of learning, laughter, friendships, and growing in God's love is almost here—and we can't wait!

Help us get ready by registering your child today. Your registration helps us plan classrooms, teachers, supplies, and all the fun that's in store. Follow the QR code or go to come2peace.com/sundayschool to register.

VENDORS WANTED!

Calling all Crafters, Artisans, Flippers, Collectors, Resellers—and anyone else with something fun to sell! Join us for our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec 5!

Whether you make it, find it, flip it, or sell it, we'd love to have you join us! Know someone—or spot a vendor at another craft fair—who would be a great fit? Send them our way—Lindsey Walz: 612-718-0394 / bazaar@come2peace.com



Let's fill the bazaar with unique finds, handmade treasures & lots of Christmas shopping fun!

ROYALS ROOM
SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As we begin a new school year, the excitement of shopping for supplies and clothes reminds us that not every family can afford these necessities.

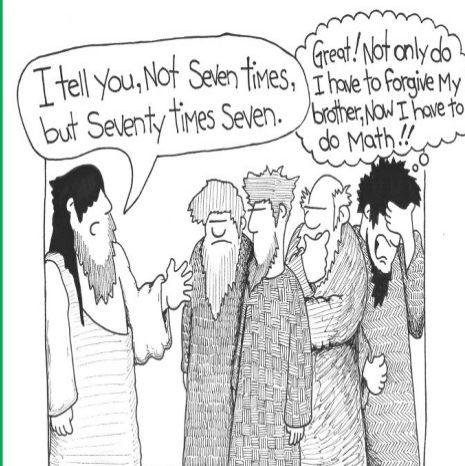
The Royals Room is a supply pantry that supports Watertown-Mayer students. During September, we'll be collecting items to stock its shelves.

Would you consider donating items such as:

- School supplies
- Boys' pants — sizes M and L
- Boys' & girls' socks & shoes
- Nut-free snacks

Don't want to shop? No problem! Our September Noisy Offering will be designated for the Royals Room. ***Update, Noisy Offering will now be received on the last Sunday of each month.***

Thank you for helping make sure local students have what they need to start the school year ready to learn!



AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Who is Jesus, and what does it mean to follow Him?

The Gospel of Luke introduces us to Jesus—the Spirit-filled Son of God whose compassion reaches the overlooked, the broken, the outsider, and the sinner. Through His teachings, miracles, parables, and journey to the cross, Luke reveals God's love for all people and the joy of His saving grace.

Join us as we explore Luke's Gospel together, discovering how Jesus' words and actions continue to shape our lives today. Whether you're new to Bible study or have spent years in Scripture, you'll find encouragement, meaningful discussion, and a deeper understanding of God's promises.

Come and discover the Savior who came seeking all people with grace, mercy, and hope.

Class time approximately 1 hour

Place registration in the offering plate or register online.

Name(s) _____

Email: _____

If a couple: how many study manuals? 1 2 (circle one)

Students may attend any class as it fits their schedule each week. Which class are you most likely to attend?

- ☐ Sunday @ 6 pm starting September 20, 2026
- ☐ Thursdays @ 9 am starting September 24, 2026
- ☐ Online (livestreamed Sundays on Facebook, posted to our website and YouTube on Mondays)

Please register by September 13th. Books will be available September 20.
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