

Peace Ev. Lutheran Church

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

Third Sunday after Trinity

July 2, 2017

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Hymn 32: "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

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

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

The Nicene Creed (Hymnal, p. 22)

Hymn 326: "Lord, to Thee I Make Confession"

The Sermon: Alternate Thomasius Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Theme: How a Poor Sinner Is Justified before God

... brought I. from the depths of degradation

II. by humble contrition and sincere repentance

III. to the Father's unconditional pardon and restoration

IV. in spite of the resentment of the self-righteous, who spurn His grace.

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

The General Prayer and Prayer for our Communicants

Hymn 386: "My Savior Sinners Doth Receive"

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, July 2nd — NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings today

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, July 3rd 4:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Jonah & Aaron)
6:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Connor, Nick, Isaac)
7:00 p.m., **Confirmation Class** (Samuel)

Tuesday, July 4th

Independence Day

PLEASE NOTE that the statutes of the **State of Illinois** state that "it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation to knowingly possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks," and that the **Word of God** says: "*Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.*" (I Peter 2:13). (Cf. also Romans 13:1-2 & 5).

Have a safe and lawful 4th of July in good conscience toward God!

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

Friday, July 7th NO Scheduled Classes or Meetings

Saturday, July 8th **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, July 9th **The Fourth 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 thereafter, our usual **Potluck Luncheon**, followed by the **Regular Voters' Meeting** for July.