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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May Christ's Holy Spirit lead us to take our stand on the Truth of the Bible.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

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. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME God equips his people to stand up for the truth in spite of all opposition.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word and Sacrament

OPENING HYMN

Before the Lord We Bow | **CW 618 v 1-3**

Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above
And rules the world below In boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring; In joy and praise
Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.

The nation you have blessed May well your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by your care.
For this fair land, For this bright day
Our thanks we pay-Gifts of your hand.

May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in your Word's pure light And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song!

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (SPOKEN)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

Before the Lord We Bow | **CW 618 v 4-5**

Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own.
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship him alone.
Cast down your pride! Your sin deplore
And bow before The Crucified!

And when in pow'r he comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, And, joyful, sing
To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

1 John 2:15-17

As his children, we love God more than the possessions, pleasures, and pursuits of this sin-filled world.

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, boasting about material possessions—is not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷The world and its desires pass away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

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 10:34-42

Jesus encourages us to love him above anything or anyone.

³⁴“Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.

³⁷“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴²Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple—Amen I tell you—he will never lose his reward.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored | CW 617

Christ, by heav’nly hosts adored, Gracious, mighty, sov’ reign Lord,
God of nations, King of kings, Head of all created things,
By the Church with joy confessed, God o’er all, forever blest-
Pleading, at your throne we stand: Save your people, bless our land.

On our fields of grass and grain Send, O Lord, the kindly rain;
O’er our wide and goodly land Crown the labors of each hand.
Let your kind protection be O’er our commerce on the sea.
Open, Lord, your bounteous hand; Bless your people, bless our land.

Give us rulers who will be Known for love and honesty;
Let the pow’rs that you ordained Be in righteousness maintained.
In the people’s hearts increase Love of piety and peace.
Thus united, we shall stand One wide, free, and happy land.

SERMON TEXT

Exodus 32:15-29

The Levites loved God more than family and friends.

¹⁵Moses turned and went down the mountain, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand—tablets that were written on both sides, written on one side and on the other. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is the noise of war in the camp.”

¹⁸Moses said, “It is not the sound of people who shout for victory; neither is it the sound of people who cry because of defeat. But I do hear the sound of people who are celebrating.”

¹⁹As soon as Moses came near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing, and Moses’ anger burned. So he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰He took the calf that they had made, burned it with fire, ground it to powder, and scattered it on the water. Then he made the people of Israel drink it.

²¹Moses said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you have brought such a great sin on them?”

²²Aaron said, “Do not let the anger of my lord burn. You know these people. They are set on evil, ²³so they said to me, ‘Make a god for us, who will go ahead of us, because this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ ²⁴So I said to them, ‘Whoever has any gold, pull it off.’ So they gave it to me. I threw it into the fire and out came this calf.”

²⁵When Moses saw that the people were out of control (for Aaron had let them get so out of control that they were disgraced among their enemies), ²⁶Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Whoever is on the LORD’s side, come to me!”

All the descendants of Levi gathered themselves together to Moses. ²⁷He said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says, ‘Every man is to strap his sword on his thigh and go back and forth throughout the camp, from one gate of the camp to the other, and every man is to kill his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.’” ²⁸The Levites did what Moses said, and that day about

three thousand men from among the people fell. ²⁹Moses said, “Begin your service of the LORD today. Yes, because every man among you took a stand against his son and against his brother, the LORD is bestowing a blessing on you today.”

“A Lawful Nation”

Pastor Guse

1. Was needed in the past
2. Is a blessing today

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | **CW 375**

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me;
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me.

Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.

You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is overflowing!

And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever!

HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table | CW 310 v 1-5, 15

I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.

Refrain: Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord. *Refrain*

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart. *Refrain*

Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll! *Refrain*

Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly. *Refrain*

My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE NATION

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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.

THE BLESSING

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 on you and be gracious to you.

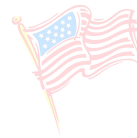
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land | CW 619

God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night! When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise To God above the skies;
On him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!



ORGANIST
Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS
7:45 ~ Guy & Sue Repp
10:00 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum

Weekly Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION We will resume our regular Communion Schedule of the First and Third Sundays of the month. 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*

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. Full job descriptions are located in the office. For more information or to apply contact Kurt Turdo at turdojrk@gmail.com or (920) 216-2136.

MEMORIALS A gift has been given to the General Fund in memory of John Stommel. A gift has been given to SPLS Tuition Assistance in memory of Professor Armin Schuetze.

SEMINARY FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE In support of the many fine men who are being trained in the ministry, and their families, we are having a food and supplies drive. In addition to any non-perishable food items, we will also be accepting any



household items such as laundry and cleaning supplies. The drive will take place starting on July 19 going through August 23. We will have tables set up in the narthex where you can drop off your donations. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our future pastors!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! Join your fellow members of St. Peter’s for a night out at the ballpark to watch the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders take on the Wisconsin Woodchucks on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:35pm. Cost is \$12.00 per person and children 2 and under are free. It is also Bang for Your Buck Night and social distancing guidelines will be followed for seating. Please sign-up and submit payment in the narthex by Sunday, July 26. Hope to see you there!

Daily Bible Readings

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| 07/05 | 1 Samuel 10:17-11:15 | 07/09 | 1 Samuel 15 |
| 07/06 | 1 Samuel 12 | 07/10 | 1 Samuel 16 |
| 07/07 | 1 Samuel 13 | 07/11 | 1 Samuel 17:1-54 |
| 07/08 | 1 Samuel 14 | | |

Last Week’s Stewardship

Worship: 97 + 99 + 214 = 410

Communed: 140

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

| | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
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| Thank offerings in support of the unified budget | \$16,543.91 | |
| Other receipts in support of the unified budget | 2,375.00 | |
| Total receipts in support of the unified budget | 18,918.91 | \$729,549.70 |
| Requirement to support proposed unified budget | 31,127.02 | 809,302.52 |
| Overage (Shortfall) | (12,208.11) | (79,752.82) |
| Improvement Fund | 76.00 | |
| WLA Forward in Trust | 5.00 | |
| Honoring the Lord! | 20.00 | |
| School Wish List | 500.00 | |
| SPLS Tuition Assistance | 46.05 | |
| Ministerial Education TA | 5,296.30 | |