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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:00 am

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the Lord bless us as together we continue to build our lives on the Rock of Jesus and his Word.

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.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow your Son and to destroy what he has done. Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your Christendom that we may sing your praise eternally. O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth. Support us in our final strife, and lead us out of death to life. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

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**SERVICE THEME** “Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word!”

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of the Word*

**OPENING HYMN**

*God Himself Is Present* | **CW 224**

God himself is present – Let us now adore him  
And with awe appear before him.  
God is in his temple – All within keep silence,  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence.  
He alone On his throne  
Is our God and Savior; Praise his name forever!

God himself is present – Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
“Holy, holy, holy” – Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow your ear To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises That your Church now raises.

Fount of ev’ry blessing, Purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in your merit.  
Like the holy angels, Worshiping before you,  
May I ceaselessly adore you.  
Let your will Ever still  
Rule your church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

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.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage* | **CW 293**

God’s Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### LESSON

2 Peter 1:20-2:3

*There will always be false prophets who, to their own peril, deny the verbally inspired Word of God.*

<sup>20</sup>Since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>There were false prophets also among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup>Many will follow their depraved ways, and because of them the way of the truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup>In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated messages. Their condemnation announced long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

### 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

Matthew 7:15-29

*Jesus warns us to be ever vigilant against the insidious attacks of false prophets as we build our families and our church family on the rock-solid foundation of his Word.*

<sup>15</sup>“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? <sup>17</sup>So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. <sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’

<sup>24</sup>“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. <sup>26</sup>Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.”

<sup>28</sup>When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide* | **CW 541**

Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide,  
Nor let your Word, that heav'nly light, For us be ever veiled in night.

O God, how sin's dread works abound! Throughout the earth no rest is found,  
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread, And error boldly rears its head.

In these last days of sore distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That pure we keep, till life is spent, Your holy Word and sacrament.

Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold, For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.  
Oh, prosper well your Word of grace, And spread its truth in ev'ry place.

Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray; The guile and rage of Satan stay!  
Oh, may your mercy never cease! Give concord, patience, courage, peace.

The cause is yours, the glory, too, So hear us, Lord, and keep us true.  
Your Word alone is our defense, The Church's glorious confidence.

Oh, grant that in your holy Word We here may live and die, dear Lord,  
And when our journey's ending here, Receive us into glory there.

## SERMON

1 Kings 22:10-28

*In spite of pressure to “scratch itching ears,” faithful messengers of the LORD speak God’s Word in all its truth and purity.*

<sup>10</sup>Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah were seated, each on his own throne, arrayed in their robes. They were sitting by the threshing floor at the entrance to the gate of Samaria. All the prophets were prophesying before them.

<sup>11</sup>Zedekiah son of Kena'anah had made iron horns for himself, and he said, “This is what the LORD says. With these you will gore Aram to death.” <sup>12</sup>All the prophets were prophesying in this same way: “Go up to Ramoth Gilead and triumph, for the LORD will give it into the hand of the king.”

<sup>13</sup>The messenger who was sent to summon Micaiah said to him, “Pay attention to the words of the prophets. With one mouth they are promising good things to the king. Let your words be like the words of one of them and say something good.”

<sup>14</sup>But Micaiah said, “As surely as the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that is what I will say.”

<sup>15</sup>Then he came to the king, and the king asked him, “Micaiah, should we go up to make war on Ramoth Gilead, or should we refrain?”

He answered him, “Go up and triumph, for the LORD will give them into the hand of the king.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the king said to him, “How many times must I make you swear that you will tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?”

<sup>17</sup>Then Micaiah said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains like sheep that have no shepherd, and the LORD said, ‘They have no masters. Each one should return to his home in peace.’”

<sup>18</sup>Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Didn’t I tell you that he does not prophesy anything good about me, but only bad?”

<sup>19</sup>Then Micaiah said:

Now hear this word from the LORD.

I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and the whole army of heaven was standing around him, on his right and on his left.

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “Who will entice Ahab so that he goes up and falls at Ramoth Gilead?”

One spirit said this. Another one said that. <sup>21</sup>Finally a spirit came and stood before the LORD and said, “I will entice him.”

