



St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Lord bless our worship as we praise him for the faithful who have gone before us.

- 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 For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to live, Who followed you, obeyed, adored, Our grateful hymn receive. For all your saints, O Lord, Who strove in you to die, Who counted you their great reward, Accept our thankful cry. Amen.

SERVICE THEME We observe the Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

Christ is the World's Light | CW 343

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

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: **(spoken) Amen.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE

By All Your Saints Still Striving | CW 552 v 26

For John, your loved disciple, Exiled to Patmos' shore,
And for his faithful record We praise you evermore.
Praise for the mystic vision His words to us unfold.
Instill in us his longing Your glory to behold.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cast the bright beams of your light on the whole Christian Church, that, being instructed by the teachings of your blessed apostle and evangelist John, we may always walk in the light of your saving truth, until at last we inherit the gift of eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1–5, 26–31

The Evangelist John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind."

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

²⁶God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth."

²⁷God created the man in his own image.

In the image of God he created him.

Male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. ³⁰To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

VERSE OF THE DAY

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1–2:2

Our God floods the world with the light of forgiveness, bringing us into fellowship with him and with one another.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. ⁷But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

^{2:1}My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Word of God Incarnate | CW 279

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

The Church from you, dear Master, Received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass That, all life's journey through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to you.

Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old.
Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see you face to face.

GOSPEL

John 21:20–25

²⁰Peter turned and saw the disciple Jesus loved following them. This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and asked, “Lord, who is going to betray you?” ²¹When Peter saw him, he asked Jesus, “Lord, what about him?”

²²“If I want him to remain until I come,” Jesus answered, “what is that to you? You follow me.” ²³And so it was said among the brothers that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say that he would not die, but, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴This is the disciple who is testifying about these things and who wrote these things. We know that his testimony is true.

²⁵Jesus also did many other things. If every one of them were written down, I suppose the world itself would not have room for the books that would be written.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **(spoken) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

“Thank the Lord for St. John”

Pastor Zuberbier

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

A Stable Lamp is Lighted | CWS 706
(last page in bulletin)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life

and in death, 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

Go, Tell it on the Mountain | CW 57

*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*



ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Norene Gonring

10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum

Weekly Announcements

MEMORIALS Special gifts have been given to the General Fund by the family and friends of Tom Deibert, Eunice Wondrash, and Dave Henke in their memory.

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

~James and Patricia Seibel
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~Robert Pribnow
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PIANO STUDENTS will be playing some of the music on December 27, December 31, and January 3.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICES will be held Thursday, December 31 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, January 3 at 7:45 and 10:30 am. All three services will be the same.

DIVINE CALL MEETING We will have a Divine Call Meeting January 3 after the second service.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES have been put in your mailboxes. Please check your offering envelopes to make sure the number labeled on top of your box matches ALL of the envelopes inside your box. If they do not, please let Anna or Ashley in the office know, at 922-1160 or email annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net or ashleywill@stpetersfdl.net. Thank you!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS With the holidays and school not in session, we will be in the office limited hours, so please be sure to make an appointment with our Pastors and Faculty in advance. We will resume regular office hours when school is back in session on January 4.

VOTERS MEETING A voters meeting will be held Sunday, January 10 immediately following the 10:30 service. The proposed 2021 unified budget will be presented and voted on. We will also be voting for officers and board members to fill expired terms.

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 149 + 106 + 129 = 384

Communed: 111 + 84 + 96 = 291

Daily Bible Readings

12/27 Isaiah 29:1-30:17
12/28 Isaiah 30:18-32:20
12/29 Isaiah 33, 34, 35
12/30 Isaiah 36, 37

12/31 Isaiah 38, 39
01/01 1 John 1:1-2:2
01/02 1 John 2:3-27

First Fruits to the Lord 2020:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$64,544.66	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,677.04	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	67,221.70	\$1,480,511.12
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	31,127.02	1,587,478.02
Overage (Shortfall)	36,094.68	(106,966.90)
Improvement Fund	262.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	117.00	
Honoring the Lord!	1,060.00	
Radio Ministry	20.00	

This Week at St. Peter's

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THURSDAY	6:30 pm	New Year's Eve Worship with Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	7:45 am	New Year's Eve Worship with Communion
	9:00 am	Public School Confirmation Class
	10:30 am	New Year's Eve Worship with Communion
	11:30 am	Divine Call Meeting



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
 2 This child through Da - vid's cit - y Shall
 3 Yet he shall be for - sak - en And
 4 But now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their



voic - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And
 branch - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And
 dark - en, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And
 voic - es, And ev - 'ry stone shall cry. And



ev - 'ry stone shall cry, And straw like
 ev - 'ry stone shall cry, Though heav - y,
 ev - 'ry stone shall cry For ston - y
 ev - 'ry stone shall cry In prais - es



gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor
 dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the
 hearts of men; God's blood up - on the
 of the child By whose de - scent a -



heav - en, A stall be - come a shrine.
 road - way To pave his king - dom come.
 spear - head, God's love re - fused a - gain.
 mong us The world is rec - on - ciled.