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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP From eternity, O God, in your Son you did elect me. Therefore, Father, on life's road graciously to heaven direct me; send to me your Holy Spirit that his gifts I may inherit. As a branch upon a vine, in my blessed Lord implant me; ever of my head divine to remain a member grant me. Oh, let him, my Lord and Savior, be my life and love forever! Amen.

SERVICE THEME All of the Lord's elect will be gathered into his Church before the world's time of grace – its time to repent and come to faith in Jesus – comes to an end.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Common Service

OPENING HYMN

To Your Temple I Draw Near | **CW 226**

To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.
Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.

I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.

While I listen to your law, Fill my soul with holy awe
Till your gospel brings to me Life and immortality.

From your house, when I return, May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

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, When Your Glory I Shall See | **CW 219**

Lord, when your glory I shall see And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought To stand in joy beside you.

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

Joshua 4:1-9

The LORD safely deposited all twelve tribes of Israel in the Promised Land of Canaan.

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD told Joshua, ²“Take twelve men from the people, one man from each tribe, ³and give them the following orders: ‘Pick up twelve stones from here in the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the feet of the priests are standing securely. Carry them over with you and put them at the place where you will stay tonight.’”

⁴So Joshua called the twelve men whom he had selected from the people of Israel—a man from each tribe. ⁵Joshua said to them, “Go to the middle of the Jordan in front of the ark of the LORD your God, and each man is to lift up one stone on his shoulder. The number will correspond to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, ⁶so that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in the future, ‘What do these stones mean for you?’ ⁷Then you shall respond to them that the waters

of the Jordan were cut off in front of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD. When the ark passed through the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones will serve as a permanent memorial for the people of Israel.”

⁸So the people of Israel did just as Joshua had ordered. They picked up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, corresponding to the number of the tribes descended from the sons of Israel, as the LORD had instructed Joshua. They carried the stones over with them to their lodging place and deposited them there. ⁹Joshua also set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the feet of the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant had stood. The stones are there to this day.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

C: ♪ **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 16.

C: ♪ **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

The Church will stand forever on Peter's rock-solid confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | **CW 382**

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

SERMON TEXT

Revelation 7:1-8

The Lord assures us that all of the elect will be gathered into the Church before the forces of Judgment Day are unleashed.

¹After this I saw four angels, who stood at the four corners of the earth. They were holding back the four winds of the earth so that the wind could not blow on the earth, the sea, or any tree.

²And I saw another angel coming up from the east, who had the seal of the living God. He called out with a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to harm the earth and the sea. He said, ³“Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have placed a seal on the foreheads of God’s servants.”

⁴And I heard the number of those sealed:

144,000 sealed from all the tribes of the people of Israel:

⁵from the tribe of Judah, 12,000, who were sealed,

from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000,

from the tribe of Gad, 12,000,

⁶from the tribe of Asher, 12,000,

from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000,

from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000,

⁷from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000,

from the tribe of Levi, 12,000,

from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000,

⁸from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000,

from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000,

from the tribe of Benjamin, 12,000, who were sealed.

All the Elect Will Be Gathered In

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Protected before Judgment Day.
2. Forever secure after Judgment Day.

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

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

C: **♪It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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.

C: **♪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 HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared | **CW 312**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning.

Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

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. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

There Is a Higher Throne | CW 727
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ORGANIST
 Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS
 10:00 ~ Judine Schicker

Weekly Announcements

BAPTISM Theo Frederick Jeffery Mortl, infant son of Eric and Alyssa Mortl, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday. May Theo always remain faithful to his baptismal covenant.



September 13 will begin our fall schedule with the late service beginning at 10:30 am. Adult Bible Class, Sunday School and Disciples of Christ are still postponed for now.

MEDITATIONS, FORWARD IN CHRIST, & BOOKMARKS The new issue of *Meditations* and the September *Forward in Christ* are in the narthex. Bookmarks for the next set of Bible readings through November 30 are available as well.

25th and 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Our St. Peter's family will be thanking the Lord that both Andy Mildebrandt and Emil Schuh have served 25 years and 40 years respectively in the teaching ministry. We will have special services on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 and Sunday, September 20 at 7:45 and 10:30. We hope our entire St. Peter's family will be gracious with their gifts and join in this service of praise and thanksgiving for the Public Ministry of the Gospel.

SCRIP Kwik Trip is offering a 10% rebate through the month of September! St. Peter's will have SCRIP available in the school office Thursday and Friday mornings and after each church service.

The SCRIP window at WLA is open on Wednesdays from Noon-6:00 pm. If you wish to purchase SCRIP before 3:15 pm enter at door #5, wear a mask, show your ID, and have your temperature checked. After 3:15 pm enter at door #1 wearing a mask and social distancing.

EVENING CIRCLE The executive committee held an outdoor meeting to discuss the plans for Evening Circle. We all shared the same opinion that now is not the time to try to restart. Our two major events, hosting the cake reception for Mr. Mildebrandt and Mr. Schuh, and the fall mission festival dinner have been cancelled due to Covid-19. We will keep an eye on the situation and hopefully will be able to extend an invitation within a few months. We miss you all!

BIBLE CLASSES DELAYED The Board of Adult Discipleship, in consultation with the Board of Elders, has decided to put the start of Bible Class on hold. This decision was based on advice from a physician who has concerns about social distancing during the less formal gatherings of Bible Class. As one of our members said, "It's better to err on the side of caution." As we navigate these uncharted waters, may we all continue to be patient and trust the Lord will one day restore our church life back to normal. This decision will be revisited when the governor's mask mandate ends on September 28.

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 85 + 62 + 103 = 250

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$16,657.73	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	1,900.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	18,557.73	\$944,524.44
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	1,089,445.70
Overage (Shortfall)	(12,569.29)	(144,921.26)
Improvement Fund	40.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	90.00	
Honoring the Lord!	155.00	
Ministerial Education TA	112.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	26.00	

Daily Bible Readings

09/06 2 Samuel 21	09/10 Psalm 52-54
09/07 2 Samuel 22	09/11 Psalm 55
09/08 2 Samuel 23	09/12 Psalm 56, 57
09/09 2 Samuel 24	