The LORD said to him, “How?”

<sup>22</sup>He said, “I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.”

Then the LORD said, “You will entice him successfully. Go and do it.”

<sup>23</sup>Now look! The LORD has put a lying spirit into the mouths of all these prophets of yours, for the LORD has decreed disaster for you.

<sup>24</sup>Then Zedekiah son of Kena'anah came up and struck Micaiah on his cheek and said, “Where is this pathway on which the spirit of the LORD has traveled from me to speak to you?”

<sup>25</sup>Micaiah said, “Listen to me. You will see it on the day you go into the inner room to hide.”

<sup>26</sup>Then the king of Israel said, “Seize Micaiah and take him back to Amon, the administrator of the city, and to Joash son of the king. <sup>27</sup>Then say, ‘This is what the king says. Put this man in prison and feed him nothing more than bread and water until I come back safely.’”

<sup>28</sup>Then Micaiah said, “If you ever come back safely, then the LORD has not spoken through me.” Then he said, “Hear this, you people, all of you!”

### “Seek Out the Truth!”

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. Feel-good lies destroy.
2. The Truth Saves.

## 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

*We Have a Sure Prophetic Word* | **CW 291**

We have a sure prophetic Word By inspiration of the Lord,  
And, though assailed on ev'ry hand, Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

By pow'rs of empire banned and burned, By pagan pride rejected, spurned,  
The Word still stands, the Christian's trust, While haughty empires lie in dust.

Whate'er the Word in times of old Of future days and deeds foretold  
Is all fulfilled while ages roll, As traced on the prophetic scroll.

Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure, The teachings of the Word endure.  
Blest all who trust this steadfast Word; Their anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.

**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

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus* | **CW 333**

Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with your grace  
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with your Word  
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.

Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;  
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.

Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;  
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through your Word.

Abide with your protection Among us, Lord, our Strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.

Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

## ORGANIST

David Koepsell

## 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 & CHURCH SERVICES** Videos of church services can be found posted on our website: [www.stpetersfdl.net](http://www.stpetersfdl.net) and tune into KFIZ 1450 AM at 8:00 each Sunday morning for our radio service, *"Building on the Rock."*

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our brother in faith, John Stommel, who departed from this life to life eternal on Friday, June 5, 2020 at the age of 64 years, 1 month and 25 days. The funeral service was held here Wednesday morning, June 10, and his mortal remains were laid to rest to await the glorious resurrection. May his family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

**BAPTISM** Emiliya Faith Wirkus, newborn daughter of Mark and Megyn Wirkus, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 6:30 service on Thursday. May Emiliya always remain faithful to her baptismal covenant.

**SPECIAL GIFT** Bob and Yvonne Fink have given a special gift to the Wish List toward Preschool room furniture in celebration of Bob's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (June 11).

**CUSTODIAN POSITION** St. Peter's is looking to hire a part time custodian. This job consists of routine work to maintain the cleanliness of building and grounds and receives general direction from the Board of Church Properties. This employee performs cleaning and maintenance functions in the morning or evening shift. Work is evaluated through observation while work is in progress and by inspection of completed assignments. Full job descriptions are located in the office. For more information or to apply contact Kurt Turdo at [turdojrk@gmail.com](mailto:turdojrk@gmail.com) or (920) 216-2136.

**2020-2021 THEME** Psalm 73:26 will be the theme for the WLA Association in 2020-2021. "God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

**WLA PLENARY BOARD** will meet Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 pm.

### *Daily Bible Readings*

06/14 Judges 19	06/18 1 Peter 1:13-2:3
06/15 Judges 20	06/19 1 Peter 2:4-17
06/16 Judges 21	06/20 1 Peter 2:18-25
06/17 1 Peter 1:1-12	

### *Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 127 + 82 + 107 = 316

### *First Fruits to the Lord 2020:*

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$29,595.46	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,375.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	31,970.46	\$631,599.93
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	715,921.46
Overage (Shortfall)	843.44	(84,321.53)
Improvement Fund	163.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	87.00	
Honoring the Lord!	1,441.00	
Radio Ministry	20.00	
CAMM	17.00	
School Wish List	100.00	
LWMS	37.00	