

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, 8:00 & 10:30 am

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. May you rejoice in Christ's salvation and strength.

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 O Jesus, let your precious blood be to my soul a cleansing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest away, but grant that justified I may go to my house at peace to be: O God, be merciful to me. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

A Church That's Quick to Forgive

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting Two | 172-187

OPENING HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine | 587

Soloist/Choir will sing verse one, congregation may join on the remaining verses.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; 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 (Sermon Text)

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph's brothers had treated him badly. Joseph was quick to forgive them and free them from the prison of their past.

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, ¹⁷'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants."

¹⁹Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. ²¹Now therefore do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.

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

ADULT CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE

Thy Strong Word | 630 v 1, 4

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

St. Paul teaches that kindness, compassion, and forgiveness are marks of God's church.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear. ³⁰Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. ³²Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. ^{5:1}Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. ²And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Matthew 18:21-35

Through a parable Jesus teaches that the ability to forgive others comes when the Spirit enables us to understand how much God has forgiven us.

Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?"

²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt. ²⁶"Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, 'Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!' ²⁷The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt.

²⁸"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' ²⁹"So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!' ³⁰But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed.

³¹"When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place. ³²"Then his master called him in and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed.

³⁵"This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Unity and Peace | 732

Soloist / Choir will introduce the refrain once, then the congregation will sing refrains and soloist / choir will sing the verses. (Grades 7-8 sing in 10:30)

"Joseph's Forgiveness Came from Jesus"

Pastor Boehringer

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord | 677
I Lay My Sins on Jesus | 798

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CLOSING HYMN

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive | 733 v 1, 4

ORGANIST: John Nolte

GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Tracy & Eric Freiberg
10:30 ~ Sue Repp