

## 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: Lance Carus

### LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, October 22– 126 (7:45) 99 (10:30) Bible Class – 93

Wednesday, October 25 – 47

Thursday, October 26 – Communion Matins – 45 Coffee Break - 35

### Last Week's Offering

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| General fund:    | \$ 5,967.00      |
| Choir and Music: | <u>\$ 197.00</u> |
|                  | \$ 6,164.00      |

### TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN OCT. 2023:

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| General funds received in October:         | \$ 31,097.99       |
| Music funds received in October:           | \$ 297.00          |
| Goehner Schlr. funds received in October:  | \$ 80.00           |
| Capital Imp. Funds received in October:    | \$ 180.00          |
| Sacred Appt. funds received in October:    | \$ 2,350.00        |
| Mercy funds received in October:           | \$ 171.50          |
| African Mission funds received in October: | <u>\$ 1,080.00</u> |
|  | \$ 35,256.49       |

## Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

### Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023

### THEME: The Word of Christ Sets Us Free from Sin, Satan, and Death

What is the Reformation about? More than anything else the Reformation is about the freedom of the Gospel—the unhindered proclamation of the forgiveness of sins. Luther had been tormented during his early life by teachings that only saw God as an angry judge who punished sinners. Obedience to the Church, to Popes and Councils, to the state, to parents, and to God was the overwhelming teaching that was pounded into the people. Some people actually thought they could be obedient and earn God's blessing. But others, like Luther, were terrified in conscience because they knew that they were disobedient and could not even come close to the righteousness that God required. "How can I find a gracious God?" This question became the driving force behind the Lutheran Reformation. Freedom from sin came from the Son alone. "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." The Word of Jesus offers us a new righteousness—the righteousness of His death for our sins.

### All Saints' Day celebrated Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m.

At our All Saints' Day celebration each year we commemorate those who have died in the Lord from our congregation over the past year. The Senior Choir will lead the celebration of All Saints' Day, as we sing so many comforting and powerful hymns for the day.

**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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The Rev. Brennick T. Christiansen, Assoc. Pastor — (262) 236-6104  
The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032

**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—Reformation Bible Class 9:15—Family, Life, and Marriage**
- **Daily Chapel** **Monday to Friday at 8:30**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service 6:30—All Saints' Day**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:30 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:30**

**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 Curse of the Fall*. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

**Family, Life, and Marriage Retreat Coming to Sunday Bible Class**

Beginning Today, Sunday Morning Bible Classes will take up the topics of “Family, Life, and Marriage” in a “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.

**Paths to Lutheranism Series... Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at [issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism](http://issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism).

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Congregational Assembly** meets Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

**Fish Fry** – Thanks to all the volunteers who made our first Fish Fry a huge success. The next one is Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00pm.

**District 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), **TODAY, 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. 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 needed for meal planning).**

**OPEN HOUSE: Trinity Lutheran Classical High School** is hosting an open house for all interested families on **November 8<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm. TLCHS focuses on teaching young adults to imitate Christ, to grow in fear, wisdom, knowledge, and love of the Lord, through a classical education that instills good habits of body, mind, and soul. Register for the open house here: <https://trinitywa.org/open-house-registration-2>.

**5th Annual Holiday Craft Fair** Saturday, **November 11<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-3pm at **Christ the Life Lutheran Church**, 3031 Summit Ave, Waukesha. Free admission & door prize entry, 40+ unique vendors and bake sale to benefit Christ the Life's early childhood program & nature center.

**Weekly RaiseRight Report:** Week of 10-22-23

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 4 (online)

Gross sales: \$2,300.00      Profit paid to Academy: \$68.77

Attendance: 257      Total profits paid this fiscal year: \$1,809.14

Please sign up to purchase RaiseRight online at [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com), or get the RaiseRight app on your phone, for faster, easier, on the go shopping. For both, you will need **our enrollment code: 9L292E7881L5.**

**Kohl's gift cards** now earn 7% rebate, up from 4%!

**Kohl's egift cards**, purchased online or in app, can be ordered to your needs, from \$5-\$5000! Check it out!

# Sunday Order of Service

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

## Divine Service Setting Five Lutheran Service Book p. 213

*Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 213. The ordinary parts of the liturgy, such as the Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei, are all hymn versions of those canticles. Follow the hymn board and the outline of the service below.*

**Hymn of Invocation** 656

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”  
*Choir sings stanza 3*

**Invocation, Confession, Absolution** (*Divine Service Setting Five*) 213

**Kyrie Hymn** 942

“Kyrie! God, Father”

**Gloria Hymn** 948

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

**First Reading** **Revelation 14:6-7**

The angel of the Lord proclaims the pure Gospel of Christ.

**Psalm 46** *Sung by the choir* *See the hymnal for text*

**Epistle** **Romans 3:19-28**

The righteousness of Christ that comes by faith.

**Hymn of the Day** 555

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

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| 1. All   | 6. Choir |
| 2. All   | 7. Men   |
| 3. Choir | 8. Women |
| 4. Men   | 9. All   |
| 5. Women | 10. All  |

**Holy Gospel**

The Truth Will Set You Free

**John 8:31-36**

**Creedal Hymn** 954

“We All Believe in One True God”

**Sermon**

“The Word of Christ Sets Us Free”

**Prayer of the Church** 215

**Service of the Sacrament** 216

**Sanctus Hymn** 960

“Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old”

**Agnus Dei** 962

“Agnus Dei”

**Distribution Hymns**

“By Grace I’m Saved” 566

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” 585

“Thy Strong Word” 578

**Post-Communion Hymn** 938

“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”

**Hymn to Depart** 655

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”