September 11, 2016
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Organist: Arlys Willis

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Loving Father,
Give us hearts which bring You joy by continually receiving Your forgiveness and live confidently for You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

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The order of worship begins on page 151 in the front of the hymnal. Holy Communion will be celebrated today, so the Hymn of Praise is "This is the Feast". After the offertory and prayer, we begin the communion liturgy with the Prayer of Thanksgiving on page 161.
*White grape juice is available for those who prefer non-alcoholic communion wine.

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Hymns: 570, 609 (vv. 1-4), 688
Text: Luke 15:1-10
Theme: "How Sinners Bring Joy to God"

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, September 4, 2016	60
Tuesday, September 6, 2016	10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bible verse to memorize this week: Matthew 5:44 – "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Members of Peace who have had special care this past week: Reigh Ferguson, hospital.

The Special Project offering today is designated for LCMS World Relief.

The Financial Secretary has requested members' who are donating to the "Bell Tower Fund", and using their weekly envelopes to do so, to please indicate that on your envelope. The total contributions to date are in the amount of $5,090.

Sibley County Foodshare, Inc. has reported that Peace Lutheran has contributed 20 pounds of food this past month. Your generous donations continue to provide emergency assistance to the hungry of Sibley County.

The Portals of Prayer for October – December are in and on the table in the Narthex. Please take one.

Members of Peace have generously donated $152.00 from their Thrivent Choice Accounts to Peace Lutheran this past month.

We recognize and welcome new members Chuck & Dana Pautsch and their sons, Robbie and Logan; as well as Jen Carpenter and her son Tony.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of New Auburn will sponsor a Salad Luncheon today, September 11th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please see the bulletin board for all the details.

Christian Ethics Class with Pastor Wismar for adults will be offered for seven weeks every Weds. Evening from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at Mayer Lutheran High School. The dates are October 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23. There is no cost except the purchase of the textbook, which you can purchase through Amazon for cheap. If you would like to participate please call Renae Johnson at 952-657-2251 Ext. 1002 or e-mail her at renae.johnsonj@mayerluther.org. The class will meet in Room 101. Please see the bulletin board for the dates and reading schedule.

Option for Women will sponsor its first ever Mankato Gala on October 2, 2016 at the Kato Entertainment Center. Please see the bulletin board for all the pertinent information

Ridgeview Medical Center Hospice program is in need of volunteers. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please call Sharon Schreiner at 952-442-2191, ext. 5786 or contact her at Sharon.schreiner@ridgeviewmedical.org.

Sibley County provides an opportunity to meet other caregivers, share experiences and emotions and receive support every 3rd Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the Gaylord Library. For more information on this and the Respite Care program offered by Sibley County, contact Barb Alsleben.

Please join us today for our "Kick Off" Brunch following worship service.

Confirmation parents will meet after worship today to set a date for confirmation and to review plans for the year.
Professional football teams are in "preseason" mode, but we are starting the "real thing", today, with Confirmation class on the 14th, and other normal activities also resuming in the month of September. Let's all adjust our schedules for full participation.
We are hoping to use the materials from "The Story" to go through the Bible-based book as families this year. Some Sunday School students said they would be willing to stay after worship to do this "if we had popcorn"! We'll see…
In 2017 we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. It is time to start building our awareness of this celebration.

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE

Today	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School "Kick Off" Brunch
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Council meeting
Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship

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