

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, October 18 – 112 (7:45); 83 (10:30); 95 (Bible Class)

Wednesday, October 21 – 36

Thursday, October 22 – Chapel Matins – 35 Coffee Break – 39

Altar Flowers: Given in celebration of Larry and Sharon Martin's 54th
wedding anniversary

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Last Week's Plate Offering

General fund:	\$ 5,555.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship Fund:	\$ 50.00
International Mission Fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 5,605.00

TOTAL PLATE OFFERINGS GIVEN IN OCTOBER 2026:

General funds received in October:	\$ 27,296.33
Capital Improvement funds received in October:	\$ 00.00
Sacred Appointments Fund received in October:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in October:	\$ 525.00
International Mission funds received in October:	\$ 600.00
Mercy funds received in October:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 28,421.33

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

Received fiscal year-to-date from all sources: \$165,926 (28%)

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

THEME: Jesus Fulfills the Holiness Demanded by the Law

Jesus is concerned about doctrine and truth. Nothing matters more to Him than the truth of the Father's Word. The Law teaches love for God above all things and love for the neighbor as one's self. This understanding of the Law is foundational for the Old Testament Scriptures. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who came to fulfill the Law in His love for God and in His love for us. Jesus questions the Pharisees about the identity of the Christ according to Old Testament teaching. "How can the Christ, who is called the Son of David, also be called 'the Lord' by David?" The answer is that David's Son is also the Son of God. This is the great truth of "who" the Christ is. Unless one believes this truth, they cannot be saved.

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.

We welcome Dr. Aaron Moldenhauer of Concordia University Wisconsin as our guest preacher and catechist while Pastor Bender is in Atlanta, GA preaching and teaching at a Reformation Catechism Celebration.



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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. — Adult Catechesis
- **Mon-Friday:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00 am**
- **Wednesday:** **Homeschool Catechesis at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Reformation**
- **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.

Adult Catechesis: Didache and the Augsburg Confession continues during Bible Class. 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. **Today’s session:** *Augsburg Confession* – Justification and the Ministry (Art. 4-5).

Sunday School is for the whole family! 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 Curse of the Fall—Genesis 3:16-24*.

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)

Reformation Festival Service here at Peace, this Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 Come celebrate our Lutheran heritage and the confession of faith we are called to make before the world and for the benefit of all of Christendom. This special service will take place on the date that our congregation was founded, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.

The Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 13 3-yr-olds through 8th graders are preparing for the program – **The Ministry of Angels** – during the Sunday School hour. Children in **Grades 1-8** meet in the 1st-2nd grade classroom from 9:15-9:30. Grades 5-8 are excused at 9:30 to join their parents in Bible Class. Children **3K to 5k** rehearse in Loehe Hall from 9:30-9:45. Final practice for the program will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 12. Parents, please mark your calendars.

NEWS AND NOTES

Pick up your Annual Report & Church Directory in the narthex today!

A part-time church secretary position is open at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls. For the job description and application, please email Prince of Peace’s church office at: office.popmf@gmail.com.

A Place of Refuge has an opening for the House Manager position.



We are praying for a friendly, faithful woman of God to oversee the spiritual, emotional, and physical welfare of the residents and supervise the Refuge House Support Staff. Scan the QR code or visit our website by Nov 1st to find the position description and next steps! God’s blessings! www.aplaceofrefuge.org/about

Parish Council meets this Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 10/18/2026

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

Attendance: 220

Gross sales: \$2,700.00 Profit earned this week \$767.38

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$2,886.70

Profit paid to the Academy: \$2,010.27

Get the enrollment code from Julie Goltermann or the church office.

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

\$100 Fleet Farm gift cards are also temporarily unavailable.

Sunday Order of Service
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 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 **689**
“Let Me Be Thine Forever”

Choral Entrance Hymn *sung by the men’s choir*

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”
by Johann J Schuetz, setting by Ludwig Lenel

All praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, power, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills,
The God who every sorrow stills
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade
His watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might,
Lo, all is just, and all is right
To God all praise and glory!

Old Testament Reading **Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**
You shall be holy for I the Lord am holy.

Gradual *sung by the men’s choir* *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Epistle **1 Thessalonians 2:1-13**
Paul gives thanks for the reception of the Gospel
among the Thessalonians.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the men’s choir* *Matt 22:37b*

Alleluia.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel **Matthew 22:34-46**
The Great Commandment of the Law.

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day **579**
“The Law of God Is Good and Wise”

Proper Preface I
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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, holy, holy...

Distribution Hymns
“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” **694**
“We Are Called to Stand Together” **828**
“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” **821**

Hymn to Depart **652**
“Father, We Thank Thee”