

THE
DAY
— OF THE —
LORD
IS NEAR.
— ZEPHANIAH 1:7, ESV —

Last Judgment
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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Praise God that on the Last Day, through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, we will be able to stand blameless and unashamed before his throne.

- 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.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, and let your pity waken. How few are we within your fold, your saints by all forsaken; true faith seems quenched on every hand; your Word is not allowed to stand. Dark times have us overtaken. 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.

SERVICE THEME Christ our Lord will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | **CW 207 v 1-3**

The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.

A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at his commanding.

A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **(spoken) And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You

are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | CW 207 v 5

My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10

In 553 B.C. Daniel saw a vision of Judgment Day.

⁹I continued to watch until thrones were set up,
and the Ancient of Days was seated.

His clothes were white as snow,
and the hair on his head was like pure wool.

His throne was flames of fire.

Its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A river of fire flowed out from his presence.

Thousands upon thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,
and books were opened.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

On the Last Day all people from all nations and from all time will appear before the Judge and there will be an eternal separation of Christians from unbelievers.

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.’

⁴⁴“Then they will also answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?’

⁴⁵“At that time he will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’ ⁴⁶And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound | CW 379

Amazing grace-how sweet the sound-That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

SERMON

Romans 2:2-11

²And we know that God's judgment on those who do such things is based on the truth.

³Are you thinking that you will escape God's judgment, you who judge those who do such things and then do the same things yourself? ⁴Or do you have so little regard for his rich kindness, his restraint, and his patience, that you ignore the fact that the purpose of God's kindness is to lead you to repentance? ⁵As a result of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, when God will reveal his righteous judgment.

⁶God "will repay each person according to what he has done"—⁷eternal life to those who seek glory, honor, and immortality by persisting in doing what is good, ⁸but furious anger to those who out of selfish ambition are disobeying what is true and obeying what is wrong. ⁹There will be trouble and distress for the soul of every person who does what is evil—for the Jew first and for the Greek—¹⁰but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does what is good—for the Jew first and for the Greek. ¹¹For God does not show favoritism.

"God Will Judge the Evidence"

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Of impenitence.
2. Of repentance.

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.

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past | **CW 441 v 1-3**

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home,

Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

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

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past | CW 441 v 4-6

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!



ORGANIST

David Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz

10:30 ~ Judine Schicker

Weekly Announcements

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!



~Audrey Hillmann at St. Francis Home
(33 Everett St.) in Fond du Lac

~Vida Stueber at Lakeview Place
(517 Luco Rd.) in Fond du Lac

DIVINE CALL RECIEVED Dear Members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, I have received the call you extended to me to serve as Principal and 6th grade teacher at St. Peter's Lutheran School. I look forward to working with you as I consider the calls to serve Trinity and St. Peter's. I appreciate the communication I have already had with your leadership. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers as I consider where the Lord might best use me. In His Service, Mr. Philip Haefner & Family

AT HOME WITH THE LORD Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Trish Prickette, who departed from this life to life eternal on Friday, October 23, 2020 at the age of 56 years, and 22 days. A private funeral service was held and her mortal remains were laid to rest at Kempster Lakeside Cemetery in Kempster, Wisconsin to await the glorious resurrection. May her family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.

BAPTISM Aiden Samuel Rauls, infant son of Dustin and Ashley Rauls, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism after the 10:30 service on Sunday. May Aiden always remain faithful to his baptismal covenant.

WORSHIP TIMES We will have Thanksgiving Worship Wednesday, November 25 at 4:30 and 6:30 pm and Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 am. Christmas Eve services will be held at 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm and Christmas Day at 9:00 am.

FORWARD IN CHRIST AND MEDITATIONS The November *Forward in Christ* and the new Meditations (starts November 29) are available in the narthex.



AMMO CAN November 11th 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. 8th. 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 so far, please email or call Anna Gilgenbach in the office, annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net or 920-922-1160.

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 119 + 81 + 100 = 300
Communed: 92 + 70 + 79 = 241

Midweek Bible Class: 9 + 9 = 18
Sunday Bible Class: 12

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$21,243.98	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,100.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	23,343.98	\$1,198,217.18
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	1,369,588.88
Overage (Shortfall)	(7,783.04)	(171,371.70)
Improvement Fund	60.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	35.00	
Honoring the Lord!	651.00	

Daily Bible Readings

11/08 2 Kings 3:1-4:7	11/12 2 Kings 8, 9
11/09 2 Kings 4:8-44	11/13 2 Kings 10
11/10 2 Kings 5:1-6:7	11/14 2 Kings 11, 12
11/11 2 Kings 6:8-7:20	