

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Cheryl Piper

Communion Committee: Rosanne Fell, Robin Oehlert, Joanne Smith,
Chris Dubnicka

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Joseph Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Mark Schneider

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, September 27 – 134 (7:45); 104 (10:30); 98 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, September 30 – 26

Thursday, October 1 – Chapel Matins – 35 Coffee Break – 39

Altar flowers: Given in celebration of Kent and Christine Franklin's 40th
Wedding anniversary

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 3,030.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 150.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	\$ 00.00
	\$ 3,380.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER 2026:

General funds received in September:	\$ 37,867.11
Capital Improvement funds received in September:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in September:	\$ 200.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in September:	\$ 400.00
International Mission funds received in September:	\$ 125.00
Mercy funds received in September:	\$ 50.00
	\$ 38,642.11

**Full-month numbers include online gifts*

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

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$132,858 (22%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

THEME: Forgive Us When We Reject Your Unfailing Love!

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers is about the history of Israel's rejection of the Lord's call to repentance and faith. He had called them to be His own special people, yet they repeatedly turned from His Word, rejected His prophets who were sent to them, and finally rejected His Son. In the midst of Israel's wholesale rejection of the Lord's Word, there was always a remnant who heard the call to repentance and believed. This parable, therefore, stands as a warning for the Church today, lest we harden our hearts in impenitence and unbelief as so many have done in the past. Jesus is the Rock of our salvation and is the sure foundation of salvation for all who cling to Him in faith. Corresponding to this radical grace of God in the call of the Gospel is the fact that God uses the rejection of Jesus by the builders (the chief priests and elders of the people) as the instrument of His salvation in ultimately bringing about Jesus' death. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes." How God turns evil to good in the death of His Son is marvelous in the eyes of the believer, but repulsive to those who do not believe.

Guests—Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us. 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 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!

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

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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 19**
- **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 conclude the study during Sunday Bible Class today.

Sunday Morning Bible Class: Didache and the Augsburg Confession, will begin next Sunday, **October 11**, and go 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.

If you ordered *Lutheran Catechesis* for the Didache and the Augsburg Confession Bible Class, **please pick up your books today.**

Orders of *The Lutheran Confessions*, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, and *Lutheran Service Book* will be available for pick up Thursday, Friday, and before Bible Class next Sunday.

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 Creation—Genesis 1:1-31.***

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)

Revelation Bible Study... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Revelation.

NEWS AND NOTES

Lutheran Young Adults League (LYAL) Friendsgiving



Enjoy food, games, and fellowship with other Lutheran young adults (aged 21-35) from the Waukesha and Milwaukee Area on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m. The Friendsgiving event will be held at Christ the Life Lutheran Church at 3031 Summit Ave. Waukesha, WI 53188. Please plan to bring a side dish to share. Childcare is provided! Use the QR code to sign up.

A big Thank You to everyone who helped clean up the church gardens yesterday! It was great to have so many willing volunteers.

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 9/27/2026

Number of families participating: 7 (in-person) + 6 (online)
Attendance: 272
Gross sales: \$1,885.00 Profit earned this week \$42.82
Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$2,022.07
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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 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 **568**
“If Your Beloved Son, O God”

Introit *sung responsively with the choir*

Antiphon *Psalm 118:1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm *Psalm 118:22-24*

The stone that the builders re- | jected*
has become the | cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

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 **Isaiah 5:1-7**
God’s Beloved Vineyard

Choral Response *sung by the choir*

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

by Bartholomaeus Ringwaldt, tr. Philip A. Peter, Setting by Adolf Strube

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| 1. The day is surely drawing near
When God’s Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As Judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teacheth. | 2. A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken;
But all that live shall in that hour
By the Almighty’s boundless pow’r
Be changed at His commanding. |
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4. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay
And for my sin wast smitten,
Within the Book of Life, oh, may
My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee;
From Satan Thou has made me free
And from all condemnation.

5. O Jesus Christ do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free
From ev’ry evil! Amen.

Epistle **Philippians 3:4b-14**
Nothing is greater than knowing Christ and His righteousness.

Alleluia-Verse *sung by the choir* *(Matt. 21:42b)*

Alleluia!
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46**
The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **544**
“O Love, How Deep”

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

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”	429
“What Is This Bread”	629
“The Church’s One Foundation”	644

Hymn to Depart **825**
“Rise, Shine, You People”