

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened...and you will find rest for your souls."

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 To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here. Here are sacrament and Word; here believers meet their Lord. While I listen to your law, fill my soul with holy awe till your gospel brings to me life and immortality. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME The only true God has graciously included us in the spiritual house of his Church and assures us that we have an eternal home waiting for us in heaven.

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

HYMNS OF THE DAY 492; 728 (back of the bulletin); 500; 331

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 18:16-45
At a showdown on Mount Carmel, the LORD is revealed as the only true God.

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the LORD's commands and have followed the Baals. Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let them choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire – he is God." Then all the people said, "What you say is good." Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." So they took the bull given

them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “O Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood. Do it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD – he is God! The LORD – he is God!” Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there. And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.” The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.” So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’” Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.

PSALM 33

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COL. 3:16, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND DoC IN 10:30 SERVICE

“This I Believe” (The Creed)

by Ben Fielding, Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting, The all creating One, God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

Refrain: I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son, I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in one, I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again, For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender, Suffered and crucified, Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, Forever seated high. *Refrain*

I believe in You, I believe You rose again, I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe, And I believe in You, I believe You rose again, I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Refrain*

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth, I believe in the saints’ communion,
And in Your holy Church, I believe in the resurrection, When Jesus comes again, For I believe, in the name of Jesus. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10

Jesus is the Cornerstone upon which we, his living stones, are being built into the spiritual house of his Church.

As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

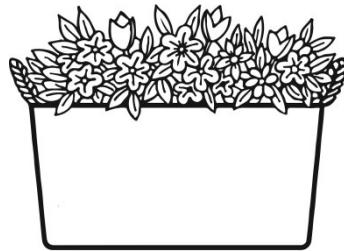
Through his innocent death, glorious resurrection from the dead, and majestic ascension into heaven Jesus assures us that he has prepared a place for us in his Father's house.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Trust in Jesus...

Pastor Guse

1. The only hope of heaven
2. The only way to heaven



ORGANIST Ruth Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Jill Reynolds & Sue Repp

10:30 ~ Roger & Laurie Bargenquast

Daily Bible Readings

05/14 Mark 10:1-16	05/18 Mark 11:20-33
05/15 Mark 10:17-31	05/19 Mark 12:1-27
05/16 Mark 10:32-52	05/20 Mark 12:28-44
05/17 Mark 11:1-19	

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 129 + 219 + 353 = 701

Midweek Bible Class: 9 + 8 = 17

Communed: 105 + 151 + 212 = 468

Sunday School: 12

Sunday Bible Class: 54

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
First Fruits to the Lord:		
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$22,526.00	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,925.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	24,451.00	\$503,160.68
Requirement to support the unified budget	29,278.07	556,283.33
Overage (Shortfall)	(4,822.07)	(53,127.65)
Improvement Fund	150.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	45.00	
Honoring the LORD!	1,212.00	
Parking Lot/Athletic Fields	50.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	100.00	
Piano Fund	50.00	

This Week at St. Peter's

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SUNDAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School/DoC
MONDAY	8:00am	3-4 th Grade Field Trip
	3:15pm	Faculty Meeting
	5:00pm	Board of Youth Discipleship
TUESDAY	5:00pm	6-8 th Grade Science Fair/Bake Sale
	6:30pm	Spring Concert
	6:30pm	Board of Elders
WEDNESDAY	10:00am	Adult Bible Class
	6:30pm	VBS Meeting
	7:00pm	Adult Bible Class
THURSDAY	8:00am	2 nd Grade Field Trip
	10:00am	Call Day Service @ WLS
	6:30pm	Worship with the Lord's Supper
SATURDAY	8:00pm	Alcoholism Awareness

THE CONCLUSION What does God say about all these commandments? He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.” *What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust in him, and gladly obey what he commands.

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS The white carnations on the gradines and the special Mother’s Day bulletins are given by the Gleaners in memory of deceased members.

MEMORIALS Friends and family of Janet Mielke have given \$20 to the Radio Ministry in her memory.

MEDITATIONS The new issue of *Meditations* (May 28) is available in the narthex.

