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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 Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

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. 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.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP My Maker, be with me the light of life to give, and guide me patiently while here on earth I live. To you my heart I tender and all my powers surrender; make it my one endeavor to love and serve you ever. Help me your loving care to see; my Maker, be with me. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Christ's glorious resurrection assures us of peace, forgiveness, strength, confidence, and an eternal inheritance in heaven.

BELLS

HYMN LAPPY pages 198-199

GREETING Pastor/Congregation
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

SONG OF PRAISE LAPPY pages 304-305

PRAYER OF THE DAY O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LESSON Acts 10:34a, 36, 39-43
In fulfillment of the Old Testament promises, Christ's glorious resurrection proves that we have peace through Jesus' perfect life and innocent death.

Then Peter began to speak: "You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge

of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSE LAPPY pages 100-101

GOSPEL John 20:19-31
Christ's glorious resurrection assures us of peace through the forgiveness of sins and chases away all doubts.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

HYMN OF THE DAY LAPPY pages 226-227

SERMON TEXT 1 Peter 1:3-9
Christ's glorious resurrection assures us of an eternal inheritance in heaven.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while

you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hope for Your Inheritance!

Pastor Zuberbier

1. God has it kept safe for you in heaven.
2. God keeps you safe on the road to heaven.

SERMON RESPONSE

LAPPY page 202

OFFERING – RED BELLS IN 10:30 SERVICE

“Great Is the Lord”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

SERMON HYMN

LAPPY pages 40-41

CLOSING COLLECT

BLESSING

HYMN

LAPPY pages 164-165



ORGANIST David Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Ralph & Cheryl Retzlaff

10:30 ~ Bob & Rosie Klatt

Last Week’s Attendance

Easter Sunday Worship: 181+ 435 + 264 = 880

Maundy Thursday: 282 + 162 = 444

Good Friday: 325 + 180 = 505

Communed: 150 + 135 = 285

Communed: 248

Last Week’s Gifts

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
First Fruits to the Lord:		
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$52,844.81	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,500.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	54,349.81	\$435,426.90
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,278.07	468,449.12
Overage (Shortfall)	25,071.74	(33,022.22)
Improvement Fund	720.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	329.00	
Honoring the LORD!	509.00	
WLA Tuition Assistance	5.00	
Parking Lot/Athletic Fields	5.00	
Radio Ministry	100.00	
Outdoor Classroom	200.00	

This Week at St. Peter’s

www.stpetersfdl.net/calendar

SUNDAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC
MONDAY	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting
	5:00pm	Board of Outreach
	6:00pm	School Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Hunter Safety Course
TUESDAY	6:00pm	Parish Nurses Meeting
	6:00pm	Hunter Safety Course
WEDNESDAY	10:00am	Adult Bible Class
	6:00pm	Hunter Safety Course
	6:00pm	Adult Choir
	7:00pm	Adult Bible Class
	7:10pm	Voices of Faith
THURSDAY		WLA Forensics Meet
	6:30pm	Worship
FRIDAY	1:00pm	K-2 Spring Drama
	6:30pm	K-2 Spring Drama
SATURDAY	5:00pm	WLA’s <i>The Event</i> @ South Hills
	6:00pm	Adult Night Out @ The Coliseum
	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness Support Group

Daily Bible Readings

04/23 Deuteronomy 4:1-40 04/27 Deuteronomy 8
04/24 Deuteronomy 4:41-5:33 04/28 Deuteronomy 9:1-10:11
04/25 Deuteronomy 6 04/29 Deuteronomy 10:12-11:32
04/26 Deuteronomy 7

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.



BAPTISM Blakely Louise Roehl, infant daughter of Travis and Lindsey Roehl, will be baptized in the 10:30 service this morning. May Blakely always remain faithful to her baptismal covenant.

HIS DAYS, MY PRAISE a daily devotional journal written by 12 WELS women for women of all ages, will be available for purchase in the kitchenette Thursday, April 20th and Sunday, April 23rd after each service. This book encourages you to spend time reading God's Word, reflecting on how each message may apply to life here on earth and offers praise and thanksgiving for all He has done and still does for us. The cost is \$15 and questions or more information may be obtained by contacting Cheryl Retzlaff at 251-2811 or at retiredretzlaff40@gmail.com.

ADULT NIGHT OUT is Saturday, April 29. We will meet at The Coliseum Annex at 91 S. Main Street starting at 6:00pm for a Taco Bar and refreshments. To off-set the cost of the food, there will be a \$10 per person donation gathered. A cash bar for all refreshments will also be available. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. All of our members 21 years of age and older, along with their guests, are welcome to attend. This will be an opportunity for our members to get to know each other better and enjoy each other's company!

VISITATION MINISTRY The people of our Visitation Team call on members that are unable to attend church regularly. The visits strengthen the faith of all involved. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please call Pastor Zuberbier at 517-8808 or Diane Fricken at 922-6011. The next meeting will be Monday, May 8 at 10:00 in the conference room.

LADIES ANNUAL SPRING POTLUCK The ladies of Redeemer invite you to the traditional *Ladies Annual Spring Potluck* on Wednesday, May 3 at Redeemer. Social hour begins at 5:30, followed by dinner and fellowship activity. Please bring a dish to pass and sign up in the narthex by Sunday, April 30.



LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL presents their Children's Theater performance of *The Grateful Beasts*, an interactive comedy inspired by the classic story "Stone Soup" directed by Professor Timothy Wrobel. Performances are on Saturday, April 29 at 7:00pm and Sunday, April 30, at 4:00pm and are approximately one hour. Tickets for adults and high school students are \$5, K-8th grade are \$4, and pre-school and under are free. A family rate of \$10 is also available. Luther Preparatory School is located on Western Avenue in Watertown.

SCRIP The last day to purchase scrip for the 2017-18 school year is April 28. Effective May 3, 2017, scrip credit will be applied to the 2018-19 school year.



THE EVENT will be held on Saturday, April 29 at South Hills Golf and Country Club. The evening includes dinner, live and silent auctions, and great fellowship – all in support of our beloved Academy. For more information or to register, visit wlvikings.org or call the WLA office at 921-4930.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NEEDED WLA's Drama Program is looking to fill the position of Assistant Director for their upcoming fall show. This person would help stage the play, run rehearsals, and work with the production staff in areas that play to their strengths. If you have a passion for the performing arts and a love for working with students, this would be perfect for you! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Justin Liepert at jliefert@wlvikings.org.

GRADE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT Please mark your calendars for May 6th at 4:00pm for the WLA Association Grade School Band concert.

