

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cathy Petersen

Communion Committee: Sharon Martin, Mary Nitzsche, Melody Ruhbusch

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Lance Carus

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 21 – 102 (7:45) 96 (10:30) Bible Class – 84

Wednesday, September 24th – 34

Thursday, September 25th – Chapel Matins – 33 Coffee Break – 38

Sanctuary Candle: In celebration of Don and Rosanne Fell's 37th anniversary.

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,885.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 40.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 500.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 00.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 7,425.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER 2025:

General funds received in September:	\$ 24,930.00
Capital Improvement funds received in September:	\$ 80.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in September	\$ 500.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in September:	\$ 450.00
International Mission funds received in September:	\$ 231.10
Mercy funds received in September:	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
	\$ 26,216.10

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels


September 28, 2025

THEME: The Ministry of Angels

The Gospel for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels includes Jesus' catechesis on the question, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" In the mind of the sinful flesh, greatness is measured by status, achievement, wealth, power, or some other source of prestige and honor. Jesus turned the tables on this thinking by setting a little child in the midst of them and saying, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." But what does this mean? To be converted and become as a little child is to be brought to repentant faith which rests its entire confidence of salvation in Christ. Dependence, reliance, and trust in Christ alone. Denying oneself, contrition, and repentance, and faith in the Gospel as the gift of salvation in Christ—this is the mark of true greatness. Greatness comes from God and is measured in terms of His gift of salvation to us that we have in no way earned. The greatest offense would be to deny these truths and cause someone to turn away from Christ and rely again upon themselves. What does this have to do with the ministry of Angels? The Angels of God serve the Lord Jesus. Their singular focus is Christ and His salvation for us who are the objects of our Lord's love. This is what motivates the angels in all that they do for us: "In heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven" Jesus is the Father's face which the Angels behold, and their work is to protect us and keep us in this faith.

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.



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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 — “*I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.*” (1 Cor. 12:3). 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, by calling Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service at 7:45 & 10:30 — St. Michael Bible Class at 9:15 — The Tares in the Wheat**
- **Mon-Fri:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — St. Michael**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00**

Sunday Bible Study—The Parables of Jesus

Throughout the fall, we will be studying the parables of Jesus and how they teach us to meditate upon the grace of God in Christ.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets at 9:00 on Thursday mornings. Bring your coffee and join us as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday School has resumed for children in preschool through 4th grade. Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 a.m. Children in 5th grade and above should attend Bible Class with their parents in the nave.

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is ***Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty—Luke 23:13-25 and is a Catechism Story for the Close of the Commandments.*** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Youth Group Meets Next Sunday, October 5 after the 10:30 service and will continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month. Pastor Bender will teach on The Theology of the Body, drawing from Dr. John Kleinig’s book, *Wonderfully Made*. Lunch will be provided for the October class. All high school and college-age members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend!

Didache, Adult Catechesis Class, Begins Monday, October 6 at 6p.m. Don’t miss this opportunity to be renewed in your faith! If you have been a lifelong Lutheran, this class is for you! If you are a new Lutheran, this class is for you! If you have relatives, friends, or coworkers who need to know Christ, this class is for them! If you are curious about the faith, this class is for you! If you are hurting and in need of comfort and strength, this class is for you! Didache will address itself to the most important questions of life and eternity. Join us on Monday nights, beginning on October 6 at 6 p.m.

Plan Now to Attend Reformation Divine Service at Historic Trinity. Pastor Bender will be preaching, and our children’s choirs will be singing at Trinity this Reformation Day, Friday, October 31, at 6:30 p.m. Celebrate the Reformation in the beautiful sanctuary at Trinity, which continues to undergo restoration after a fire in 2018. The church is located at 1046 N. Ninth Street in Milwaukee.

Promises of God 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 teachings on God’s promises for you with Pastor Will Weedon of “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever.” You’ll find the entire series at issuesetc.org/promisesofgod.

NEWS AND NOTES

Update: Parking lot sealing & restriping was rescheduled due to rain and will take place **tomorrow morning, September 29**. We cannot drive on the lot for 48 hours after the sealing is complete. If you need to be at church on **Sept. 29 or 30 or on Oct 1** during the day, please find street parking in the cul-de-sac (Oak Ct.) to the west of the Church parking lot, and walk *on the grass* to the door. The lot should be open for Wednesday evening Divine Service.

Senior Choir Rehearsal meets on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. New members are welcome and encouraged to join. If you are even remotely interested, please talk to Pastor Bender. He will be happy to answer your questions and give you guidance.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 9/21/2025

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 3 (online)

Attendance: 224

Gross sales: \$2645.00 Profit earned this week \$67.13

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$1791.60

Profit paid to the Academy: \$993.54

Sign up for the RaiseRight App to use on your phone while shopping. The app is available from the App Store or Google Play as ***RaiseRight Fundraising***. You will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5.

Sunday Order of Service
The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels
September 28, 2025

Divine Service Setting Two
Lutheran Service Book p. 167

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 167. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn **818**

“In Thee Is Gladness”
choir sings stanza 1

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon (Ps.103:20-21)

Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength,
that do His commandments,
hearkening unto the voice of His word.
Bless ye the LORD, all ye His hosts,
ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Psalm (Ps.103:1)

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

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 **Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**
The Archangel Michael comes to Daniel's aid.

Choral Response *see LSB 656 for text*
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” – *by Johann Sebastian Bach*

Second Reading **Revelation 12:7-12**
Victory by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of His testimony

Holy Gospel **Matthew 18:1-11**
Jesus teaches of the ministry of angels who behold the Father's face.

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **522**

“Lord, God, to Thee We Give All Praise”

St. 1 – All *St. 5 – Women & Children*
St. 2 – Women & Children *St. 6 – Men*
St. 3 – All *St. 7 – All*
St. 4 – Men *St. 8 – All*

Offertory Hymn **941**

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Distribution Hymns **605**

“Father Welcomes” **605**
“Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken” **521**
“Children of the Heavenly Father” **725**
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” **621**

Hymn to Depart **670**

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”