A MOTHER’S DAY GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING! A special envelope and article is included in the bulletin. Our Evening Circle has coordinated a special offering on behalf of the Central Africa Medical Mission and in honor of Mother’s Day. Please take this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and their mothers half a world away. Place the offering envelope in the plate this weekend for Mother’s Day or any weekend in the month of May.



VOTERS MEETING There will be a Voters Meeting Sunday, May 21, after the second service to discuss the purchase of a grand piano through an interest-free loan offered by one of our generous members.

BULLETIN CHANGE Starting next week the bulletin announcements will be in your mailbox for you to pick up. The service information will be in a separate worship bulletin which will be distributed by the ushers in the narthex.

SPRING CONCERT AND BAKE SALE is Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30pm. To donate baked goods, please contact Laura Fuhrmann at LFEvery1@gmail.com, and drop them off in the kitchenette by Monday, May 15 at 4:00pm.



WLA AUXILIARY The Winnebago Lutheran Academy Ladies Auxiliary will meet in the WLA commons Friday, May 19th at 2:00.

TEEN ARK ENCOUNTER All our St Peter’s teens are invited to come along on a 2 day Creation Museum trip to Kentucky. We will be walking through the proofs of God’s creation activity and finishing with a tour of a real Noah’s ark! The trip, June 22-23, will be an overnight excursion with plenty of things to do and see. Contact our youth leader, Tim Kent at 904-2008 for more information. Flyers are available in the church entryway.

SECOND IMPRESSIONS GRAND OPENING Mark your calendars! Second Impressions Thrift Store is having their Grand Opening from Wednesday, May 17 through Saturday, May 20. Store hours are Wednesday thru Friday, 10am to 6pm, and Saturdays 10am to 3pm. There will be door prize drawings, daily specials, and a sidewalk sale. Wisconsin Dell Passes will be given away with a \$15 purchase. Winnebago Lutheran Academy students will also be doing a Brat Fry on Saturday, from 10am to 2pm. We hope to see you there!

MAILBOX MINISTERS please plan on attending a meeting after the church services on either Thursday, May 18th or after each service on Sunday, May 21st. Please make this meeting a priority as new assignments will be given and there are a few procedural changes to talk about.

PTO PROM Join us for St. Peter’s adult prom *Dancing through the Decades*, Saturday June 10 at Marghaels in North Fond du Lac. Come join your church family and friends for a fun night out with food and dancing. Tickets are \$65 per couple which includes dinner and the dance. There will be a silent auction and all money raised will go towards the purchase of new athletic uniforms for our school. Please sign up in the narthex for tickets. For more information or to donate a silent auction item please contact Brindah Birkholz at 608-669-2380.

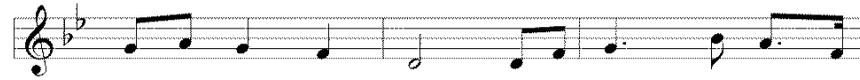


WELS UNITED SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE It’s the only time you can do a legal “Hit and Run!” Join us for Sunday softball afternoons at Faith Lutheran Church. This is a more fun than competitive co-ed league, that is why anyone from ages 15 – 90 can come out and play. See the poster and signup sheet in the church entryway for more information and all the details. Any questions, contact Pastor Guse 517-9000 call or text. It’s going to be a great summer!

Jerusalem the Golden



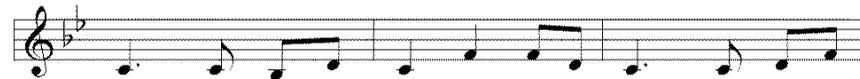
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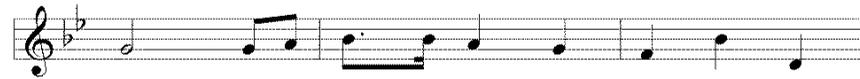
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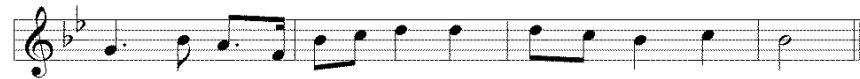
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