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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Spirit-filled Word of God comfort and strengthen you today and always.

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.



ST. PETER'S

Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Speak, O Savior; I am listening, as a servant to his lord. Let me show respect and honor to your holy, precious Word, that each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you. Let your Word ever be my pleasure and my heart's most precious treasure. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME We put our confidence in the living and enduring Word of God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Common Service

OPENING HYMN

Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care | **CWS 232**

Lord of my life, whose tender care Has led me on till now,
Here lowly, at the hour of prayer, Before your throne I bow.
I bless your gracious hand and pray Forgiveness for another day.

Oh, may I daily, hourly, strive In heav'nly grace to grow,
To you and to your glory live, Dead to all else below!
Tread in the path my Savior trod, Though thorny, yet the path of God.

To you my humble praise I bring For mercies day by day.
Lord, teach my heart your love to sing; Lord, teach me how to pray.
All that I have and e'er can do I'll use to serve and honor you.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **♪Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

**♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

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.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear | **CW 282 v 2-3**

Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin.
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

We put our full confidence in the refreshing, powerful, effective, life-giving Word of God.

¹⁰Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and do not return there unless they water the earth,
make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,
and it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so it will be with my Word that goes forth from my mouth.
It will not return to me empty.
Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,
and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.
¹²Because in joy you will go forth,
and in peace you will be carried along.
The mountains and the hills will burst forth before you with shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn, a fir tree will grow up.
Instead of the brier, a myrtle tree will grow up.
And it will make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart that so you may obey it. Alleluia.

C: ♪Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 13.

C: ♪Glory be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Through a parable, Jesus explains the different reactions to the Word of God.

That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. ²A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. ³He told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen, a sower went out to sow. ⁴As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. ⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately

the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. ⁶But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. ⁸But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear."

¹⁸"So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. ²⁰The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. ²²The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. ²³But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪Praise be to you, O 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Love to Tell the Story | CW 562

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

SERMON

Acts 18:1-11

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!"

⁷He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

"Participate in Our Shared Ministry"

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Generously.
2. Persistently.
3. Boldly.

CREATE IN ME

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your
Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy
of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 All Are One in Mission | CW 566

We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called to service, To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others With God's surprising grace,
So ev'ry folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, And let our song be heard;
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪Amen.**

M: 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

Let All Things Now Living | CW 260

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God the Creator
triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; His light
goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; The stars in their courses And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean
proclaim him divine. We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.

With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz 10:00 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum

Weekly Announcements

FORWARD IN CHRIST The August issue of *Forward in Christ* is in the narthex.

MEMORIALS John & Yvonne Oberg have given a special gift to the General Fund in memory of Sharon Espinosa. Dewane & Mary Scheidt have given a gift to the General Fund in memory of Betty Fairhurst.

CHURCH WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR As always, the title sounds more complex than the work. We are looking for someone with website knowledge to maintain our church website and update it from time to time. The number of hours per month is low, but there are updates that need to be made in order to have an updated and functioning website for members, prospects, and visitors. If you have this capability or knowledge (*training on our website is available*), please contact Pastor Guse (920) 517-9000 or pastorguse@stpetersfdl.net. This position does need to be filled, so if you have this capability – please serve the Lord and his church!

CARD SHOWER FOR OUR NEW TEACHER Our new eighth grade teacher, Carl Manske will be installed into the Public Ministry of the Gospel on Thursday and Sunday, August 20 and 23. Our St. Peter's family will welcome him with a card shower. Please welcome this servant of the Lord with a card and gift. There is a box in the narthex.



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 6:35 pm. 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!

GOLF OUTING The Board of Adult Discipleship is pleased to invite you to the St. Peter's Lutheran Golf Outing held at 2:00 pm, August 30 at Rolling Meadows Golf Course. Come out and enjoy our beautiful Wisconsin weather along with some friendly competition. A sign-up sheet and more information can be found in the narthex.

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, supplies, and gift card (SCRIP) 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 go through August 23. We 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!



Daily Bible Readings

07/26 Ephesians 6:10-24	07/30 Job 8:1-9:24
07/27 Job 1-3	07/31 Job 9:25-10:22
07/28 Job 4, 5	08/01 Job 11, 12
07/29 Job 6, 7	

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 127 + 80 + 145 = 352

Communed: 106 + 69 + 92 = 267

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$21,851.54	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,375.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	24,226.54	\$801,814.44
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	902,683.58
Overage (Shortfall)	(6,900.48)	(100,869.14)
Improvement Fund	528.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	117.00	
Honoring the Lord!	348.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	1,980.00	
Radio Ministry	20.00	
Ministerial Education TA	192.00	