

## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

*Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word*

1600 South Main Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

stpetersfdl.net ~ 920-922-1160

Services: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 9:00 am

Member Congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*We welcome our guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Berg.*

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

Pastor Luke Boehringer 920-579-8150 (cell) or 922-1160 ext. 304  
 St. Peter's Lutheran School, Mr. Courtney Meyer, Principal 922-1160 ext. 302  
 Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Mr. David Schroeder, Principal 921-4930 ext. 304

**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the riches of God's glorious grace lead you to rejoice in the true and everlasting treasures that we have in Jesus our Savior.

*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** Lord, this I ask; oh, hear my plea – Deny me not this favor: When Satan sorely troubles me, Then do not let me waver. Keep watch and ward, O gracious Lord; Fulfill your faithful saying: All who believe By grace receive An answer to their praying. Amen. (*Hymn 838 v. 3*)

**SERVICE THEME** The Christian Trusts God to Provide

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Setting One* | 154-170

**OPENING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* | 708

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

1 Kings 17:1-6

*Elijah told a wicked king God would send years of drought and famine. In those dark times, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.*

Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word."

<sup>2</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>3</sup>"Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there."

<sup>5</sup>So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

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

**SECOND LESSON**

Ephesians 1:3-8

*Before the world was formed, God chose us to be his beloved children. This is why we can trust God to provide.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

<sup>4</sup>He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of

his will, <sup>6</sup>and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

<sup>7</sup>In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

page 161

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faithfulness.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Matthew 14:13-21

*Jesus graciously and abundantly provides for the needs of a great multitude.*

When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

<sup>16</sup>But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They told him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

<sup>18</sup>“Bring them here to me,” he replied. <sup>19</sup>Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. <sup>21</sup>Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

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

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*All Praise to God Who Reigns Above* | 603

### “There Is Nothing Halfway about Jesus”

*Pastor Jeff Berg*

1. Depend on His compassion
2. Put your faith in His almighty love

### NICENE CREED & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

pages 162-163

### GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

### THE SACRAMENT

pages 165-169

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Take My Life and Let It Be* | 695  
*Jesus Comes Today with Healing* | 668

### THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

page 170

### CLOSING HYMN

*Feed Your Children, God Most Holy* | 509



### ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

### THURSDAY PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Isabelle Will (Piano), Brianna Will (Clarinet), Phoebe Boehringer (Flute),  
Chloe Boehringer (Flute) & Mary Boehringer (Piano)

### GREETERS

9:00 ~ Ann Trewin