

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – OCTOBER 22, 2023

MEET US

Our family is loved by Christ and we love each other. We hold firmly to God's Word of truth, which convicts us of our sin and comforts us with God's forgiveness in Christ. We embrace the rich heritage of hymns and liturgy that has guided the worship of the Church for generations. We are passionate about Christian education, wanting young and old to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), we enjoy fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today we celebrate the 25th anniversary of our first service at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We thank God for all of his blessings he has bestowed upon our congregation, but most of all we thank him for his son, our Savior and for his continued nourishment of his people through Word and Sacrament. By these means, he continues to guide us in the way of Peace.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Restrooms are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

Parent Room is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary doors. This room is equipped with a livestream of the service.

For the hearing impaired, an induction loop is provided. Just switch your hearing aid to "T".

For other special needs or questions, our ushers are here to assist you. Don't hesitate to ask.



DIVINE SERVICE

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WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty | ELH 29

CONFESSION OF SIN

We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification: Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on

us. O God the Son, Re - deem - er of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O God the Ho - ly Ghost,

true Com - fort - er, have mer - cy up - on us.

ABSOLUTION

Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHOIR

Oh, How Good It Is | Getty & Townend
(p.4-5, congregation joins in on verse 3)

1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
 (2 Oh, how) good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
 (3 Oh, how) good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -

geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
 joyce with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
 fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we

bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
 weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
 live as one we all share in the love of the

fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.
 of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing. So
 Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain

with one voice we'll sing to the Lord, and

with one heart we'll live out his

word, till the whole earth sees the Re-deem-er has

come, for he dwells in the pres-ence of his peo

ple. 2 Oh, how 3 Oh, how ple.

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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir - it.

PRAYER

O God, you have promised to be with your Church forever. We thank you for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your favor over these past years. Increase our faith, knit us together in the bonds of love, and make our fellowship an example to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

A - - - - - men.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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FIRST READING God Has Chosen His Church Because of His Love | Deuteronomy 7:6-9

For you are a people that is holy to the LORD your God, because the LORD your God has chosen you to belong to him as a people that is his treasured possession, chosen from all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. ⁷The LORD became attached to you by love and has chosen you, not because you were more numerous than all the peoples. Actually you were the fewest of all the peoples. ⁸But because of the LORD's love for you and because he was keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that is why the LORD brought you out by a strong hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹He did this so that you would know that the LORD your God, yes, he is God,

the faithful God who maintains both his covenant and his mercy for those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

SECOND READING God's Church Keeps His Word and Confesses His Name | Rev. 3:7-13

To the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write: The Holy One, the one who is true, the one who has the key of David, the one who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one can open, says this: ⁸ I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ Look, I will make those who are from the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not but are lying—look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them realize that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will also keep you from the hour of testing, which is about to come over the whole inhabited world, to test those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown. ¹² The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never leave it again. I will also write on him 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 my new name. ¹³ Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

GOSPEL READING Christ's Prayer For His Church | John 17:1,13-26

After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you . . .¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹ I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth. ²⁰ I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. ²¹ May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. ²² I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: ²³ I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me because you loved me before the world's foundation. ²⁵ Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them and will continue to

make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them and that I may be in them.”

God be prais - ed, for His glad tid - ings!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.

A - - - - - men.

The image shows a musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The word 'Amen' is written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

HYMN

Give Praise to God Our King | Russell & Cruger
adapt. M. Moldstad

1. Give praise to God our King,
O all the earth and heaven!
Of grace and mercy sing,
To us so freely given.
O Savior, who hast died,
He, our atonement paid
Thy name be glorified,
By all that He has made.

2. O Holy Ghost, our Guide
Unto Thy heav'nly glory,
In all our hearts abide,
Dear Lord, we now implore Thee;
In us, blest Spirit, reign,
Thine aid to us bestow;
Our souls with peace sustain,
Peace that shall overflow.

3. Lift we our hearts on high
In adoration raising;
Our Lord is ever nigh
With consolation making.
Let ev'ry grief be still,
His light He shall send us
In life, in death, He will
Most surely defend us.

SERMON TEXT

Luke 1:76-79

And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, because you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of God's tender mercies, by which the Rising Sun from on high will visit us, ⁷⁹ to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER OF THANKS FOR OUR BLESSED HISTORY

Special intercession may be given.

For our first worship service at Hoover Elementary School on October 25, 1998, and for all our worship opportunities since,

Heavenly Father, we thank you.

For the faithful service of Pastor Bob Otto, our first home missionary, who proclaimed the gospel of Christ,

Lord Jesus, we thank you.

For Pastor Brad Kerkow who continued that work beginning in June of 2000, properly using your means of grace,

O Holy Spirit, we thank you.

For our charter Sunday, January 13th, 2002, and for members of Peace who have supported the work of the church with their time, talent, and treasure,

Heavenly Father, we praise you.

For the beautiful property you permitted the synod to purchase for our congregation in May of 2001, and for our church building which we dedicated to your glory on June 1st, 2003,

Dear Jesus, we praise you.

For the establishment of Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool in 2004, which has been faithfully lead by Mrs. Joslyn Moldstad, and for the opportunity to teach many young ones about their Savior,

Holy Spirit, we praise you.

For the ministry of Pastor Tim Hartwig, who was installed as pastor at Peace in August 2011, and proclaimed your word of truth among us,

Father, we thank you wholeheartedly.

For Pastor Matt Moldstad, who was installed as pastor in June 2017 to guide and watch over your flock, which you have purchased with your blood. For our new addition, which was dedicated in 2017, greatly expanding our preschool area and social hall permitting us to gather in fellowship with one another,

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you.

For Pastor Ben Wiechmann who was installed as pastor in June of 2022, carrying out your work of training the saints for the work of serving in order to build up the body of Christ,

O Holy Spirit, we thank you.

For the 229 child baptisms, 4 adult baptisms, 96 youth confirmations, 136 adult confirmations, 96 weddings, 26 transfers to the Church Triumphant, and 25 wonderful years of grace,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we bless you and thank you. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and
for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tress-pass a-against us; And lead
us not in-to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv-er us from e-vil. For Thine is the
king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry for-ev-er and e-ver.
A - - - - - men.

PRAYER

We thank you, Almighty God, that You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Cornerstone. Grant that we may be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

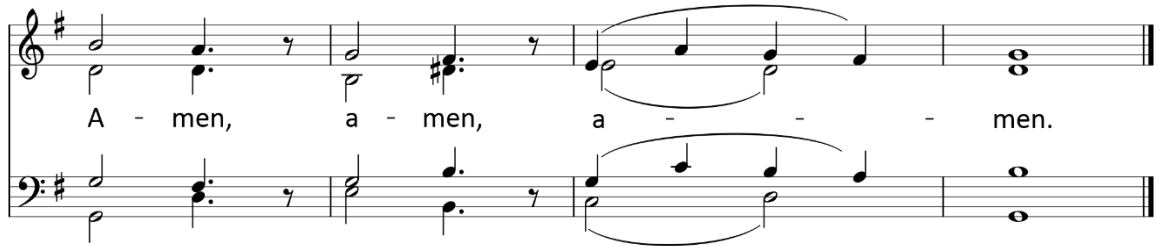
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BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

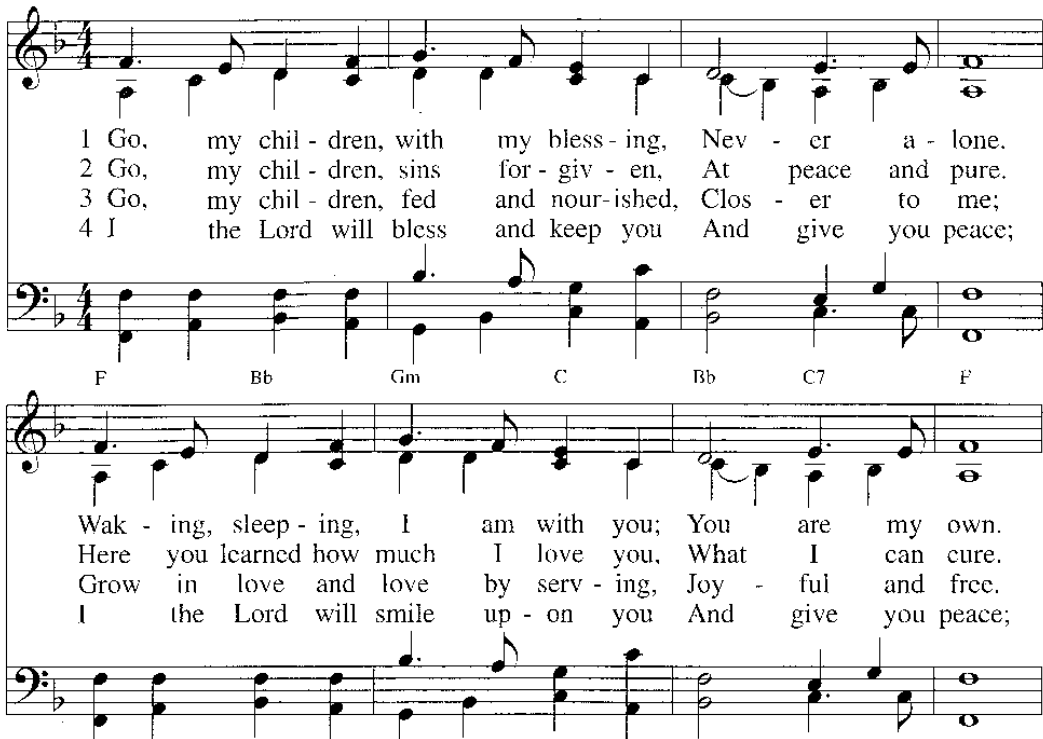


A - men, a - men, a - - - men.

ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing | Vajda & Hildebrand
(pg. 14-15)



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace;

F Bb Gm C Bb C7 F

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his ten - der com - fort
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

C F Bb Gm C Bb C7 F

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing — You are my own.
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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PRAYER

O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Guest Preacher

Rev. Bob Otto

Lectors

Rev. Ben Wiechmann

Lectors

Rev. Tim Hartwig

Rev. Brad Kerkow

Liturgist

Rev. Matt Moldstad

Organist

Katie Hartwig

Ushers

Brian DeVos & Tom Hunter | 8:15

Doyle Holbird, Devin Krienke & Jeremy Burger | 10:30

Refreshments

Anniversary Reception



YOUTH EVENT



NOVEMBER 5 at 3:30

Hayride | Food | Bonfire | Devotions

Join us at the Olsen's Farm
in Nicollet. Bring a friend!



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Today, our congregation gives thanks to God upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first Divine Service for Peace Lutheran Church. Pastor Robert Otto, our first pastor is preaching at both Services. There will be a brief anniversary program following each of the Services. Cake and coffee will be served between the Services as an anniversary reception.

The first Service for Peace Lutheran Church was conducted in October 1998. That Service was held in the Hoover Elementary school gymnasium. There were 96 people in attendance including a fourteen-voice choir from St. Croix Lutheran High School. Following the Service, Pastor Otto wrote: "Super Day." After this, Sunday attendance soon averaged 34 people.

On October 22, we will pause to give thanks to our Triune God for the peace He has given us in Jesus Christ and for His many blessings over these past twenty-five years.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Divine Service 8:15am
Anniversary Reception 9:30am
Divine Service 10:30am

TUESDAY

Solid Grounds 9:00am

WEDNESDAY

Confirmation 4:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

THURSDAY

M.O.M.s Bible Study 8:30am

FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

SATURDAY

Trunk R Treat 4:00pm

NEWS & NOTES

For more detailed information concerning our news & notes, visit peacemankato.com/news

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE DAY NOV 4 | 8AM

Volunteers are asked to clean and help with maintenance projects in and around the church from 8am-noon in preparation for our holiday season.

PEACE YOUTH EVENT NOV 5 | 3:30PM

Join us for a hayride/bonfire at Oren Olsen's farm. Bring a friend or two and enjoy a time of fellowship including a devotion and food.

HELP NEEDED WITH PRESCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thursday, October 26th, at 10am and Friday, October 27th, at 10am and 2pm. If you can help, please contact Joslyn: joslynmoldstad@gmail.com.

ELS MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who donated and shopped our sale. We raised \$854.85 for our ELS missions.

GOSPEL OUTREACH WITH MEDIA

Conference open to the public from October 17th – November 7th. It is free and registration is not required. Go online at www.gowm.org.

NEW2YOU – Asst. manager position open.

JOIN PEACE FOR OUR 6TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCT. 28TH

This is a free event and open to the public! All activities will take place outside and will include decorated trunks, pick a pumpkin, fun house, hayrides, photo ops, free raffle, and a corn pit. Concessions available for purchase. Interested in decorating the trunk of your car? Please sign up at peacemankato.com/trunkortreat or sign up in the church narthex. Each decorated car is asked to provide their own candy for the children.

MVL WREATH SALE OCT 22

MVL students will be at a table in the narthex on October 22 to take your order. You can also order online at <https://mvl.org>. Deadline is 11/14

CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS OCT 22

If you would like to order a poinsettia(s) this year. Forms are on cabinet in narthex. Please leave form on office desk or in offering plate. Thank you.

JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5
Director: Joslyn Moldstad 507-385-7752
peacemankato.com/preschool

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