

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

Next Sunday's Scripture: Ezekiel 33:7 – 9 (861); Romans 13:1 – 10 (1138); Matthew 18:1 – 20 (984); Sermon Title "Going Back for the One"

SERVING	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Accompanist	JoAnn Deveny	JoAnn Deveny
Special Music	Youth	Marla & Jim Grosshuesch
JAM Session	Heather Heun	Julie Maas-Kusske
Reader	Grady May	Heather Heun
Greeters	Barfnechts	T. Dressels
Ushers	Thorsons & Sandins	Beulkes & Pews
Slide Presenter	Amanda Griebel	Edie Hanson
Sound System	Dayvin Schroeder	Everett VerBout
Recorder	Owen St. Aubin	Anissa VerBout
Peace Café	Alyssa Seefeldt & Ashley Seefeldt Families	Pedersons/Hansen & N. Millers
Altar Care	Dianne M & Doreen S	Deb W & Wendy F
Communion	N/A	James W & Julie M-K

Ministry Board Serving Today: Julie Maas-Kusske and Teri Dressel

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, August 23 – Received: \$4,295 | Attendance: 168

August Benevolence: Feed My Starving Children – \$2,000

Marion Well Project (2 wells) – \$950

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.



August 30, 2026
9:00 a.m.



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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Praise Prelude	“Days of Elijah”	Praise Band
Welcome & Announcements		
Call to Worship	“You Servants of God”	LBW #252
Worship Prayer/Sharing the Peace		
Confession and Forgiveness		
J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)		Heather Heun
Scripture	Jeremiah 15:15 – 21 (183) Romans 12:9 – 21 (1133)	Grady May Grady May
Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21 (980)	Pastor Jim VerBout
	Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord! People: Thanks be to God!	
Sermon	“Sent from the Table”	Pastor Jim VerBout
Sermon Song	“Here I Am, Lord”	
Apostle’s Creed		
Faith Sharing	“Yay God”	
Offering		
Special Music	“Lord I Need You”	Praise Band
Offering Response	“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”	LBW #565
Prayers of the Church		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Blessing and Benediction		
Closing Song	“On Our Way Rejoicing”	LBW #260
Sending	Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!! ALL: We will!!	
Praise Postlude	“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?”	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; Sagstetter family; Carole Sundblad; Lillie Tesch; Roger Larson; Jen Voca

Our friends and family: Bill Anderson (*Barfnecht’s brother-in-law*); Sarah Andre (*Beulke’s daughter*); 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; Menahga, MN
- New Hope Lutheran Church; Minong, WI

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting the Gather and Grow Watertown Food Shelf! We collected 13 pounds of food in August—what a wonderful gift to our community. Yay God for generous hearts!



Ladies, you're invited to **Augustana District's WOW (Women of the Word)** Saturday, Sep 19 | 9 am–3 pm Resurrection Lutheran in Mankato

The goal of the day is simple: to provide a time to recharge, reflect, connect, and leave refreshed in faith. This year's theme will explore how Christ's resurrection shapes our identity, hope, relationships, and daily life through worship, God's Word, prayer, and fellowship.

Registration deadline is Sep 7. Contact the church office office@come2peace.com for registration details.

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. Meaningful Christ-centered teaching, unhurried time together, and the beauty of a MN fall on the shores of Lake Carlos.

Follow the QR code for details and registration.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sep 20 | 10 am — 2 pm

Fun for the whole family. Homestyle turkey dinner with all the fixings and dessert, country market, bingo, kids games & more.

GOLF FOR LOVE TOURNAMENT

Sept. 21 @ Albion Ridges

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

weekly ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 30, 2026

Monday, August 31

6:30am – Men's Coffee
8:00am – Church Cleaning Crew
6:00pm – I-Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 1

9:00am – Summer Story Time

Wednesday, September 2

5:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 3

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

9:00am – Worship
10:15am – Fellowship

Activities @ Peace unless otherwise noted

Upcoming Events

Church Office Closed – Sep 7
Worship & Music Mtg – Sep 8 @ 9am
Story Time – Sep 8 @ 9am
Hospitality MT Mtg – Sep 8 @ 10am
Finance MT Mtg – Sep 8 @ 6pm

Prayer & Care Mtg – Sep 9 @ 10am
Choir Rehearsal – Sep 9 @ 5pm
HS Youth Group – Sep 9 @ 7:30pm
Exec Board Mtg – Sep 10 @ 6:30pm
Rally Sunday – Sep 13
Love INC Donation Sunday – Sep 13

September 13

RALLY SUNDAY

**Ministry Year Blast Off,
Church Potluck,
& Pie Auction**

Follow the QR Code to see how you can help

Lift Your Voice
PEACE CHOIR

Rehearsals: Wednesdays, Sep
2, 9, 16, Oct 7 & 14
5:00 p.m.

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.



**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](http://come2peace.com/sundayschool) to register.

We can't wait to
learn, grow &
share God's love
with your
family this year!



Rally Day

Sunday, September 13

Rally Sunday is almost here,
and we have a fun-filled day
planned for the whole family!
We can't wait to celebrate the
start of a new year of faith, fellowship,
and learning together at Peace!



Follow the QR code or sign up in the
Commons.



Backpack Blessing

During worship, we'll be blessing
backpacks as we pray for students,
teachers, and school staff. Bring their
backpack to worship for a blessing tag.



Potluck Lunch

Bring a dish to share and enjoy great
food with your church family.



Pie Auction

Calling all bakers! Bring your favorite
pie to donate to our annual Pie Auction.
It's always a sweet & lively event!



NEW THIS YEAR - Bake Sale!

We're adding something new to the
Rally Sunday fun! Bring your favorite
baked goods to sell at our bake sale, or
stop by to pick up a sweet treat (or
two!).

Bake sale donations can be anything you
think will sell—cookies, bars, breads,
jams, pickles, treats, and more! Please
bring items packaged and ready to sell.
All bake sale items will be available for
freewill donations.



Bounce Houses

Kids can jump, laugh & play on
bounce houses.

Mark your calendar and invite a
friend—we can't wait to
celebrate Rally Sunday with you!



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

Mark your calendars for
Bible Presentation
Sunday.



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.



**Starting Tuesday, Sep 1
9:00 AM**

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

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!

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!

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.
(Free-will offering: first 2 weeks to cover the cost of printing)

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