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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Welcome in the name of our risen and ascended King. May the message of his gracious rule strengthen your heart today.

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.
- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
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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.

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

Christ's ascension into heaven guarantees that we will dwell with him in eternal glory.

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Christ our King rules over all things for the benefit of his church, through whom he extends his rule into the hearts of sinners by the preaching of the gospel.

⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build | CW 173

On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension.
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;
For where the head is, there as well I know his members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.

Since Christ returned to claim his throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart shall rest in him alone, No other rest remaining,
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts shall ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling your ascension,
That I may serve you faithfully, Adorning your redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

SERMON

Esther 6

Just as Mordecai's exaltation meant Haman's demise, so also Christ's ascension proclaims Satan's defeat.

That night the king could not sleep. He told them to bring the chronicles, the record of the memorable events of his reign. These accounts were read to the king.

²They found the account about the incident when Mordecai had reported Bigthan and Teresh, the king's two eunuchs who controlled access to the entrance to the palace, and who had tried to assassinate King Xerxes.

³The king said, "What honor and recognition has been given to Mordecai for this?"

Then the servants of the king, who were attending him, said, "Nothing has been done for him."

⁴The king said, "Who is in the court?" Just then Haman had come to the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.

⁵The king's servants said to him, "Look, Haman is standing in the court."

The king said, "Have him come in."

⁶When Haman came in, the king said to him, "What should be done to honor the man with whom the king is pleased?"

Haman said in his heart, "Whom is the king more pleased to honor than me?"

⁷Haman said to the king, "The man whom the king is pleased to honor ⁸should be clothed with garments that the king has worn. He should be given a horse on which

the king has ridden and crowned with a crown that has been on the king's head. ⁹These clothes and this horse should be delivered by one of the highest ranking noblemen of the king. Let them clothe the man whom the king is pleased to honor, and let him ride on the horse in the public square of the city. Walking in front of him they will proclaim: "This is what is done for a man whom the king is pleased to honor."

¹⁰The king said to Haman, "Hurry! Take the clothes and the horse just as you have said and do this for Mordecai the Jew who sits in the gatehouse of the king. Do not leave out a thing from whatever you have said."

¹¹Haman took the clothes and the horse, clothed Mordecai, had him ride through the public square of the city, and proclaimed before him, "This is what is done for the man whom the king is pleased to honor."

¹²Mordecai returned to the king's gate, but Haman hurried to his home, mourning, with his head covered. ¹³Haman reported all this to Zeresh his wife and to all his friends.

His advisors and Zeresh his wife said to him, "If Mordecai, whom you have begun to honor, is of Jewish descent, you will not overcome him. Instead, you will surely fall before him."

¹⁴While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and rushed Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

Our Ascended King Rules

Pastor Zuberbier

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.

PRESENTING 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns | **CW 341**

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.

His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.

Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus | **CW 169**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

Weekly Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION Anyone who desires the Lord’s Supper may call one of the pastors for private Communion. Please don’t hesitate to call.

Pastor Michael J. Zuberbier 920-517-8808 *call/text*

Pastor Matthew M. Guse 920-517-9000 *call/text*

SERMONS & WORSHIP SERVICES Videos of worship services can be found posted on our website: www.stpetersfdl.net and tune into KFIZ 1450 AM at 8:00 each Sunday morning for our radio service, “*Building on the Rock.*”

SCRIP UPDATE We currently have some limited quantities of stock you can purchase during our office hours or after church services. E-card orders can be placed through shopwithscrip.com for download to your mobile device. The WLA scrip code is B4F3BBL817984. Please do not order physical cards at this time. If you have some physical cards at home, some of those are able to be reloaded on your online account.

WLA’S THE EVENT AND TEE IT UP *The Event* and *Tee It Up* will not be held as in-person events this summer. While we cannot get together as normal to support WLA, please stay tuned for ways to support our Academy in the month of June.

LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP (LMSG) AMMO CAN is displayed in the narthex. Please make a contribution to support the programs such as: PTSD Spiritual Counseling, Local Congregational LMSG projects, European Chaplain Support, Military Contact Pastor Training, the National Chaplain’s Office, Pastoral travel expenses to remote military families, and to Mission congregations next to Military Installations.



MEDITATIONS The new issue of *Meditations* (Starts May 31) is in the narthex.

BOOKMARKS The next set of Bible reading bookmarks are available on the usher’s table in the narthex, with Bible readings for June 1 through August 31.

LWMS DOOR OFFERING & CONVENTION Good Shepherd in Fond du Lac will be hosting the Fall Rally and elections will also be held then. You can still support the Home Mission and World Mission projects: *Hispanic Training Support and Scholarships* and *Hmong Outreach in Vietnam*. An offering basket is in the narthex. Please consider a generous offering, as these projects are funded solely by special gifts.

The annual convention, called *Taste and See* will be held virtually from June 27 to July 11 and is free for everyone. There will be live-streamed worship services, the LWMS flag presentation, workshops, mission speakers, and devotions, as well as cooking tutorials with mission families, recipes, family fun activities, and mission updates. Visit the LWMS website to stay updated – www.lwms.org and check out the LWMS board by the card display in the narthex.

HOT LUNCH ASSISTANT COOK St. Peter’s hot lunch program is looking to hire an assistant cook for the 2020-21 school year. Hours would be roughly 7:45-1:45 every school day that hot lunch is served. Requirements are an ability to lift 30-40 lb cases, ability to chop vegetables and assist in food prep, a cheerful but firm attitude with the students, and a willingness to become food safety certified and to take over for the head cook if the need arises. Please talk to Pam Zuberbier or email her at pamzuberbier@stpetersfdl.net if you are interested, or pick up an application in the school office and return by June 7. Interviews will be scheduled, hopefully, June 8 and 9 (or a later date can be scheduled if you are not available). The position would begin August 25, the day before school starts.

Daily Bible Readings

05/24 Mark 14:26-52	05/28 Mark 15:42-16:8
05/25 Mark 14:53-72	05/29 Mark 16:9-20
05/26 Mark 15:1-21	05/30 Judges 1:1-2:5
05/27 Mark 15:22-41	

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$21,015.00	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,900.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	22,915.00	\$545,575.86
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	622,540.40
Overage (Shortfall)	(8,212.02)	(76,964.54)
Improvement Fund	595.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	195.00	
Honoring the Lord!	1,425.00	
Ministerial Tuition Assistance	109.38	
CAMM	219.00	
School Wish List	218.74	
LWMS	10.00	