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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!
May the message of Christ's resurrection be your source of eternal joy.

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.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP For the joy your advent gave me, for your gospel's great reward, for your Baptism which has saved me, for your Supper and your Word, for your death, the bitter scorn, for your resurrection morn: Lord, I thank you and extol you, and in heaven I shall behold you. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME The Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms — the entire Old Testament — testifies that the Christ would suffer and then enter his glory.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thursday Evening: *Service of Light* on page 54 in the front of the hymnal

Sunday Morning: *Morning Praise* on page 45 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS OF THE DAY

452; 588 (Thursday); 147 (Sunday)

FIRST LESSON

Acts 24:10-21

Paul boldly testified to the fact of the resurrection from the dead as taught in the Old Testament Scriptures.

When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: "I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense. You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man. After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin – unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"

PSALM 67

page 91 in the front of the hymnal

ADULT CHOIR 10:30 SERVICE

"Grace Alone" by James Koerts

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by His grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share His peace is only by His grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Refrain, Refrain...* in grace alone.

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SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-21

Christ's resurrection from the dead brings to fulfillment God's Old Testament Promises.

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus explains how the events surrounding Easter were foretold in the Law of Moses and the Prophets.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to

be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

Pastor Guse

1. Walking in faith
2. Walking with faith

WHITE BELLS IN 7:45 SERVICE DURING OFFERING “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ORGANIST Phil Otto

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Ruth Schultz & Sue Toll

10:30 ~ Marilyn Gruber & Nancy Kowalski

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 92 + 172 + 211 = 475
 Sunday Bible Class: 50

Midweek Bible Class April 19: 13 + 8 = 21
 Sunday School: 11

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
First Fruits to the Lord:		
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$17,106.50	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,500.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	18,606.50	\$454,033.40
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,278.07	497,727.19
Overage (Shortfall)	(10,671.57)	(43,693.79)
Improvement Fund	94.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	5.00	
Honoring the LORD!	135.00	
Parking Lot/Athletic Fields	25.00	
Radio Ministry	2,500.00	

Daily Bible Readings

04/30 Deuteronomy 12, 13	05/04 Deuteronomy 20, 21
05/01 Deuteronomy 14, 15	05/05 Deuteronomy 22, 23
05/02 Deuteronomy 16, 17	05/06 Deuteronomy 24, 25
05/03 Deuteronomy 18, 19	

This Week at St. Peter's

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SUNDAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC
MONDAY	12:30pm	Luther Prep Visit
TUESDAY	6:00pm	Lutheran Girl Pioneers Awards Night
WEDNESDAY	10:00am	Adult Bible Class
	6:00pm	Adult Choir
	7:00pm	Adult Bible Class
	7:10pm	Voices of Faith
THURSDAY	6:30pm	Worship with the Lord's Supper
FRIDAY	6:30pm	Examination Night
	7:30pm	Waters Rehearsal
SATURDAY		WLA Piano Festival
	2:00pm	Waters Wedding
	4:00pm	SPLS/WLA Spring Band Concert
	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

NEW MEMBERS In the 10:30 service on Sunday, four adults will be received by the Rite of Confirmation: Daniel Drohman, Thomas Gribben, Courtney Stolper, and Christopher Stolper. At the same time, Eric Lauden will be received by Affirmation of Faith.

We welcome Dan, Tom, Courtney, Chris, and Eric into the fellowship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and our congregation, and pray for God's richest blessings as they make this beginning in their new church home.

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES Our congregation has a dedicated finance team supported by volunteers who are accurate and devoted to their responsibilities of counting the numerous offering envelopes, cash, and checks received every week. The time these volunteers spend, ranges from 1 ½ to 2 or more hours every week. To assist them with their duties, we are asking all members to please adhere to the following:

- Do not fold your check or cash when inserting it in your contribution envelope.
- Write the amount enclosed in your contribution envelope on the line provided.
- If you are a member, please use the contribution envelopes provided.
- Do not fold checks or cash placed in the collection plate.

We thank you, as your assistance will help reduce the time required to complete our weekly counting.

FLYWAY OWLS The next meeting of Flyway OWLS Chapter 77 (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be on Tuesday, May 9. The meeting will be held here at St. Peter's and will start at 1:00pm.

Pastor James Aderman will be our guest speaker. He will share information on 316 NOW, a ministry of WELS and ELS members who are committed to bring the gospel to the Chinese people by empowering Chinese Christian leaders through Scripture study.

GRADE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT is Saturday, May 6 at 4:00pm at WLA. Come listen to the wonderful music from our Association Grade Schools.

JESUS CARES BIBLE CLASS will be Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30pm at the Fond du Lac ARC (500 N. Park Ave) in the back annex building. Pastor Haugly invites you to join Deb Schuh, who will be the Bible teacher, along with other volunteers who will be Bible Study "buddies" as we discuss the truths of God's Word and make great friends.

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 10:00am 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.



SCRIP The new SCRIP year has begun, and all credit will be applied to the 2018-19 school year.

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.

SECOND IMPRESSIONS GRAND OPENING is May 17 to May 20. The thrift store is off to a great start and covering their expenses. It is a great blessing! However, in order to give back to WLA and further their mission, they are planning to open an additional day on Wednesdays, from 10:00 to 6:00, beginning May 17th. Second Impressions is blessed with wonderful volunteers, but is still in need of more help, especially on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please call the store at 907-9900 to give your time.

Thank you to all who have so generously donated! Please keep the donations coming, to keep the cycle going! Some items specifically needed at this point are: bath towels, arts & crafts, tools, children's books, men's shoes, small appliances, Tupperware, and frying pans in good condition. A reminder to please keep clothing donations and decorations to items "in season."