

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 p.m. ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:30 a.m.

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May Christ's rule be strengthened in our hearts and extended into the hearts of others.

VISITORS We are pleased that you have joined us this morning to lift your voice with ours in praising the only true God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are from this area and are looking for a church home, please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

RADIO MINISTRY Our congregation has a radio ministry to serve our sick and homebound and to reach the souls of our community. Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.

TO ASSIST YOU Just ask an usher! We have six **large print hymnals** available. **Personal public address systems** are available for the hearing impaired. **Children's bulletins** suitable for preschool-age through grade 4 are available. A **cry room with audio feed** and a **window into the sanctuary** is available for parents who find it necessary to carry their children out of the sanctuary during the service. It is located to the left as you enter the narthex. **Family restrooms** are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the commons.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, recalling your ascension, that I may serve you faithfully, adorning your redemption; and then, when all my days will cease, let me depart in joy and peace in answer to my pleading. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor.

ORDER OF WORSHIP *Service of the Word* on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS OF THE DAY 175; 174; 728; 169

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LESSON Exodus 14:21-31
Even as the LORD worked mightily on behalf of his Old Testament people, so also he has worked mightily in our midst for over one and a half centuries.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

PSALM 47 IN THURSDAY AND 7:45 SERVICES

page 85 in the front of the hymnal

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 10:30 SERVICE

“Surely I Will Be with You”

Refrain Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Wherever you go and whatever you do, My love and protection will go with you. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.

1. Christ Jesus Has won our salvation By dying on Calvary’s hill And arising triumphant. And though he ascended, We know he is here with us still. *Refrain*

2. Now we are to go to all nations And tell them what Jesus has done And when we are frightened or sad or discouraged, Remember the words of God’s Son. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Forty days after his resurrection from the dead, Christ our King ascended into heaven.

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

SERMON TEXT

Revelation 19:11-16

For over one-and-a-half centuries, Christ has been the King of kings and Lord of lords in our congregation.

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury

of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Ascended Lord Will Return

Pastor Guse

1. Returning in fullest glory
2. Returning with final judgment

RED BELLS IN 10:30 SERVICE WITH PAM ZUBERBIER ON FLUTE

“Joy and Elation”

ORGANISTS Pam Zuberbier, Ruth Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Jane Fell & John Becker

10:30 ~ Laurel Woschnick

Last Week’s Stewardship

Worship: 120 + 203 + 328 = 651

Midweek Bible Class 04/27: 11 + 12 = 23

Communed: 100 + 148 + 180 = 428

Sunday Bible Class: 72

Sunday School: 27 (81% of children enrolled)

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
First Fruits to the Lord:		
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$17,455.72	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,500.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	18,955.72	\$458,132.04
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,211.54	525,807.72
Overage (Shortfall)	(10,255.82)	(67,675.68)
Improvement Fund	95.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	30.00	
Honoring the LORD!	1,227.00	
Central Africa Medical Mission	40.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	20.00	
Parking Lot/Athletic Field Expansion	700.00	

Our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields (soccer and softball) Project goal is \$150,000. So far, \$107,188 has been received, leaving \$42,812 to be gathered.

There is a Giving Center next to the Cry Room for those who would like to give their gifts of love to the Lord via credit or debit card. Please immediately deposit your transactions into the designated wooden box.

This Week at St. Peter's

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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class, DoC, and Sunday School
TUESDAY	1:00 p.m.	Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 Meeting here
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Properties
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Youth Discipleship
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class
	12:00 p.m.	WLA Grade School Track Meet
	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Organizational Mtg.
THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Class
	1:30 p.m.	Gleaners
	6:30 p.m.	Worship with the Lord's Supper
SATURDAY	7:30 p.m.	Board of Adult Discipleship
	8:00 p.m.	Alcoholism Awareness Support Group

Daily Bible Readings

05/08 Luke 23:13-25	05/12 Luke 24:13-35
05/09 Luke 23:26-43	05/13 Luke 24:36-53
05/10 Luke 23:44-56	05/14 Psalms 1, 2
05/11 Luke 24:1-12	

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS The white carnations on the gradines and the special Mother's Day bulletins are given by the Gleaners in memory and honor of their mothers.

FORWARD IN CHRIST The May issue of *Forward in Christ* has arrived and is available in the narthex.

BAPTISMS Jude Andrew Lauersdorf, infant son of Jaymee and Joshua Lauersdorf, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 7:45 service this morning.

Levi David Dalton, infant son of Nicholas and Sara Dalton, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 service this morning.

Tyson Alan Dalton, infant son of Nicholas and Sara and twin brother of Levi, was baptized on Sunday, February 7. His baptism will be publically affirmed in the 10:30 service this morning.

May Jude, Levi, and Tyson always remain faithful to their baptismal covenants.

GLEANERS The Gleaners will meet this Thursday, May 12 in the multi-purpose room at 1:30. The WLA forensics team will provide the program. The hostesses for this month are Yvonne Fink, Marilyn Gruber, and Nancy Kowalkowski. Hope to see you!

FLYWAY OWLS HERE THIS MONTH The Flyway Chapter of the Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors will meet this Tuesday, May 10 here in our multipurpose room. The meeting will begin at 1:00 and conclude at approximately 3:00. Pastor Zuberbier will lead the opening devotion. The 45-minute "My Son, My Savior" video will be shown and followed by a short Bible study concerning it. Finally, there will be a short business meeting and everyone may sign up to attend the Flyway OWLS annual picnic at 6:00 on June 14 at Sterr Park in Lomira. The chapter provides brats and hamburgers and those attending bring other picnic-type items for a potluck meal.

SPECIAL GIFTS Bob and Yvonne Fink have given special gifts to the Parking Lot/Athletic Field Improvement Fund and to assist a WELS International Youth Rally attendee in thanksgiving for 57 years of marriage (May 2).

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE Don't miss your chance to see the first-ever murder mystery dinner theatre at WLA – a classic "whodunit" tale. Two weeks before the opening weekend of the George Washington High School's spring musical, the director has been hit by a bus and everything is in chaos! Will a group of teachers be able to pull it off, or will "creative differences" lead to danger? This fundraiser for the WLA Drama Department is 6:00-9:00 this Saturday evening, May 14. Tickets are \$35. Visit wla.ticketleap.com for tickets, which must be purchased in advance!

CALL TO MUSTER In service to our congregation and our LORD, Ron and Clare Horn are in the process of verifying the names and addresses of members who serve or have served in our Unites States Armed Forces – Active Duty, Reserves, and Veterans. As communicated in the March Newsletter, our congregation has joined the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG), which aims to share the Gospel as an auxiliary to WELS Military Services by providing manpower, information, expertise and financial support to its programs. Additionally, it is to serve as a network of individual members in fellowship with others bound by their military service; and to be a voice in the congregations for the care of those who serve or have served. Please feel free to visit their website – www.LutheranMilitary.org.

To complete the task, you are asked to fill out a form provided in the narthex and place it in the Ron and Clare Horn member mailbox. Ron will use the information to update our member database, our Active Duty Personnel picture board, and provide active duty addresses to the LMSG staff. Thank you for your effort and your service.

Jerusalem the Golden

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

This twelfth century hymn, first conceived by Bernard of Cluny, depicts an idyllic, heavenly scene. The hymn is gloriously set to the English folk tune THAXTED.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century
 Tune: THAXTED (76 76 76 D) Gustav Holst, 1874-1934, alt.



The Ascension of Our LORD

May 8, 2016