

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May we build our lives and our congregation on the three pillars of the Lutheran Reformation: We are saved – By Grace Alone, By Faith Alone, and By Scripture Alone.

*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*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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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. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Defend your truth, O God, and stay this evil generation, and from the error of its way keep your own congregation. The wicked everywhere abound and would your little flock confound, but you are our salvation! Amen.

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**SERVICE THEME** We thank God for the faithful labors of Dr. Martin Luther who reclaimed the Truth of the Gospel for Christ's Church on earth.

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Common Service*

**OPENING HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | CW 200 v 1 & 2*

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,  
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.

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

*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: The Lord be with you.

**C:** ♪ And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and

useful work; 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

#### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 46 responsively

God is our refuge and strength,  
**a helper who can always be found in times of trouble.**

<sup>2</sup>That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves  
**and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea.**

<sup>3</sup>Its waters roar and foam.

**The mountains quake when it rises.**

<sup>4</sup>There is a river—its streams bring joy to the city of God,  
**to the holy dwelling of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in her. She will not fall.

**God will help her at daybreak.**

<sup>6</sup>Nations are in turmoil. Kingdoms fall.

**God raises his voice. The earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of Armies is with us.

**The God of Jacob is a fortress for us.**

<sup>8</sup>Come, look at the works of the LORD.

**What a wasteland he has made of the earth!**

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.

He shatters the bow. He cuts up the spear.

**He burns the carts with fire.**

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations.

**I will be exalted on the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of Armies is with us.

**The God of Jacob is a fortress for us.**

# Glory Be to the Father

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*Gloria Patri*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and

ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

M: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 10.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 10:16-23

*Like Martin Luther, all of God's people can trust in the Holy Spirit's help as we uphold the truth that we are saved By Grace Alone, By Faith Alone, and By Scripture Alone.*

"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought

before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

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

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* | CW 203

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 pow'r 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.

## SERMON TEXT

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

*In spite of threat to life and limb, Martin Luther, like the great prophet Daniel, refused to deny the true faith.*

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands – in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king." The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

## Be A Faithful Confessor!

*Pastor Zuberbier*

1. Preserving the Truth.
2. Preserved for the Truth.

## 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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. 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

*O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word* | **CW 204**

O God, our Lord, Your holy Word Was long a hidden treasure  
Till to its place It was by grace Restored in fullest measure.  
For this today Our thanks we say And gladly glorify you.  
Your mercy show And grace bestow On all who still deny you.

Salvation true By faith in you -That is your gospel's preaching,  
The heart and core Of Bible lore In all its sacred teaching.  
In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not in our deeds or labor;  
With conscience pure And heart secure Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.

Lord, you alone This work have done By your free grace and favor.  
All who believe Will grace receive Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
And though the foe Would overthrow Your Word with grim endeavor,  
All he has wrought Must come to naught-Your Word will stand forever!

Since you are mine, My Lord divine, Death holds no dreadful terrors;  
Your precious blood, My highest good, Has blotted out my errors.  
My thanks to you-Your Word is true! Fulfill your promise ever,  
And mercy give While here I live And heav'nly bliss forever.

## 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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* | **CW 200 v 3 & 4**

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With his good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will-Hate, steal, hurt, or kill-  
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!

## ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

## GREETERS

7:45 ~ Warren & Mary Demmon

10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum

## Weekly Announcements

**FORWARD IN CHRIST & CALENDARS** The November *Forward in Christ* and the November church calendars are available in the narthex.

**MEMORIALS** A special gift has been given to the General Fund in memory of Vernice Lenz.

**AT HOME WITH THE LORD** Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Eunice Wondrash, who departed from this life to life eternal on Friday, October 23, 2020 at the age of 88 years, 1 month, and 4 days. A private funeral service was held and her mortal remains were laid to rest at Ledgeview Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection. May her family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

**BAPTISM** Remi Marie Wempner, infant daughter of Ben & Kelli Wempner, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 6:30 service on October 29. May Remi always remain faithful to her baptismal covenant.



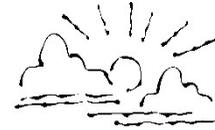
**AMMO CAN** November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans day and is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the USA in all wars, particularly living veterans. The Synod's annual "Ammo Can Collection" is used to support the work of LMSG (Lutheran Military Support Group) which supports our active duty service members, veterans and their families. Donations can be dropped into the ammo can located in the Narthex, at all services for the weekend of Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to thank a veteran.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** We are looking for volunteers to help beautify our church for the Advent and Christmas season. Decorating will be on Friday, November 27 starting at 1:00 pm. If you would like to help, please call John or Chris Orvis at 921-9233.



**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT** If you would like to see your contribution statement for this year as of October 18, please email or call Anna Gilgenbach in the office, annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net or 920-922-1160.

**SPREAD SOME SON-SHINE** Our members in care facilities are unable to have visitors due to the pandemic. We would like to send some cards to two each week to let them know we are thinking of them. Please help us brighten their days!



The Lutheran Home 244 N. Macy St. FDL, WI 54935

~Judy Klimke ~Bernice Schonscheck

### *Last Week's Stewardship*

Worship: 101 + 82 + 96 = 279

Midweek Bible Class: 9 + 7 = 16  
Bible Class: 28

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

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$23,413.75	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,625.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	26,038.75	\$1,174,873.20
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	1,338,461.86
Overage (Shortfall)	(5,088.27)	(163,588.66)
Improvement Fund	178.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	57.00	
Honoring the Lord!	110.00	
Radio Ministry	20.00	
WLA Tuition Assistance	40.00	

### *Daily Bible Readings*

11/01 John 10:22-42	11/05 John 12:20-36
11/02 John 11:1-27	11/06 John 12:37-50
11/03 John 11:28-44	11/07 2 Kings 1, 2
11/04 John 11:45-12:19	