

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Gayle Cardo

Communion Committee: Becca Ligrow and Joanne Smith

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Kent Franklin

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, October 1– 112 (7:45) 94 (10:30) Bible Class – 68

Wednesday, October 4 – 40

Thursday, October 5 – Communion Matins – 47 Coffee Break – 40

Altar Flowers are given by June Brueck

Last Week's Offering

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Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 8, 2023

THEME: Christ Teaches the Fulfillment of the Old Testament

Jesus was confronted by many who did not believe in Him. In this Gospel the Pharisees, who had heard He had silenced the Sadducees, took their turn to challenge Jesus about the Old Testament teaching on the Law. They asked Him, "What is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus answers reveals that, according to the Old Testament, love for God above all things is the greatest commandment and that love for the neighbor as oneself follows love for God. The Pharisees knew that Jesus answered correctly, but for them following God's law was about manipulating God into doing for them what they desired, rather than understanding that the law calls for a love for God and for the neighbor that we cannot fulfill. The Old Testament law and prophets hang on these two commandments because Jesus, the Son of God, and the Son of David, is the fulfillment of the law of love in his sacrifice for us upon the cross. His love for God and the neighbor does not move Him to look out for Himself but to serve us. By His service He shows Himself to be the greater Son of David and the promised Messiah. Because of Jesus' love for the Father and for us, the Father will place all enemies under Jesus' feet, and He will sit forever at the Father's right hand. For the Pharisees, the Law of God was about achieving what they wanted. For Jesus', God's Law was fulfilled in His self-denial for us.

Guests—Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us. If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Before you leave this morning, please sign our guest register in the narthex.

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the LCMS and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender



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Divine Service: Sunday – 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.
Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD — “*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*” (John 17:17). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Private Confession and Absolution:** *Sundays 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. or by appointment — Call Pastor at 262-246-3200 or 262-370-1189.*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service 7:45 & 10:30—Trinity 18**
Bible Class 9:15—Lutheran Education
- **Daily Chapel** **Tuesday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Didache Divine Service 6:30—Lesson 4**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:30**
No Coffee Break Bible Study

Bible Class—This morning, Pastor Christiansen will continue his discussion on Lutheran Education including a brief overview of the curriculum at Peace Lutheran Academy in light of Martin Luther’s thoughts on schools.

Family Prayer Devotional Studies are recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly in preparation for each Family Prayer lesson. The lesson this week is **The Creation**. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Equipping the Priesthood of all Believers... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: Myths about Christopher Columbus, The Need for Masculine Men, Understanding Polygamy in Scripture, The Expulsion of the Canaanites and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat Coming to Sunday Bible Class
Beginning October 22, Sunday Morning Bible Classes will take up the topics of “Family, Life, and Marriage” in a “Sunday morning retreat in the Word of God.” The study is meant to be encouraging to children, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, and the calling of grandparents, widows, and those who are single. It is called a “retreat” because it is intended to refresh us all in the Word of God in the good gifts that God has given us in marriage and family, and how to live in a world that is hostile to our Christian way of life. Topics will range from a Christian view of dating and courtship to the beauty and sanctity of the one flesh union. We will talk about the joys and opportunities of grandparents and the single Christian. This “retreat” is for everyone! Recordings will be made, and handouts will provide a resource for continued study and encouragement in the Word of God.

NEWS AND NOTES

Pastor Bender is attending the ILC Conference in Wittenberg, Germany from October 6 through October 16. Upon his return there will be a special follow-up discussion on the work of the International Lutheran Council and a presentation on the Luther sites he visited while in Germany.

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church 15250 W. Cleveland Ave., New Berlin is hosting a fundraiser to provide meals for Ukrainian families on **Sunday, October 15th**. There will be two presentations given by Seminarian Sergiu Trifa. The first presentation is at 9:15 a.m. and the second presentation with lunch is at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$10 (ages 12 and under eat for free). If interested, please call Blessed Savior Lutheran Church at 262-786-6465.

Installation Service at Zion Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls – Rev. Dean A. Dummer will be installed as pastor of Zion-Menomonee Falls on **Sunday, October 15 at 3 p.m.** There will be a dinner reception in the gymnasium following the service. You are invited to join our brothers and sisters in Christ as they welcome their new pastor.

Fish Fry Resumes October 20! The new season of Fish Fries will begin on Friday, October 20. For a complete schedule of this year’s Fish Fries from October through May see the insert in today’s bulletin. Volunteers are being contacted and over the next few weeks, teams will be organized, and orientation meetings held with the various teams and their team leaders. Thanks to everyone for participating in the Fundraiser survey and for your willingness to share the work in support of our Academy.

Reformation Service - the Congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod of Greater Milwaukee invite you to a Reformation Service celebrating the first hymns of Martin Luther. Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe, Jr. will serve as the preacher and area musicians will gather to praise God and celebrate the Lutheran Reformation. The Service will be held at Luther Memorial Chapel in Shorewood, WI (3833 N. Maryland Ave), **Sunday, October 29th at 3:30 p.m.**

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 10-01-23
Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 3 (online)
Gross sales: \$2,400.00 Profit paid to Academy: \$86.20
Attendance: 286 Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$1,311.57

Sunday Order of Service

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Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation 797

“Praise the Almighty”

Introit *sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon *(Liturgical Text)*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for You, *
and let Your prophets be proven | faithful.
Hear the prayer of Your | servants, *
according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your | people.

Psalm *(Ps. 122: 1, 6, 8-9)*

I was glad when they | said to me, *
“Let us go into the house | of the LORD.”

Pray for the peace of Je-|rusalem: *
may they prosper who | love You.

For the sake of my brethren and com-| panions, *

I will now say, “Peace be with-| in you.”
Because of the house of the | LORD our God, *
I will | seek your good.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

(Antiphon is repeated.)

Old Testament Reading **Deuteronomy 10:12-21**

The Essence of the Law

Choral Response “Taste and See” – Randolph Currie *(Ps. 34 adapted)*

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; taste and see the goodness of God!

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall be ever on my lips,
I will glory in the Lord forever, the lowly will hear and be glad!
Taste and see...

Glorify the Lord with me, forever let us praise His name!
I called out to God and He heard my cry; from all my fears, He set me free.
Taste and see...

The eyes of the Lord see the righteous; He turns His ears to their cries.
For our Father hears and answers when we call His name,
and comforts His children when they are afraid.
Taste and see...

Epistle **1 Corinthians 1:(1-3) 4-9**

God is Faithful to His Church.

Alleluia-Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia! Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples! Alleluia!

(Ps. 117:1)

Holy Gospel **Matthew 22:34-46**

Jesus Catechizes the Scribes and Pharisees on the Old Testament.

Hymn of the Day **694**

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”
Choir sings stanza 4

Distribution Hymns

“In God, My Faithful God” **745**
“O God of Mercy, God of Might” **852**
“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand” **564**

Hymn to Depart **794**

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”