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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May we together glory in the cross of Christ.

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.

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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 Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you! May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew, till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior's side, graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.

SERVICE THEME Salvation and suffering go hand in hand—for Jesus as well as for us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service II

O dearest Lord, thy sacred head With thorns was pierced for me;
Oh, pour thy blessing on my head That I may think for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands With nails were pierced for me;
Oh, shed thy blessing on my hands That they may work for thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet With nails were pierced for me;
Oh, pour thy blessing on my feet That they may follow thee.

O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart With spear was pierced for me;
Oh, pour thy Spirit in my heart That I may live for thee.

Stand

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

C: **(spoken) Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (spoken) Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (spoken) Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: (spoken) Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

As a result of his sinful deceit, Jacob suffered separation from his loved ones, but God comforted him with his presence and with his promises.

¹⁰Jacob set out from Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and decided to spend the night there, because the sun had set. He took one of the stones from that place, put it under his head, and lay down to sleep in that place. ¹²He had a dream in which he saw a stairway set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven. There were angels of God ascending and descending on it. ¹³There at the top stood the LORD, who said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. The land on which you are lying, I give to you and to your descendants. ¹⁴Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. In you and in your seed all the families of the earth will be blessed. ¹⁵Now, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back again into this land. Indeed, I will not leave you, until I have done what I have promised to you."

¹⁶Jacob woke up from his sleep, and he said, "Certainly the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷He was afraid and he said, "How awe-inspiring is this place! This is nothing other than the house of God, and this is the gate to heaven."

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

God uses Christ's sufferings and our sufferings to give us the sure and certain hope of glory.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were

enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. ¹¹And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus | CW 355

Take the world, but give me Jesus! All its joys are but a name.
But his love abides forever, Through eternal years the same.

*Refrain: Oh, the height and depth of mercy; Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!*

Take the world, but give me Jesus, Sweetest comfort of my soul.
With the Savior watching o'er me, I can sing, though thunders roll. *Refrain*

Take the world, but give me Jesus! In his cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision Face to face my Lord I see. *Refrain*

Stand

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter eight.

C: **(spoken) Glory be to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

First comes the cross, then comes the crown—for Jesus as well as for us.

³¹Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. ³²He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men.”

³⁴He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶After all, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷Or what can a man give in exchange for his

soul? ³⁸In fact, whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated

Understand the Paradox of the Cross

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Those who save their life will lose it.
2. Those who lose their life will save it.

Stand

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.

Be Seated

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (spoken) We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: (spoken) 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 willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name, saying:

C: (spoken) Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: (spoken) Amen.

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.

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: (spoken) Amen. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | CW 465

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; You are not, like them, untrue.
And since you have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me-Show your face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure; With your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father! You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory; God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story; Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Stand

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Glory Be to Jesus | CW 103

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies,
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

Of earth exulting Lifts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Weekly Announcements

MEDITATIONS AND FORWARD IN CHRIST The new issue of *Meditations* and the March issue of *Forward in Christ* are available in the narthex. New bookmark readings are also available.

BAPTISM Isaiah Daniel Mueller, infant son of Jacob & Emma Mueller, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 service on Sunday. May Isaiah always remain faithful to his baptismal covenant.

NEW MEMBERS In Sundays service, Stacy Stanek will be received by the Rite of Confirmation. Adam Stanek, along with their children, Zachary and Jackson, will be received as members of St. Peter's by Affirmation of Faith. We welcome the Staneks into the fellowship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and our congregation, and pray for God's richest blessings as they make this beginning in their new church home.

MEMORIAL A special gift has been given to the Handbell Fund by Yvonne Fink in celebration of her 90th birthday (March 4).



EASTER LILIES If you would like to donate an Easter lily to beautify the sanctuary for Easter, please fill out an envelope with your name and the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory or honor you are donating the lily. The price is \$16.00. Please place your check (made payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild) or cash into the provided envelope and into the floral box on the information station in the narthex. The last day to order is Sunday, March 21.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION will be on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 pm.

WLA THEATRE PRESENTS RADIUM GIRLS *Radium Girls* is a fast-moving historical drama that is both entertaining and informative about a period of our country's history that hasn't been explored until recently. Our students will be offering limited seating performances on Thursday, March 25, and Saturday, March 27, at 7:00 pm. There will also be an afternoon matinee on Sunday, March 28, at 2:00 pm. General admission tickets will be available for purchase in the school office starting March 1 for \$5.00 each. For social distancing purposes, there will be only a limited number of tickets available for each performance.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Sunrise and sunset will be an hour later on March 14! Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead or you will be an hour late for church on Sunday!

2021 VIRTUAL MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE Are you feeling disconnected, isolated, alone, separated from others? Social distancing can take a toll on our mental and spiritual health. Even though we can't meet together in person, we invite you to join up to 500 other men for a virtual Men of His Word Conference. Our keynote (Mike Novotny, lead speaker for Time of Grace) and two presenters will remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35) which also binds us to one another. Though we may be separated, we remain united.

The Virtual MOHW Conference will be held online, on Saturday, April 17, 2021 with the theme, "Separated Yet United". Additional details and online registration (\$15) are available at www.menofhisword.org. Please join us for a day of virtual fellowship in God's Word!

LWMS will have their door offering Thursday, March 11th and Sunday, March 14th. The Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 10th at 9:00 am at Redeemer Church, FDL. The guest speaker will be Pastor Robert Raasch from Mount Olive in Appleton. Pastor Raasch will talk to us regarding mission work in South Asia. All confirmed ladies of our congregation are automatic members and are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about missions and how the ladies of LWMS support them.

ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Sue Repp

10:30 ~ Jim & Marica Pflum

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 93 + 106 + 127 = 326

Midweek Lenten Worship: 120 + 69 = 189

First Fruits to the Lord 2021:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$23,143.86	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,625.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	25,768.86	\$219,614.05
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	32,079.96	288,719.64
Overage (Shortfall)	(6,311.10)	(69,105.59)
Honoring the Lord!	215.00	
Improvement Fund	134.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	70.00	
Ministerial Education TA	120.00	
Handbell Fund	50.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	165.00	

Daily Bible Readings

03/07 Matthew 15:21-39	03/11 Matthew 18:1-35
03/08 Matthew 16:1-20	03/12 Jeremiah 1
03/09 Matthew 16:21-17:13	03/13 Jeremiah 2:1-3:5
03/10 Matthew 17:14-27	

This Week at St. Peter's

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TUESDAY	6:30 pm	Coordinating Council
	6:30 pm	Kindergarten Registration
WEDNESDAY	3:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship
THURSDAY	6:30 pm	Worship