

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 761 763 922

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH

July	26	8:00 a.m. Worship at English
July	26	10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace
July	29	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Aug	01	9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK : Galatians 1:1 - Galatians 6:18

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“When Peace Like a River”* was penned by Horatio Spafford in 1873. After his four daughters died in a tragic shipwreck and his real estate was wiped out in the Great Chicago Fire, a grieving Spafford wrote this enduring hymn to declare his unwavering faith. The beloved hymn was born out of profound grief. In late 1873, Spafford’s wife and four daughters boarded the *S. S. Ville du Havre* for Europe. Spafford stayed behind in Chicago to tend to sudden business matters. On November 22, the ship collided with a British vessel and sank in just 12 minutes. Spafford’s wife Anna was pulled from the water but tragically, all four of their daughters perished. Anna sent her husband a cable with the devastating message “ Saved alone”. Spafford immediately boarded a ship to join his wife. As his vessel passed the approximate area where his daughters were lost in the Atlantic, he wrote the poem that would become the famous hymn.

A WORD: *Isaiah 66:12* contains one of Scripture’s most tender promises: *“I will extend peace to her like a river.”* God speaks these words to a people who have known loss, upheaval, and uncertainty

His peace is not a momentary calm or a fragile feeling--- it is a steady, flowing river that continues even when life’s waters rise. This same promise echoes through the hymn “ It Is Well with My Soul.” The hymn does not deny sorrow; it names it honestly. Yet it declares that God’s peace runs deeper than any wave of grief. Isaiah reminds us that God’s peace is not something we create. It is something He gives --- abundantly, continually, and personally. As we worship today, may we rest in the God who carries His people with a river-steady peace. Whatever we bring with us --- joys, burdens, or quiet aches—He meets us with assurance that, in Christ, our souls can be well

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: God’s love is not found in a mere feeling. God’s love is in Christ Jesus our Lord. God’s love is in Jesus, through whom all things were made. God’s love is in Jesus, who is above all authorities, powers, and creation. God’s love is in our Lord, who stretched out His arms on the cross to win us forgiveness. God’s love is in Jesus , who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. Nothing will be able to separate us from that love

DAUGHTERS OF PEACE: Daughters are planning to meet at Pizza Ranch in Luverne on August 12th at 6:30pm. If you wish to car pool please meet in the Peace parking lot at 6:00 p.m.

BLESSINGS JAR: The Blessings Jar, located on the table at the back of the church, is available for free-will donations at any time. You may give in memory of a loved one or simply as the Lord prompts. All contributions are used to help individuals and families in need.

SERVICE FAIR: Our annual Service Fair for Peace Lutheran will be held August 30th after our service. We invite all to attend and see the opportunities we have in our Church, to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Please take a moment in these next few weeks to pray about how God wants to use you, and how you can be of service to further our Congregation and Community.

CELEBRATION TIME: We are still looking for volunteers to assist with our 125th Celebration. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Gary Delfs. (605-310-5486).

ALTAR COMMITTEE: **July** Chris Ranschau & Deb Flier **Aug** Lisa Dieren & Jan Arends
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Terry Dieren **Aug** Tim Hoogendoorn
USHERS Gary Dieren & Dennis Reuvers **Aug 2** Paul Davis & Matt Dieren
Aug 9 Marv Flier & Paul Sindt