### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023

# 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

Regular Service Schedule Resumes on September 10 (8 and 10:30 am) Bible Hour Also Resumes on September 10 (9:10 am)

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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 From eternity, O God, in your Son you did elect me. Therefore, Father, on life's road graciously to heaven direct me; send to me your Holy Spirit that his gifts I may inherit. As a branch upon a vine, in my blessed Lord implant me; ever of my head divine to remain a member grant me. Oh, let him, my Lord and Savior, be my life and love forever! Amen.

**SERVICE THEME** 

A Church That Takes Up Its Crosses

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** 

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**OPENING HYMN** 

The Church's One Foundation | 855

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; 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 34:5-9

God proclaimed to Moses what he was like. Likewise, the Church's job is to proclaim to the world who Christ is and what he is like.

The LORD came down in the cloud. He took his stand there with Moses and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>The LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed: "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and overflowing with mercy and truth, <sup>7</sup>maintaining mercy for thousands, forgiving guilt and rebellion and sin. He will by no means clear the guilty. He calls their children and their children's children to account for the guilt of the fathers, even to the third and the fourth generation."

<sup>8</sup>Moses quickly bowed to the ground and worshipped. <sup>9</sup>He said, "If I have now found favor in your sight, Lord, please let the Lord go along with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our guilt and our sin, and accept us as your possession."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON Romans 10:5-13

St. Paul teaches that those who know in their heart that Jesus is both Lord and Savior will be saved. They really know Jesus.

Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: "The one who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. <sup>9</sup>Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. <sup>11</sup>For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup>So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

The truth upon which God builds his Church in this: Jesus is Messiah, the Son of the living God.

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter,

and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

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ORGANIST
David Koepsell
GREETERS
9:00 ~ Jo & Ken Wendorff