



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017

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** What a joy it is to share with you the sure and certain hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**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 school wing.

**HOLY COMMUNION** Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ’s true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God’s Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Though death may come today, tomorrow, I know in Christ I perish not; He grants the peace that stills all sorrow, gives me a robe without a spot. My God, for Jesus’ sake I pray your peace may bless my dying day. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever lives and believes in him will never die.

**ADULT BELLS IN 10:30 SERVICE** “Just as I am Without One Plea”

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of Word and Sacrament* on page 26 in the front of the hymnal

**HYMNS OF THE DAY** 411; 429; 114; 304; 313; 422

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**LESSON** Romans 8:11-19  
*As God’s children we are led by God’s Spirit through this life, knowing that by the power of the Holy Spirit our bodies will be raised to eternal life.*

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live

according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

**ADULT CHOIR IN 10:30 SERVICE** “O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge”  
by Hal Hopson

*Refrain: O Lord, my God, You are my refuge; O let me never be dismayed, Lord in mercy hear my prayer to You. (repeat)*

You are my hope. You are my refuge. My trust is ever in Your care; Lord, in mercy hear my prayer to You.

Though dark of night, Your light shines upon my way. For You are near to be my comfort. I will praise forevermore. *Refrain*

You are my hope. You are my refuge. My trust is ever in your care. I will praise Your name forevermore.

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**GOSPEL** John 11:17-27, 38-45  
*At Lazarus’ tomb, Jesus displayed that he is the Resurrection and the Life.*

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.” Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha,

the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

**SERMON TEXT**

2 Kings 4:18-37

*Because of Jesus, in the face of death, everything is all right.*

The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. “My head! My head!” he said to his father. His father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. She called her husband and said, “Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return.” “Why go to him today?” he asked. “It’s not the New Moon or the Sabbath.” “It’s all right,” she said. She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead on; don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.” So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! There’s the Shunammite! Run to meet her and ask her, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?’” “Everything is all right,” she said. When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why.” “Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said. “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes?’” Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy’s face.” But the child’s mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy’s face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, “The boy has not awakened.” When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. Then he got on the bed and lay upon the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out upon him, the boy’s body grew warm. Elisha

turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out upon him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

**Everything Is All Right**

*Pastor Guse*

1. A statement of faith
2. A statement of hope

**ORGANIST** Phil Otto

**GREETERS**

7:45 ~ Guy & Sue Repp

10:30 ~ Chris Huizenga

*This Week at St. Peter’s*

[www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar](http://www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar)

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|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY               | 9:00am<br>3:00pm<br>7:00pm                     | Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC<br>WLA Psalmfest @ Faith Lutheran<br>Financial Peace                       |
| MONDAY<br>TUESDAY    | 6:30pm<br>6:00pm<br>6:30pm<br>7:00pm           | Evening Circle<br>Lutheran Girl Pioneers<br>Coordinating Council<br>Communicating Christ                       |
| WEDNESDAY            | 3:30pm<br>4:30pm<br>5:30pm<br>6:30pm<br>7:30pm | Midweek Lenten Worship<br>Lenten Supper until 5:30<br>Adult Choir<br>Midweek Lenten Worship<br>Voices of Faith |
| THURSDAY<br>SATURDAY | 6:30pm<br>8:00pm                               | Worship<br>Alcoholism Awareness Support Group                                                                  |

*Daily Bible Readings*

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| 04/02 Mark 1:1-15    | 04/06 Mark 3:7-19a  |
| 04/03 Mark 1:16-34   | 04/07 Mark 3:19b-35 |
| 04/04 Mark 1:35-2:12 | 04/08 Mark 4:1-20   |
| 04/05 Mark 2:13-3:6  |                     |

*Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 96 + 219 + 258 = 573

Midweek Lenten Service: 283 + 94 = 377

Bible Class: 80

Sunday School: 12

|                                                  | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| First Fruits to the Lord:                        |                  |                     |
| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$25,285.93      |                     |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget  | 1,805.00         |                     |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget  | 27,090.93        | \$323,708.83        |
| Requirement to support the unified budget        | 29,278.07        | 380,614.91          |
| Overage (Shortfall)                              | (2,187.14)       | (56,906.08)         |
| Improvement Fund                                 | 70.00            |                     |
| WLA Forward in Trust                             | 15.00            |                     |
| Honoring the LORD!                               | 189.00           |                     |
| Piano Fund                                       | 10.00            |                     |
| Handbell Fund                                    | 100.00           |                     |
| Wish List                                        | 150.00           |                     |
| Parking Lot/Athletic Fields                      | 168.00           |                     |

*Our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields (soccer and softball) project cost is \$153,625.61. To date, \$152,858.69 has been received, leaving \$766.92 to be gathered.*

**THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT:** You shall not murder. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

**MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST** The April issue of *Forward in Christ* and the current issue of *Meditations* are available in the narthex.

**SPECIAL GIFTS AND MEMORIALS**

- † Friends and family of Curtis Giese have given the following in his memory: \$50 to SPLS Tuition Assistance, \$50 to Honoring the Lord, \$165 to the Radio Ministry, and \$580 to the Parking Lot/Athletic Fields.
- † Marcia Pflum has given a special gift to our Parking Lot/Athletic Fields project in celebration of her husband Jim's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday (April 2).
- † A gift of \$55 has been given to the General Fund in memory of Beverly Stellmacher.

**OUR FINAL MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE** is Wednesday, April 5. Join us for worship at either 3:30 or 6:30 as we focus on this year's Lenten theme: *Repent: Turn to*

*Jesus!* This week our theme will be *Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptation* with Pastor Barenz of St. Paul's, Town of Forest as preacher.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEAL** This week's meal, served 4:30-5:30, is lasagna with bread and dessert served by members of our Sunday Morning Bible Class. You can find each week's main menu item by clicking on the details of the meal as it is posted on our website calendar.

**WLA PSALMFEST** Come join the WLA choirs as they praise God and "speak to one another with psalms" (Eph. 5:19) WLA's Psalmfest is Sunday, April 2 at 3:00 at Faith Lutheran Church, 55 Prairie Road.



**EVENING CIRCLE** will meet Monday, April 3 beginning at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room. If you are unable to attend we will expect to see you at our next meeting on September 11 where you will be welcomed with joy and a light supper!

**SPECIAL NEEDS DANCE** will be hosted by WLA New Friends on Friday night, April 7 from 6:00-8:00 in the WLA gym.

**FLYWAY OWLS** The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be Tuesday, April 11 at St. John's, Lomira beginning at 6:30. Karen Kelley, owner of Kelley Country Creamery, will be the speaker for the evening.

The OWLS will be hosting a brat fry and bake sale at Hoff's in Brownsville on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, from 11:00-3:00. The money raised will go to benefit the WELS European Civilian Chaplaincy Program. Please call Maggie or Bill Vilski at 539-0662 if you would like to help. Everyone is invited to come for food and enjoy fellowship.

**EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP** Please join us for a pancake/sausage/egg-bake breakfast. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you plan to attend. Please indicate how many people will be coming, and if you are able to donate food (especially egg-bakes) or supplies. Please sign up at your earliest convenience.

**PART TIME JOBS** WLA has two part time job openings; one for a Custodian to start in April/May and the other is for a Cook's Assistant to start the beginning of next school year. Information on the openings are posted on WLA's website ([www.wlavikings.org](http://www.wlavikings.org)).