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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May Christ's Holy Spirit spur us on to love one another, even as Jesus loved us.

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.

- Tune into KFIZ FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O God of mercy, God of might, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives to you. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those his blood has bought, that every deed and word and thought may work a work for you. And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love till you receive in heaven above all those who lived for you. Amen

SERVICE THEME

He Lives and Calls Me to Live for Him

ORDER OF WORSHIP THURSDAY

Evening Prayer | **215-224**

ORDER OF WORSHIP SUNDAY

Morning Prayer | **207-214**

SONG OF PRAISE

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice | 557 v 1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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 (Sermon Text) Lives of Repentance and Obedience | Acts 17:22-31

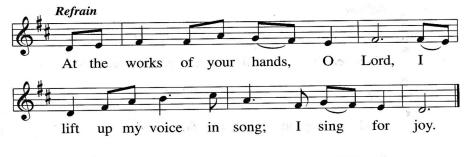
Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, 'To an unknown god.' Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'Indeed, we are also his offspring.'

²⁹"Therefore, since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



PSALM 66 FOR THURSDAY





Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,*
let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives* and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;* let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,*
the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened* and heard my voice in prayer.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

"Lead Me, Lord" by John D. Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit longing for their Lord for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs Blessed are the sorrowing for they shall be consoled And the meek shall come to rule the world

Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord By the light of truth To seek and to find the narrow way Be my way, be my truth Be my life, my Lord And lead me, Lord, today

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs and the pure in heart shall see their God Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill For I say they shall be satisfied. *Refrain*

Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace, All will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though Persecuted in your life, for in heaven, great is your reward. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Obedience to God Brings Suffering | 1 Peter 3:13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. ¹⁵But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers. ¹⁷Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, 18 because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The Spirit Empowers Us to Live for Christ | John 14:15-21

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice | stanzas 4-8
Only men will sing stanza 6

- 4) But God beheld my wretched state before the world's foundation, and, mindful of his mercies great, he planned for my salvation.

 A father's heart he turned to me, sought my redemption fervently; he gave his dearest treasure.
- 5) He spoke to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.

 Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation.

 From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they may live with you forever."
- Men 6) The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother, and, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a servant's form like mine he bore to lead the devil captive.
 - 7) To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, your friend divine, and evermore you shall be mine;
 the foe shall not divide us.

8) "The foe will shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving; all this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.

Life will from death the vict'ry win; my innocence shall bear your sin, and you are blest forever.

"Easter Is Judgment Day"

Pastor Boehringer

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYERS & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice | 557 v 9-10

ORGANIST

Erin Achey

GREETERS

8:00 ~Marv & Vicki Mortensen 10:30 ~ Eric & Tracy Freiberg

The special Mother's Day bulletins are given by the Will family in memory of Wendy Tamm.