

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May our hearts be filled with joy as we refresh our souls in the rivers and streams of God's Word.

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 fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. 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 Yours forever, God of love! Hear us from your throne above; yours forever may we be Here and in eternity! Yours forever! Shepherd, keep all your weak and trembling sheep safely in your tender care; let us all your goodness share. Yours forever! You our guide, all our needs by you supplied, all our sins by you forgiven, lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

OPENING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father | **CW 449**

Stand

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.

GLORY BE TO GOD

♪ **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,
God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of
the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive
our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON

Acts 27:13-26

The One who holds us in his hands also holds the world's forces and the future in his hands.

¹³When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they could carry out their plan. They raised the anchor and sailed close to the shore of Crete.

¹⁴But before long, a hurricane-like wind, called the "northeaster," rushed down from the island. ¹⁵Since the ship was caught in it and could not head into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we sailed on the sheltered side of a small island called Cauda, we were barely able to secure the skiff. ¹⁷After hoisting it on board, the men tied ropes around the ship to reinforce it. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and in this way were driven along. ¹⁸Because we were tossed around so violently by the storm, the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's gear

overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the violent storm kept pressing down on us, finally all hope that we would be saved was disappearing.

²¹After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have followed my advice and not set sail from Crete and avoided this damage and loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because there will be no loss of life among you. Only the ship will be lost. ²³In fact, last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar. And surely God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.' ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, because I believe God that it will be exactly the way I have been told. ²⁶However, we must run aground on some island."

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying "Abba! Father!" Alleluia.

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

Stand

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 4.

C: ♪ **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

Take heart! Even in seemingly hopeless situations, Jesus is in control.

³⁵On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's go over to the other side." ³⁶After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. ³⁸Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?"

³⁹Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?"

⁴¹They were filled with awe and said to one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Great Thou Art | CW 256

SERMON

Proverbs 30:4-5

God's Word reveals to us the Ruler of the Universe — our Refuge and Shield in whom we can put our confidence.

⁴Who has gone up to heaven and come down?
Who has gathered the wind in the palms of his hands?
Who has wrapped the water in a garment?
Who has set up all the ends of the earth?
What is his name and the name of his son?
Tell me if you know!

⁵Every word of God has been refined.
He is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

“Wisdom comes from the Word, not the World”

Pastor Zimpelmann

Stand

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.

Be Seated

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

Be Seated

HYMN

Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices | CW 242

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

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: **(spoken) Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Almighty Father, Strong to Save | **CW 517**



ORGANIST

Ruth Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz

10:00 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum