

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation**

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Summer Service Schedule: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 9:00 am  
*Member Congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May you find rest for your soul in 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 the pastor.*

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 or FM 100.7 Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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**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 **please speak with the pastor before communing** with us. Thank you.

**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** In every season, every place, may we recall your Word of grace until, when life's brief day is past, we reach eternal joy at last and keep with angels in your rest the endless Sabbath of the blest. Grant this to us through Christ, your Son, who reigns with you upon your throne. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME**

*Define Christian: The Christian is Planted by the Word*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Setting Two | 172-187*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | 919*

**GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

*Congregation sings refrains*

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to his peo - ple on earth.

1. *Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.* **Refrain**
2. *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.* **Refrain**
3. *For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.* **Refrain**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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**

*God's Word always accomplished His purpose | Isaiah 55:10-11*

Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>in the same way my word that goes

out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

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

## SECOND LESSON

*Only God grows the seed* | 1 Corinthians 3:5-11

What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? They are ministers through whom you believed, and each served as the Lord gave him his role. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. <sup>7</sup>So then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters are united, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup>For God is the one whom we serve as coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building. <sup>10</sup>In keeping with the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup>In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.

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

*Jesus sows seed generously* | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>He told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. <sup>8</sup>But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear. . . . <sup>18</sup>"So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the

seed that was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. <sup>23</sup>But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed, he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown."

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Almighty God, Your Word is Cast* | 644

## "Jesus Sows Seed, and Then Tends to His Harvest"

*Pastor Luke Boehringer*

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## ORGANIST

Brent Nolte

## GREETERS

9:00 ~ Tim & Gail Zorn