

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Holly Schneider

Communion Committee: Doreen Corso, Sharon Murphy, Anna Steinhilb
Nicola Giordano

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Lance Carus

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Tom Aidich

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 20 – 130 (7:45); 102 (10:30); 84 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, September 23 – 34

Thursday, September 24 – Chapel Matins – 38 Coffee Break – 45

Altar flowers: Given in celebration of Donna Schaefer's birthday.

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,780.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 00.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	<u>\$ 5,780.00</u>

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER 2026:

General funds received in September:	\$ 21,561.00
Capital Improvement funds received in September:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in September:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in September:	\$ 250.00
International Mission funds received in September:	\$ 25.00
Mercy funds received in September:	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	<u>\$ 21,886.00</u>

Needed for general ministry for 2026-27: \$594,500

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$126,605 (21%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

THEME: Jesus Came in Righteousness to Call to Repentance

Rejection of Jesus often comes from a refusal to allow Him to be one's God and Savior. The Chief Priests and Elders of the people confronted Jesus, challenging His authority, precisely because if they accepted His authority it would mean that they were wrong about life, about God, about salvation, and about themselves. If what Jesus said was true, then they were not righteous at all. If what Jesus said was true, then they were sinners who needed to repent of their sin and trust in Him for salvation. If what Jesus said was true, then He is God and they are not! This is the root of all unbelief and rejection of Christ: the refusal to let go of oneself as his god and lord. Often it is the "tax collectors and harlots" who repent and believe the Gospel as the futility of their sinful lives leaves them empty. In short, those who come to believe that they are truly sinners before God are the most fit to receive Jesus and the salvation He came to bring.

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.

RSVP Today to the "Love of Christ Compels Us" gatherings. The Lord has richly blessed our congregation over the past 64 years, and He continues to provide new opportunities for us to serve Him and our neighbor! Please join us for a casual gathering to talk about the love of Christ and the mission and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church and Academy. It will be a time to celebrate and give thanks to God for His blessings, and to share some exciting opportunities that lie ahead. If you can't make the date on your invitation, there are other opportunities. RSVP to the office today!

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The Rev. Peter C. Bender, Senior Pastor — (262) 370-1189

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 — “*Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it*” (Luke 11:28). 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 or texting Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service at 7:45 & 10:30 a.m.**
Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. — Lutheran Day School
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Homeschool Catechesis at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Pentecost 18**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00 a.m.**
Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Break Bible Study is every Thursday morning at 9:00. Join us as we study the book of Acts.

Bible Class: The Lutheran Day School: Its Theological Foundation and Practice (part 2) A study of the Three Estates—Family, Church, and State. We will continue the study during Sunday Bible Class today and next week.

Sunday Morning Bible Class: Didache and the Augsburg Confession, will run **October 11 through May**. This adult catechesis class will link together an in-depth study of *Lutheran Catechesis* with an in-depth study of the Augsburg Confession, the seminal confessional document of the evangelical Lutheran Church.

Book pick-up is next Sunday for those who ordered books for the Didache and the Augsburg Confession Bible Class.

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions is available online in a mobile-friendly format for free at bookofconcord.cph.org.

Sunday School has begun for children in preschool through 4th grade. The lessons your children begin learning on Sunday morning are posted under the Family Prayer tab on our website for your family to meditate upon during the rest of the week. There are lessons to print as well as recordings by Pastor Bender to help guide the study. The lesson this week is ***The Worship of the Golden Calf—Exodus 32:1-4***.

Children’s Choir Choral Evening Prayer Service

Our children’s choir, along with several area children’s choirs, is participating in a special festival led by Dr. Sam Eatherton, Kantor and Assistant Professor of Liturgics and Pastoral Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The festival will culminate in a beautiful Choral Evening Prayer Service. All are welcome! Join us for this wonderful opportunity to support Lutheran children’s choir singing.

- **When:** Friday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Historic Trinity Lutheran Church (1049 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee)

Equipping the Priesthood of All Believers... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: How to Read the Bible, Why Men Aren’t Marrying, The No Contact Movement, Debate Over the Location of the Town of Bethsaida and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

NEWS AND NOTES

Fall Garden Cleanup: Saturday, Oct 3rd, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will be cutting down and cleaning up the church gardens in preparation for winter. If anyone can help, please come and join us. Bring your garden gloves, large cutting shears or electric hedge trimmer with extension cord, a rake, and a tarp if you have it. Questions? Contact Beth Boehringer at 920-285-8626.

Lutheran Young Adult League (LYAL) Friendsgiving will be **Thursday, November 19**. Join other Lutheran young adults from the Waukesha/Milwaukee Area for a Friendsgiving event. More details are forthcoming.

Senior Choir rehearsal is on Wednesdays after the Divine Service. If you haven’t sung in the choir and have an interest, talk to Pastor Bender.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 9/20/2026

Number of families participating: 9 (in-person) + 7 (online)

Attendance: 255

Gross sales: \$2,700.00 Profit earned this week \$91.63

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$1,979.25

Profit paid to the Academy: \$1,189.07

If you would like to sign up on the RaiseRight app, please contact Julie Goltermann or the church office to get the enrollment code.

\$100 Pick ’n Save gift cards remain unavailable, but extra \$50 Pick ’n Save cards are stocked for cash & carry orders.

Sunday Order of Service
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026

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 **512**
“At the Name of Jesus”

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *Psalm 147:6*
The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
He casts the wicked | to the ground.
Psalm *Psalm 147:1-5*
Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.
The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
He gathers the outcasts of | Israel.
He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.
He determines the number | of the stars;*
He gives to all of | them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
His understanding is beyond | measure.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

(Antiphon is repeated)

Old Testament Reading **Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**
The Lord takes no pleasure in the death of a sinner.

Choral Response *sung by the choir*
“Search Me, O God”
by James Nares and Paul Thomas

Search me, search me, O God,
and seek the ground of my heart,
prove me, and examine my thoughts.
Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Epistle **Philippians 2:1-18**
Let the mind of Christ be in you.

Alleluia Verse *(Matt. 28:18b)*
Sung by the choir. The congregation may join in singing the Alleluia.

All authority has been giv- | en to Me *
in heaven | and on earth.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 21:23-32**
Jesus’ authority comes from the Father.

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **655**
“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”
Choir sings stanza 2

Proper Preface III
It is truly meet, 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, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels ...

Distribution Hymns
“Praise Be to Christ” **538**
“What Wondrous Love Is This” **543**
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” **621**

Hymn to Depart **428**
“Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow”