

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – OCTOBER 29, 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

The Festival of the Reformation emphasizes the true Church's unflinching reliance on the Word of God and unflinching testament to that Word even in the face of harsh persecution. No matter what generation or culture- faith that stands on the love, grace, and Word of our God is faith that is uncompromising.

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.



Reformation Sunday



Reformation is an important festival celebrated by Lutherans and Christians of many Protestant denominations. It commemorates Dr. Martin Luther's posting of his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This act began the movement in world history known as the Reformation, which has been characterized by a return to teachings of Holy Scripture, especially emphasizing that salvation is by grace through faith alone.

DIVINE SERVICE

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WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | ELH 251

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures forever.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ABSOLUTION

Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GLORIA HYMN

Thy Strong Word | ELH 72:5,6

PRAYER

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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FIRST READING

We Are Justified Through Faith in Jesus | Romans 3:19-28
(120 Bible Stories p.262)

Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. ²⁰For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin. ²¹But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe. In fact, there is no difference, ²³because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. ²⁶He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. ²⁸For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

CREED HYMN

We All Believe in One True God | ELH 37

GOSPEL

Endure Persecution, Knowing Salvation is Ours in Christ | Matthew 10:16-23

"Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues. ¹⁸You will be brought into the presence of governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹Whenever they hand you over, do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your Father will be speaking through you. ²¹"Brother will hand over his brother to

death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.²² You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.²³ And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

SERMON HYMN

First Song of Isaiah | White

Refrain (sung twice at opening and closing)



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and



not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my



sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Verse



1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing



from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, "Give



thanks to the Lord and call up - on his name."

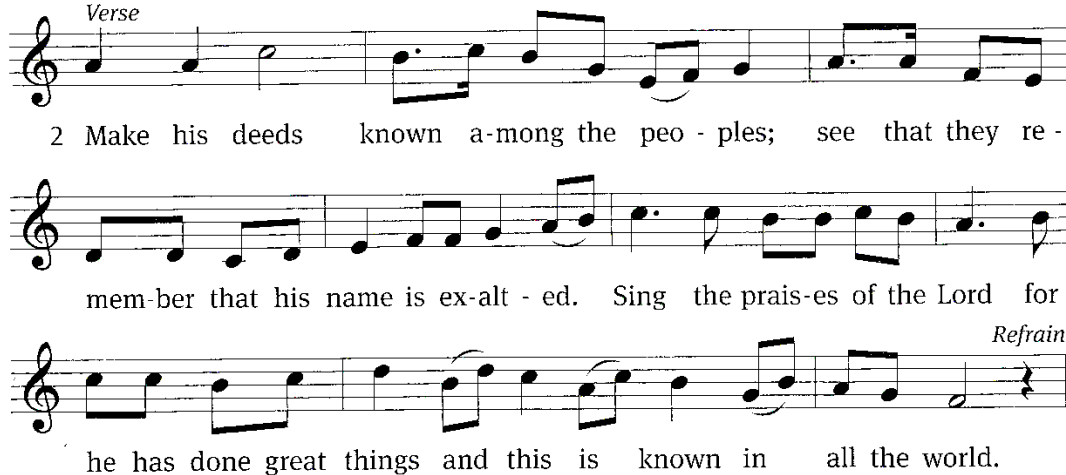
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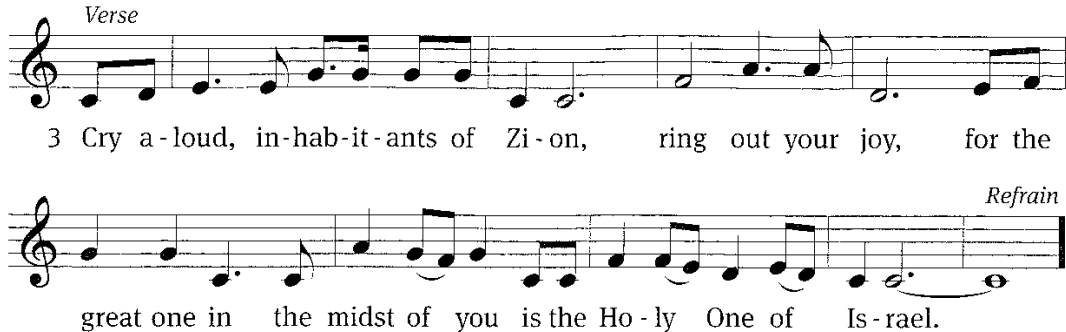
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not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Verse



2 Make his deeds known a-mong the peo - ple; see that they re -
mem-ber that his name is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord for
he has done great things and this is known in all the world.

Verse



3 Cry a-loud, in-hab-it-ants of Zi-on, ring out your joy, for the
great one in the midst of you is the Ho-ly One of Is-rael.

SERMON

An Uncompromising Faith | Daniel 6:10-12,16-23
(120 Bible Stories p.132)

Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. ¹¹ Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God. ¹² They then went and asked the king about the decree. “Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?” The king answered, “Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked.” . . . Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you.” ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel’s situation. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep. ¹⁹ At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰ As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?” ²¹ Then Daniel spoke with the king. “Your Majesty, may you live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime.” ²³ Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

WE GIVE THANKS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - REFORMATION

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.

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.

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

Visitors, please speak with one of our pastors before receiving the Sacrament with us. We welcome members of the ELS and WELS to join us at the Lord's Table.

EXHORTATION

Dear communicant members of Peace and those of our fellowship, in order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ truly gives you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

AGNUS DEI HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy | ELH 41:1,3

DISTRIBUTION

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By Grace I've Saved | ELH 226

WE GIVE THANKS

PRAYER

We thank you, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -

ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our

chief en-deav - or. Through life it guides our way, in death it

is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its

teach-ings pure through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

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WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Organist	Lexi Fosburg
Communion Assistants	Greg Miller & Brian DeVos 8:15 Phil Novak & Jon Stadler 10:30
Ushers	Derek Harstad & Marc Flygare 8:15 Mark Zenk & Terry Field 10:30
Refreshments	Group 4

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Divine Service w/HC	8:15am
Bible Story Time	9:20am
Sunday School	9:30am
Youth Bible Study	9:30am
Bible Class	9:30am
Divine Service w/HC	10:30am

TUESDAY

Solid Grounds	9:00am
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WEDNESDAY

No Confirmation	
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm

THURSDAY

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

Men's Bible Study	6:30am
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SATURDAY

Church Cleaning Day	8:00am
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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. Enjoy a time of fellowship, a devotion and food.

GOSPEL OUTREACH WITH MEDIA

Open to the public from October 17th – November 7th. It is free. Go online at www.gowm.org.

BLC FALL PLAY **NOV 10- 11, 17-18**

Bethany will perform, "Antigone," on Nov 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 7:30pm, and on Nov 12 at 2pm in the Sigurd Lee Theater. The box office will open on Oct 20. Reserve tickets at blc.edu/boxoffice.

M.O.M's BIBLE STUDY PIE SALE **NOV 19**

Funds raised are used to pay for childcare during Bible study. Approx. \$600 is needed for one semester. Free will donation.

TRUNK 'R TREAT THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make the Trunk 'R Treat a success! A special thank you to the organizers – Kristie Mize, Joni Moldstad, Becky Novak, Ashley Olsen, Jon Stadler & Terri Michaletz. Thank you to everyone who did a trunk, volunteered with one of the special areas, and those who donated candy. We couldn't have done it without all of you helping in whatever way you did. THANK YOU!!

MVL WREATH SALE

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

If you would like to order a poinsettia(s) this year. Please leave form with payment on office desk or in offering plate. Extra forms can be found on the cabinet in narthex.

JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5
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