



St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- 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 parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. 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.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord Jesus Christ, you set us free accept our thanks eternally! Forgiven through your precious blood, we now are reconciled to God. By virtue of the wounds you bore, true God and Man, our hope restore. Give courage when we yield our breath; deliver us from hell and death. Amen. (*See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of Christian Worship.*)

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**SERVICE THEME** God sends us constant reminders of how vital it is to repent of our sins and turn in faith to Jesus for forgiveness.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Service of the Word* on page 38 in the front of the hymnal

## OPENING HYMN

**“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**  
*Hymn 389*

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### LESSON

Numbers 16:23-40

*Korah, Dathan, and Abiram serve as examples of what happens to those who treat the LORD with contempt.*

<sup>23</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses: <sup>24</sup>“Tell the assembly, ‘Move away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram!’” <sup>25</sup>So Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram. The elders of Israel followed him. <sup>26</sup>He told the assembly, “Move back from the tents of these wicked men. Do not touch anything that belongs to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins!” <sup>27</sup>So from every side, they moved away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the entrance to their tents with their wives, children, and little ones. <sup>28</sup>Moses said, “This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that all this was not just my idea. <sup>29</sup>If these men die a death like everyone else and if they suffer the same fate that everyone does, then the LORD has not sent me. <sup>30</sup>But if the LORD creates something unheard of and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt.” <sup>31</sup>As soon as he finished speaking all these words, the ground beneath them split open. <sup>32</sup>The earth opened its mouth and swallowed up everyone who was with Korah along with their households and all their possessions. <sup>33</sup>So they and everything that belonged to them went down alive into the grave. The earth closed up over them, and they disappeared from the midst of the assembly. <sup>34</sup>Hearing their screams, all the Israelites who were around them fled, because they said, “The earth will swallow us up too!” <sup>35</sup>Fire went out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred fifty men who offered the incense. <sup>36</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses: <sup>37</sup>“Tell Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to remove the censers from the burning debris and scatter the fire far away, for the censers are holy. <sup>38</sup>Make the censers belonging to those who sinned at

the cost of their own lives into hammered sheets for plating the altar, because they presented them before the LORD, and the censers are holy. They will serve as a sign to the Israelites.”<sup>39</sup> Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers, which had been presented by those who had been burned up by fire. They hammered them into plating for the altar<sup>40</sup> as a reminder to the Israelites that no unauthorized person, who is not from the descendants of Aaron, should come near to burn incense before the LORD and become like Korah and his followers. Eleazar the priest did just as the LORD said to him through Moses.

## PSALM 38

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## GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

*Jesus reminds us that when tragedies strike in this world, they serve as warnings to repent and turn to him for forgiveness.*

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.” <sup>6</sup>He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. <sup>9</sup>If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

*Hymn 444*

## SERMON TEXT

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*The Old Testament people of Israel serve as examples of what happens to those who rebel against God.*

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea,<sup>2</sup> and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.<sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food<sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ!<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did.<sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.”<sup>8</sup> And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell.<sup>9</sup> Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents.<sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer.<sup>11</sup> All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.<sup>12</sup> So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall.<sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

## “Take A Lesson From History”

*Pastor Guse*

1. Be warned of sin
2. Find victory in Christ

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN**

**“I Walk in Danger All the Way”**  
*Hymn 431 v 1-4*

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪Amen.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C:** ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“I Walk in Danger All the Way”**  
*Hymn 431 v 5-6*



**ORGANIST**  
Phil Otto

**GREETERS**

7:45 ~ William Brasch & Lois Klobucher

10:30 ~ Royal & Marcella Meyer