

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organists: Kathy May, Jordan Fischer

Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, October 19th – 128 (7:45) 60 (10:30) Bible Class – 88

Monday, October 20th – Didache – 20

Wednesday, October 22nd – 37

Thursday, October 23rd– Chapel Matins – 29 Coffee Break – 37

Sanctuary Candle: given in celebration of Larry and Sharon Martin's 53rd wedding anniversary.

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,110.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 000.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 00.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 25.00
	<u>\$ 5,135.00</u>

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN OCTOBER 2025:

General funds received in October:	\$ 22,703.00
Capital Improvement funds received in October:	\$ 240.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in October:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in October:	\$ 00.00
International Mission funds received in October:	\$ 00.00
Mercy funds received in October:	\$ 25.00
	<u>\$ 22,968.00</u>

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

THEME: Christ Preserves His Church

as the Kingdom of God Suffers Violence!

The Kingdom of heaven has been coming into the world violently. Wherever the Gospel is preached, and sinners are being brought into the Kingdom of God through faith in Christ, there is the violence. The Old Adam dies, sinners are claimed from the kingdom of darkness, and Satan becomes agitated by it all. Wherever the Gospel is preached, and repentance is wrought in sinners, Satan will be close at hand to stir up trouble and agitate against the Christian faith and the claims of the Gospel. Christians should be taught to expect such upheaval from within and without. As it was in the days of John the Baptist when multitudes were being brought to faith, so it was in Luther's day, and so it will be in our own day. In this world of trouble and fear, we are called to live by faith in Christ alone whose righteousness is our comfort, peace, and joy.

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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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 — “*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 — Reformation Bible Class at 9:15 — History of the Church**
- **Mon-Fri:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00**
- **Monday:** **Didache-Compline 6:00**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Reformation**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00**
- **Friday:** **Reformation Service at Trinity 6:30**

Sunday Bible Class—The Lutheran Day School and the Three Estates

Our strategic plan for Peace Lutheran Academy entails a significant catechetical study for the whole congregation on the Three Estates: Church, Home, and State. This study will take place throughout the month of November during the Bible Class hour. This study builds upon the theological foundation of a Lutheran Day School, published in 1994, by addressing how the Academy is the major mercy ministry of our congregation. Our Academy not only supports our own families but also serves the welfare of our community and other Christian families who share in our values. During these troubled times, schools like our Academy are needed now more than ever. The Academy Mission Statement is key to all the efforts of our strategic plan: *Peace Lutheran Academy partners with parents in Christian education for a life of faith in Christ and service to others.*

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 for children in preschool through 4th grade is at 9:15 a.m. in the Academy. 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 ***The Curse of the Fall—Genesis 3:16-24***. Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

Youth Group Meets Next Sunday, Nov. 2nd after the 10:30 Service
Pastor Bender will continue teaching on The Theology of the Body, drawing from Dr. John Kleinig’s book *Wonderfully Made*. All high school and college-age members are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend!

Didache Meets on Monday Evenings at 6:00

This week’s lesson is part one on The First Article of the Creed—The Creation – Genesis 1:1-5, (6-23), 24-31; 2:1-7. Come find renewal, comfort, and fellowship as we study God’s word in the Bible, Catechism, and Hymnal. Come, even if you missed the first few weeks. The lessons are recorded and available on the church website (under “Additional Recordings”) and at your favorite podcast provider.

Reformation Divine Service is This Friday 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.

NEWS AND NOTES

A Place of Refuge Ministries, which supports women facing crisis pregnancies, is looking for interim help in both their Administrative and Daytime House Parent positions. If you are able to step in to assist, please contact Pastor Don Hougard at pastor@benediction-lcms.org.

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 10/19/2025

Number of families participating: 6 (in-person) + 5 (online)

Attendance: 222

Gross sales: \$2375.00 Profit earned this week \$64.64

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$2560.06

Profit paid to the Academy: \$1870.23

\$10 and under gift cards are once again available for ordering. Find order slips at the Scrip Counter and in the office.

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

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

Divine Service Setting Five Lutheran Service Book p. 213

Setting 5 is Luther's setting of the Divine Service that utilizes hymns for the ordinary canticles of the Service (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Post-Communion Canticle).

Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 213. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation 587

"I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Entrance Hymn 585

"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

St. 1: All Choir stanza

St. 2: All St. 5 – All

St. 3: All Choir stanza

St. 4: All St. 6 – All

Kyrie Hymn 942

"Kyrie! God, Father"

1 Kyrie! God Father sung by Choir, Women and children

2 Kyrie! O Christ sung by Men

3 Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost sung by All

Gloria Hymn 947

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Choir sings introduction

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

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

Choral Response *(Psalm 46:1-2, 4-5a, 10-11)*

"God Is Our Refuge and Strength" by Matthew Machemer

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

We will not fear though the earth gives way,

though the mountains be moved to the sea.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.

God is in her midst; she shall not be moved.

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

"Be still and know I am God.

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth!"

Come, behold the works of the Lord,

the desolations He brings on the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

Epistle **Romans 3:19-28**

The righteousness of Christ that comes by faith.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 11:12-19**

The kingdom of heaven suffers violence.

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day 656

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Choir sings stanza 3

Sanctus Hymn 961

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Agnus Dei 962

"Agnus Dei"

Distribution Hymns

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" 556

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior" 658

Post-Communion Hymn 617

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

Hymn to Depart 655

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"