

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation*Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word*

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE As children of the light, may we rejoice in the Light of the Gospel of Jesus 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 pastor.***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 pastor before communing with us. Thank you.**SERVICE THEME** The Savior's Sermon: You Are... So Be**ORDER OF WORSHIP** *Setting One* | 154-170**OPENING HYMN** *Christ Begins* | 385*Soloist sings stanza 1, congregation will join on stanzas 2-4***PRAYER OF THE DAY**Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.****FIRST LESSON**

Exodus 19:1-8a

*God made Israel, a nation of slaves, his special people. He wanted Israel to be the kingdom of priests he had called them to be.*In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. ⁶You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites."⁷Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together, "Everything that the LORD has said, we will do."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**ADULT CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE***Father of Light*
by Craig Courtney*Refrain: All praise to the name of the Father of Light, One who listens and hears when I call.
Every step He ordains, I shall walk without fear. In His light I'll not stumble or fall,
in His light I'll not stumble or fall.*What can mortal man do while I'm safe in His hand? He is God on His Word I reply. In the midst of my fear I will trust in His name,
for I know He will hear when I cry.He knows all of my feelings, the depths of despair, all the limits my soul can endure.
I will trust in His name, I have nothing to lose,
for in Him all my hopes are secure. *Refrain*God alone can deliver a soul from its death, lift a life from a wasteland of need. God alone can replenish with blessings untold, until into His light we are freed,
we are freed. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:9-12

St. Peter encourages us to be what God has declared us to be; members of a royal priesthood, citizens of a holy nation.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. ¹²Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL (Sermon Text, especially verses 14-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus declares that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world. He calls us to be what he says we are.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away,

not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. ¹⁹So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Word of God Incarnate | 642

“Even Your Light Is Important”

Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn

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**Sung to the familiar tune in CW ‘93*

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CLOSING HYMN

O God, My Faithful God | 740

ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Tracy & Eric Freiberg

10:30 ~ Tim & Gail Zorn