

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

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

Member Congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

We welcome our guest preacher, Rev. Stephen Kurtzahn.

Thank you for bringing us Jesus in Word and Sacrament today!

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Welcome in the name of our risen and ascended King. May the message of his gracious rule strengthen your heart today.

Thank you for joining us for worship!

*If you have any questions about our service or why we do what we do,
 please ask us!*

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 Wisconsin Synod or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, **please speak with our pastor before communing with us.** Thank you!

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Christ, our Savior, Helper, Friend, be with us till our journey's end. In mercy guide us by your grace till we behold your glorious face. Alleluia. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise | 474

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

Jesus' Ascension into Heaven | Acts 1:1-11

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

⁴Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. ⁵For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 10:30 SERVICE

To God Be the Glory | 627

SECOND LESSON (Sermon)

Sharing in the Sufferings of Christ | 1 Peter 4:12-17

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³Instead rejoice whenever

you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. ¹⁶But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God for a living hope; Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer | John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. ²For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. ⁴I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed. ⁶I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word.

⁷"Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them.

¹¹"I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

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"Our Sufferings for Christ"

Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn

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CLOSING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia | 442 stanzas 3-4



ORGANIST: Erin Achey

GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Barb Krug

10:30 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz & Carley

Please join us for a cake and card reception

to give thanks for our dedicated servants and dear friends,

Mike & Stef Hinds, Ben Raddatz, and Pam Zuberbier,

who have served so faithfully in our midst.

Christ's richest blessings now and forevermore!