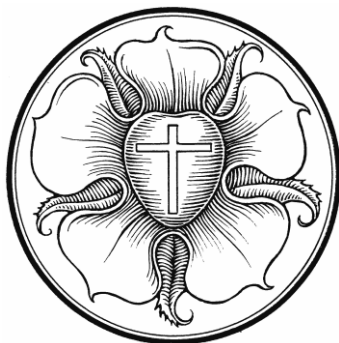




October 26th, 2025 – Reformation

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Member Communion: In addition to the forgiveness offered with His true body and blood in this meal, the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete agreement in Biblical teaching. Therefore we ask that only members of our church body come forward. If you would like to know more about our beliefs so that you may one day join us in this meal, please speak with the Pastor following the service. For private communion, contact Pastor.

WELS: Our congregation is one of many in a group known as the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**. (WELS) Together, this group is committed to focusing on Christ's love while fulfilling our calling to share the good news of our Savior.

The Service: Setting One pg. 154

Chimes preservice: "How Firm a Foundation," hymn 800

Hymn: 582 – Not unto Us

1 Not unto us, not unto us be glory, Lord;
not unto us but to your name be praise;
not unto us but to your name all honor be giv'n
for matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.

2 Amazing grace – that chose us e'er the worlds were
made;
amazing grace – that sent your Son to save;
amazing grace – that robed us in your righteousness
and taught our lips to sing glory and praise.

3 O faithful love – that shepherded through faithless
years;
forgiving love – that led us to your truth;
unyielding love – that would not let us turn from you
but sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.

4 Not unto us but to your name be glory, Lord,
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and done,
and pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy
Spirit

Amen

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in
our hearts.**

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have
done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should
have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave.

We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy, sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)(sung)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great
glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy
on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your
Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in
your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations,
defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the
church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Be seated

***First Reading:* Joshua 4:1-9**

4 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ² “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³ and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

⁴ So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵ and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶ to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ⁷ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

⁸ So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. ⁹ Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Adult Choir: “Reformation Song”

The congregation is invited to join in singing verses 3 & 4 and the refrains. It is hymn 877.

Second Reading: Revelation 3:7-13

To the Church in Philadelphia

⁷ “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. ¹³ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (sung) *The offering is brought to the altar at this time. [Our online offering portal can be found here.](#)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faithfulness.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Dispute Over Whose Children Jesus' Opponents Are

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 863 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A mighty fortress is our God,

a trusty shield and weapon;
he helps us free from ev'ry need
that has us now o'ertaken.

The old evil foe
now means deadly woe;
deep guile and great might
are his dread arms in fight;
on earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done,
soon were our loss effected;
but for us fights the valiant one
whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?"
Jesus Christ it is,
the almighty Lord,
and there's no other God;
he holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,
all eager to devour us,
we tremble not, we fear no ill:
they shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
scowl fierce as he will,
he can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
one little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain
nor any thanks have for it;
he's by our side upon the plain

with his good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
goods, fame, child, and wife,
though all may be gone,
our victory is won;
the kingdom's ours forever!

Sermon: Joshua 4 – What Does This Mean?

Adult Choir: “Here I Stand”

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not
made, of one being with the Father. Through him all
things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he**

rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

Lord, to you alone be glory.

God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.

By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.

By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and

trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.

In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.

As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.

We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.

For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. Amen.

Stand

THE SACRAMENT

The Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and the hosts of

heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through Him you made all things; in Him you are well pleased. He is the Incarnate Word, conceived by the holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, He stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we glorify and honor you, O God our Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)(sung)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymns: 671—Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior

1 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
your blood, which you for me have shed –
these are my life and strength forever;
by them my hungry soul is fed.
O Jesus, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

2 With you, Lord, I am now united;
I live in you and you in me.
In you my soul will be delighted,
as joys increase and sorrows flee.
O Jesus, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
the Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
with Jesus I to heaven rise.
O Jesus, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

4 Tho' death may threaten with disaster,
it cannot rob me of my cheer,
for he who is of death the master

with help and strength is always near.
O Jesus, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

5 Thus ev'ry pain is disappearing;
one taste my heart has come to know –
of Jesus and his love endearing,
the taste that sweetens ev'ry woe.
O Jesus, may your body and your blood
be for my soul the highest good.

800—How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 “Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 “When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 “When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace all sufficient shall be your supply;

the flames will not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good.
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed
us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will
strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one
another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face
shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Adult Choir: "To Your Glory We Sing"

The congregation is invited to join in the final refrain:

By your grace you have brought us through many years.

To your glory we sing, Lord, and praise you!

We trust our future to your abiding care.

To your glory we sing, Lord, and praise you.

