



We're happy that you are with us today! We are delighted to gather together around God's Word with friends! It is our prayer that this morning's worship will bring peace and joy to your heart through Jesus. If you have any questions please ask any one of our ushers or Pastor Thiel. May God bless our time together!

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 25, 2010**

- Focus:** Living God's will means giving his Word central place
- Service:** Divine Service II (Hymnal Insert)
- Hymns:** 735 (Insert)
290
310
283
- God's Word:** Genesis 18:1-14* (Pew Bible p. 24)
Colossians 1:21-29 (Pew Bible p. 1832)
Luke 10:38-42 (Pew Bible p. 1613)
- Sermon:** Laughter isn't always the best medicine
1) Sustain the Lord's heart with your service
2) Sustain your heart with the Lord's promise

Important information about receiving the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, using both the common and the individual cups. The Lord's Supper (also called *Communion*) offers us a priceless medicine for the soul. However, we also realize from Scripture (1 Corinthians 11:23-32) that this spiritual medicine is a prescription item! Used in a way other than the way God himself prescribes in the Bible, the Lord's Supper can cause immeasurable harm! Therefore we, like the pharmacist, do not dispense communion "over the counter." Instead, we ask our *guests and visitors to please speak with pastor before coming forward for Communion.* We do this solely out of love and concern for souls!

* This is the reading for today's sermon.

FOR MEDITATION AND GROWTH IN GOD'S WORD

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)

Personal Prayers for Worship can be found in the hymnal on page 10

**Faith-Life Is Nourished
Only through God's Gospel Promises**

When people are sick, doctors will sometimes tell their patients that they need to put on some weight; their body needs proper, daily nourishment. That's true also for our souls! Even after we become Christians through the powerful working of the Holy Spirit, our faith-life is still sick with sin; it needs constant and proper nourishment! And how is our faith-life nourished and nurtured? Only through hearing God's gospel promises in Word and Sacrament (Romans 10:17).

First Lesson (Genesis 18:1-14)

1. What gospel promise does the Lord once again give to Abraham and Sarah?
2. How did Sarah react and why? How did Abraham react?

Second Lesson (Colossians 1:21-29)

3. What kind of relationship did the Colossians once have with God? How did that relationship change?
4. What impact does the revelation of God's gospel promises have on sinful people?

Gospel (Luke 10:38-42)

5. When Jesus came to visit their home, with what did Mary and Martha busy themselves, respectively?
6. According to Jesus, which sister made better use of her time?
7. True or false: Jesus is suggesting that work is a waste of our time.



Lutheran Girl Pioneers are in need of Scrapbooking paper for our District Camp Craft project the end of July. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Box is in coffee area or speak to Mary Ann Berens or Jan Cockran.

25th Anniversary St. John's in Allegan is having a special service today at 3:00 PM in honor of Pastor Kruse's 25th anniversary in the ministry. A luncheon will follow.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE IN CHRIST

Serving the Lord and us

Organist: Natalie Thiel
Ushers: Don Hutchinson (Capt.) Ralph Holewa,
 Dave Grimm, Larry Thompson
Altar Guild: Ann Kling & Marilyn Meert
Cleaners: Volunteer Needed

Participating last week

Sunday Worship 136

Offerings to the Lord through the Church

Sunday Offering \$3,997.00
*Budget's assumed weekly offering** \$4,100.42
Building Fund \$.00
Organ Fund \$1,050.00

* Remember why every gift is cheerfully given:

"We love because God first loved us!" 1 John 4:19

Miscellaneous Stewardship Information

June Income \$ 14,884.15
 June Expenses \$ 14,365.28

NOTE: This does not include organ payments that must be made.

A detailed report of financial information, including budget, other income, and debt information is provided every month on the bulletin board in the coffee area of the narthex.



Week at a Glance

Today
 9:00 AM Worship with Communion
 10:30 AM Voters Meeting
Friday
 6:00 PM Doran Wedding
 Girl Pioneer District Camp at Camp LoRay.
Sunday
 9:00 AM Worship

The flowers have been placed on the altar today to the glory of God by Ralph and Jane Holewa for Ralph and Mike's birthday's.

The Ladies Guild made \$106.00 on the bake sale last Sunday. Thanks to everyone who baked or bought baked goods.

Please take note Pastor Olson *new* cell Phone number is 269-993-5766 and his *new* e-mail is pastorolson@peaceotsego.com.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Doran would like to invite the adult members of the congregation to join in the celebration of their daughter Nicole's wedding to Eric Szczembara, here at Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, July 30th at 6:00pm.

Peace Lutheran Co-Ed Softball Today's game time and field will be announced after church.

Join Us For VBS! Please register your child(ren) for VBS by filling out a form on the High Seas board. Please place your registration forms in the envelope on the High Seas board in the front of church.

Teen Event! A softball and swimming event with teens from across the state is planned for August 7 in Lansing. The morning will be spent playing fun games of softball. The afternoon will be spent swimming in Michigan State University's olympic-sized outdoor pool (with high & low diving boards + 3 & 5 meter platforms). The cost is \$6. This is for anyone from recently confirmed to recently graduated from High School. Please sign up on the board in the coffee area.

Christian Neighbors need for July to be provided by Peace - is **Muffin Mixes**.