

## 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, 9:00 am

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the Lord bless us as together we continue to build our lives on the Rock of Jesus and his 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 the pastor.*

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword would seek to overthrow your Son and to destroy what he has done. Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your Christendom that we may sing your praise eternally. O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth. Support us in our final strife, and lead us out of death to life. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME** The Holy Ministry Is Filled with Sinners Called by God

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** *Setting Two* | 172-182, 171

**OPENING HYMN** *The Son of God, Our Christ* | 738

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; 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 3:1-15

*Moses asked a good question: "Who am I to bring the Israelites out of Egypt." Answer: the one the LORD himself had chosen for that holy ministry.*

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up."

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" Moses said, "I am here."

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>So he said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

<sup>15</sup>God also told Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.'"

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

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

*To You, O Lord, I Lift My Soul | 25*

**SECOND LESSON**

1 Timothy 1:12-27

*To demonstrate mercy and patience, God called the Paul, the self-identified “worst of sinners,” into the holy ministry.*

I give thanks to the one who empowered me, namely, Christ Jesus our Lord, that he treated me as trustworthy, appointing me into his ministry. <sup>13</sup>He did this even though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord overflowed on me along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,” of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe in him, resulting in eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Your words are my joy and my heart’s delight.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL (Sermon Text)**

Matthew 9:9-13

*Jews considered tax collectors to be among the worst of sinners. To demonstrate grace, Jesus called one of them to be his disciple.*

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector’s booth. He said to him, “Follow me.” Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Chief of Sinners Though I Be | 578*

**“Sin Is Sickness and Pastors Are Doctors”**

*Pastor Boehringer*

**APOSTLE’S CREED & PRAYER**

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**GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING**

**HYMN**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own | 750*

**PRAYERS & BLESSING**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

*Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give | 896*



**ORGANIST**

Erin Achey

**GREETERS**

9:00 ~ Sue Repp