

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

Central Avenue at 171st Place
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452
Rev. David T. Mensing, Pastor

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 1, 2017

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Hymn 7: "As We Begin Another Week"

Opening Liturgy – Order of Service, Hymnal, p. 15ff.

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:11-17

The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)

Hymn 441: "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

The Sermon: Thomasius Gospel Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Theme: Let Us Guard against Spiritual Inertia!

...because an "unprofitable servant"

I. thanklessly despises God's gracious gifts,

II. lazily refuses to do his Lord's bidding,

III. wastefully obstructs the growth of the Savior's Kingdom, and

IV. clearly demonstrates "dead faith" and its tragic consequences.

The Offering "to probe the sincerity of your love." (II Corinthians 8:8)

The General Prayer, Intercessions, and Prayer for our Communicants

Hymn 400: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Communion Liturgy – Hymnal, p. 24ff. (Note that we observe the Scriptural practice of Close Communion. Please see the back cover regarding this.)

Hymn 314: "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

(To be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament)

The Benediction of the Lord Congregation: "Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Announcements for the Week

For spiritual care during the week, particularly in case of serious illness or urgency, please call Pastor Mensing, either at his **study**, (708) 532-4288, or at **home** at the parsonage, (708) 532-9035, or on his **cell phone**, (708) 601-3943.

VISITORS are always welcome to attend our services. Please register in our Guest Book, and leave also your address and telephone number if you would like to have our Pastor contact you further. And please come again!

TODAY, October 1st 1:30 p.m., **Sunday School Teachers' Training Class**

Our Pastor's Schedule this week:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. are the Pastor's regular "**Office Hours**." Unless he is running an errand, attending a meeting elsewhere, making a pastoral call at a hospital or nursing home, or is at lunch, he will normally be "on site." However, if you need to see him in person, it always pays to call first.

In addition...

Monday, October 2nd 4:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Aaron and Jonah)
6:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Connor, Nick, Isaac)
7:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Samuel)

Tuesday, October 3rd NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Wednesday, October 4th NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Thursday, October 5th 4:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Aaron and Jonah)
6:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Connor, Nick, Isaac)
7:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Samuel)

Friday, October 6th NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Saturday, October 7th **Pastoral Preparation Time** for Sunday; also for special meetings and such consultations as are of an urgent nature. Please call ahead if possible.

Next Sunday, October 8th **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

— 8:30 a.m., **Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** for all.

— 10:00 a.m., **The Divine Worship Service** also for all.

—Immediately after the service, our usual **Potluck Luncheon** served by our dear ladies, followed by (at about **1:00 p.m.**) the Regular **VOTERS' MEETING** for October. All our men should, of course, be present if at all possible.

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