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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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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 riches of God's glorious grace lead you to rejoice in the true and everlasting treasures that we have in Jesus our Savior.

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, this I ask; oh, hear my plea – Deny me not this favor: When Satan sorely troubles me, Then do not let me waver. Keep watch and ward, O gracious Lord; Fulfill your faithful saying: All who believe By grace receive An answer to their praying. Amen.

SERVICE THEME Our greatest wealth and riches aren't earthly treasures, but the heavenly treasures that God has stored up for us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Common Service

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | **CW 221**

Blessed Jesus, at your Word We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder.

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.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

May we, like Solomon, choose the LORD's instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

⁵The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night.

God said, "Ask for whatever I may give to you."

⁶Solomon said, "You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is sitting on his throne as it is today. ⁷Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little

child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is among your people, which you have chosen, a great people which cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹Now give to your servant a listening heart to judge your people, to discern between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

¹⁰What Solomon asked for was good in the eyes of the LORD.

¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹²therefore listen: I will act according your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before, nor will anyone like you rise up after you."

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-21

Being faithful to the Word of God means teaching the truth and guarding against falsehood.

¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge." ²¹By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure | **CW 349**

Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for thee?

Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!

I will suffer naught to hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.

Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure; Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.

Pain or loss Or shame or cross

Shall not from my Savior move me Since he deigns to love me.

Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 13:44-46

Treasure the precious, priceless Gospel because it alone delivers us from "the fiery furnace, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"The Greatest Treasure"

Pastor Guse

1. It is ageless
2. It is priceless

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

Jesus, Lead Us On | CW 422

Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow, calm and fearless.
Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For through many a woe To our home we go.

When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us; Still support, console, protect us
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

BLESSING

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior | CW 326

May the grace of Christ our Savior And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor Rest upon us from above.

So may we abide in union With each other and the Lord,
Gathered here in blest communion By the power of his Word.

Now with all the saints in heaven Thanks and praise to you we sing,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One, our triune King.



ORGANIST

David Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz

10:00 ~ Gib & Ann Trewin

Weekly Announcements

MEMORIALS The family of Bob Johnson has given a special gift to the General Fund in loving memory.

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.



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 (laundry and cleaning supplies), and SCRIP. The drive will go through August 23. Tables are set up in the narthex where you can drop off your donations. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our future pastors!



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM CARE Our school has a beautiful outdoor classroom that helps connect children to nature while learning. Thank you, Cheryl Retzlaff for your many years of service and dedication to our Outdoor Classroom! We are looking for some helping hands to take over maintaining and improving our outdoor classroom. If you enjoy gardening and would like to help keep this area beautiful, please contact Kurt Turdo at (920) 216-2136 or turdojr@gmail.com.

BUILDING KEYS Our building is going through a re-keying process. If you have a building key please turn it in to the church office. Please contact Kurt Turdo with any questions at (920) 216-2136 or turdojr@gmail.com.



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.

Daily Bible Readings

08/09 Job 30, 31	08/13 Job 38:1-40:5
08/10 Job 32, 33	08/14 Job 40:6-42:6
08/11 Job 34, 35	08/15 Job 42:7-17
08/12 Job 36, 37	

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 104 + 70 + 101 = 275 Communed: 87 + 57 + 88 = 232

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$18,437.65	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,900.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	20,337.65	\$855,572.28
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	964,937.62
Overage (Shortfall)	(10,789.37)	(109,365.34)
Improvement Fund	40.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	25.00	
Honoring the Lord!	561.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	100.00	