

## 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: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, October 8– 136 (7:45) 82 (10:30) Bible Class – 70

Wednesday, October 11 – 31

Thursday, October 12 – Communion Matins – 37

**Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Mike and Angela Christopherson's 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Sanctuary Candle** is given in memory of Robert and Donald Nitzsche.

### Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 9,547.00
Music fund:	\$ 100.00
Goehner Schl. fund:	\$ 50.00
Sacred Appt. fund:	\$ 2,200.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 120.50
African Mission fund:	<u>\$ 850.00</u>
	\$ 12,867.50

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN OCT. 2023:

General funds received in October:	\$ 20,284.00
Music funds received in October:	\$ 100.00
Goehner Schl. funds received in October:	\$ 50.00
Capital Imp. Funds received in October:	\$ 100.00
Sacred Appt. funds received in October:	\$ 2,300.00
Mercy funds received in October:	\$ 121.50
African Mission funds received in October:	<u>\$ 950.00</u>
	\$ 23,905.50

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity


October 15, 2023

### THEME: Be of Good Cheer, Your Sins Are Forgiven!

A paralyzed man is the perfect image of humanity who cannot save itself from the bondage and paralysis of sin. The paralytic had to be brought to Jesus. We have to be brought to Jesus. His greatest problem was not physical paralysis, but the problem of sin which was the cause of all his maladies. It is the same for us. Jesus' word addressed the real problem: "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." It is this word that the self-righteous scribes objected to. They accused Jesus of blasphemy: using the power of God that He had no right to use. They were wrong. Jesus had the authority to forgive sins because He came into the world to pay the ultimate price for sin. The scribes had no power to make a man walk or to take away a man's sin. It was impossible for them. It is impossible for us. But Jesus had the power to do both. To teach them that He had the power to forgive sins, He made the man to arise and walk. What none of us could do, Jesus did. He has now given the power to forgive sins to His Church, so that paralyzed and broken sinners might be set free and reconciled to God. "When the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men." Thanks be to God that Jesus power and authority to forgive sins is found in the Church where His Gospel is preached and His sacraments are administered. In Christ's absolution, sinners are set free from bondage and reconciled to God.

**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 19**  
**Bible Class 9:15—Lutheran Education**
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Didache Divine Service 6:30—Lesson 5**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:30**

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

**Finding Jesus in the Old Testament...** The key to understanding the Old Testament is to find Jesus. Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed Dr. Reed Lessing and Dr. Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book “The Messianic Message.” You can listen to this multi-part series at [issuesetc.org/findingjesus](http://issuesetc.org/findingjesus).

**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.

**Board of Elders** meets Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**Board of Properties** meets Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education** meets Tuesday, October 17 at 7:15 p.m.

**Parish Council** meets Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

## 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 TODAY** to provide meals for Ukrainian families. 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).

**Installation Service at Zion Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls** – Rev. Dean A. Dummer will be installed as pastor of Zion-Menomonee Falls **TODAY 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 begins this Friday, October 20. Flyers with all the Fish Fry dates are available in the narthex.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.**

**Reformation Faire!** All families are invited to join in a Reformation-themed renaissance faire on the evening of **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Activities begin at 4:45pm, and will include an archery tournament, a sword fighting ring, and princess hairstyles! Reformation-themed costumes (such as knights, squires, princesses, ladies in waiting, bards, monks, and popes!). are highly encouraged for both adults and children. Swords, tiaras, and lutes are welcome. Medieval catsmeat stew and hot cider will be served around 6:00pm, followed by a reading of the 95 Theses and confessional documents. Medieval additions to the medieval meal are welcome. RSVP to the office (headcount for meal planning).

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 10-08-23

Number of families participating: 11 (in-person) + 2 (online)

Gross sales: \$2,475.00

Profit paid to Academy: \$69.50

Attendance: 258

Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$1,381.07

## Sunday Order of Service

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 15, 2023

### 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

885

“I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care”

*stanzas 1-4*

#### Entrance Psalm 84

Insert

#### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10-17

The Lord speaks to Jacob at Bethel.

#### Choral Response “Blest Spirit, One with God”

Blest Spirit, one with God above, Thou Source of life and holy love,  
Oh, cheer us with Thy sacred beams, refresh us with Thy plenteous streams.

Oh, may our lips confess Thy name, our holy lives Thy praise proclaim;  
With love divine our hearts inspire, and fill us with Thy holy fire.

O Holy Father, Holy Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
Thy grace devoutly we implore, Thy name be praised forevermore.

#### Epistle

Ephesians 4:22-28

The Holy Spirit renews our faith through the Word of mercy.

#### Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia! Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for He has done marvelous things.

Alleluia!

*(Ps. 98:1a)*

#### Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:1-8

The Healing of the Paralytic

**Hymn of the Day**

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

708

**Distribution Hymns**

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

610

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

620

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

814

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

748

**Hymn to Depart**

“I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care”

885

stanzas 5-8

**Psalm 84**

Trinity 19

Mark Steffens

Choir: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Congregation: **REFRAIN**

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give

ear, O God of Ja - cob!

*Congregation sings verses in bold.*

How lovely is Your dwelling place,\* O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;\* my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,\***

**at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

**Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,\* ever sing-ling Your praise!**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,\* in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;\* the early rain also covers it with pools.

**REFRAIN**

They go from strength to strength;\* each one appears before God in Zion.

O LORD God of hosts, I hear my prayer;\* give ear, O God of Jacob!

**Behold our shield, O God;\* look on the face of Your Anointed!**

**For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.\***

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.\*

No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O LORD of hosts,\* blessèd is the one who trusts in You!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**REFRAIN**

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