"The Service: Setting One" (and hymn lyrics for mobile bulletin)

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Thank you to Donna Wastrack for serving as our organist, Mike & Jill Blank, Brian Hiemstra and Dave Knapp for ushering, and Gary Ziesemer for running tech this morning.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

**Today, October 26: Bible Study & Sunday School,
Worship with Communion, Fellowship, Council
Meeting, Trunk-or-Treat 3-5 pm**

Acolytes: Jonah & Layne

Monday, October 27: Griefshare

Tuesday, October 28: Anniversary Committee, 5 pm

Wednesday, October 29: Adult Bible Study, 10 am

NO CATECHISM

Adult Choir & Chimes Choir, 7 pm

Thursday, October 30: Women's Bible Study, 6 pm

PLS NO SCHOOL – Teachers' Conference

Friday, October 31: PLS NO SCHOOL

Sunday, November 2: *Fall Back Time Change*

Bible Study & Sunday School, Worship, Fellowship

Acolytes: Jackson & Larisa

COMING UP:

November 4: Ladies' Aid

November 11: Outreach

November 26: Thanksgiving Eve worship, 6:30 pm

December 2, 3, 4: Directory Photography (see notes)

December 3, 10, & 17: Midweek Advent

December 7: Advent by Candlelight

December 14: PLS Christmas Concert

NO OFFERING INFORMATION TODAY

October Birthdays! Happy birthday to our October members: Ainsley Stepleton, Christal Sakrison, Janice Obry, Peter Haasch, John Kaatz Sr., Tim Riggs, Jack Madderom, Renee Markel, Kathy Kaatz, Christopher Kasubaski, Rhett Kasubaski, Shirley Williams, Liam Dibelius, Casandra McGinness, Joel Schultz, and Noah Brehmer!

Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email

PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com.

Trunk-or-Treat is TODAY!

Come back this afternoon to hand out candy, help with games, or just enjoy the chaos! Setup starts around 2 pm. We block off the parking lot just before 3 pm and the event goes until 5 pm.

Last Sunday to order Butter Braids!

You can order delicious pastries and support school fundraising projects now through October 29. See any Peace School family or sign up in the fellowship hall. This year you can also [order and pay online](#), if you prefer. The butter braids will still be delivered to school and the family through which you order will make sure you get your items.

School projects supported by this year's fundraising:

- New school sign
- Painting exterior siding
- New flooring in hallways, classrooms, and library
- New bleachers in gym
- New volleyball standards for gym
- New scorers' table and team chairs for gym
- Playground improvements

Women's Bible Studies

Join us for our next Bible Study series – Acts: Empowered to Proclaim. This women-only study will be at church Thursday evenings at 6 pm. Sign up in the fellowship hall or just show up! Oct. 23 & 30, Nov. 6 & 13. See Shelley Lueck with questions.

2026 LWMS International Convention in Madison, WI, next June!

We will continue to raise money over the next 8 months to support the convention but also assist the group of Peace women who have volunteered to serve at the convention. Our Beaver Dam Circuit along with two others

in the Madison area are hosts. Six of those women will be staying for 4 days and 3 nights. We have begun discussing decorations, hearing about various tasks to be done and assisting in the preparations to make this huge event happen.

As the Peace congregation reporter for LWMS, I can't encourage you enough to consider attending the convention or at least the opening service which is held on Thursday night. They anticipate 1500 attendees along with families that night! It will truly be an uplifting and eye-opening experience for those who attend! More information will become available next spring, but pencil June 25, 2026 in your calendar and join us! See me, Lisa Utecht, for more information or if you have questions.

Please see insert for basic information on the new pictorial directory. Here are some FAQs and the [link for signing up for sessions.](#)

- Can my pet be in my photo? You can have your dog in your personal photo; they will not be in your directory picture.
- Can I submit my own photo? Yes but please don't unless absolutely necessary. We have a limited number of free submissions and would like to reserve them for people who physically can't get to the photography sessions.
- Am I staff? Pastor, school faculty and staff, and our secretary. If you are regularly paid by church/school, you are staff.
- What about service groups? We will have group photos taken after church by Shellie Hiemstra in November. Ladies' Aid, Outreach, Adult Choir, Chimes Choir,

Organists, Anniversary Committee, Church Cleaners, and Church Council will be asked to attend. Watch for that date to be announced.



EVENTS

Oct. 26, 2025: Kickoff service

June 21, 2026: Summer “homecoming” service, school/faculty alumni celebration, picnic, concert

Nov. 1, 2026: Festival anniversary afternoon service, displays, desserts and snacks

PROJECTS

Timeline, Artifacts, & Memories

Watch the decades fly by in pictures and statistics with a timeline display. Plan to bring in any artifacts you have to share that fit with the current timeline's decade. Share your memories of church or school for a special book. Watch for how to submit memories and artifacts soon.

New Pictorial Directory

Prepare to say, "Cheese!" Sign up soon for your photo slot so you can have your pictures by Christmas. See previous page.