

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

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

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WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE May we build our lives and our congregation on the three pillars of the Lutheran Reformation: We are saved – By Grace Alone, By Faith Alone, and By Scripture Alone.

Thank you for joining us as we gather to be fed by Jesus! 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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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Defend your truth, O God, and stay this evil generation, and from the error of its way keep your own congregation. The wicked everywhere abound and would your little flock confound, but you are our salvation! Amen.



SERVICE THEME

A Time for Steadfast Faith

GATHERING HYMN

The First Song of Isaiah | 810

**Please note: The refrain is sung twice at the beginning & at the end, & once between each of the verses*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word & Prayer | 266-269

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

Even though it potentially meant death by lion, Daniel got on his knees and prayed to the Lord as he always had, demonstrating steadfast faith.

Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he had been doing before this. ¹¹Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and seeking favor from his God.

¹²They then went and asked the king about the decree. “Your Majesty, did you not sign a decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the den of lions?”

The king answered, “Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the Persians that cannot be revoked.”

¹⁶Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you.” ¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel’s situation. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was brought before him. But he could not sleep.

¹⁹At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰As he came near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹Then Daniel spoke with the king. “Your Majesty, may you live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime.”

²³Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY

The Lord Almighty is with Us | 46

The congregation will sing the refrains and soloist / choir will sing the verses.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

God justifies those who have been given the gift of steadfast faith in Jesus Christ.

Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God’s judgment. ²⁰For this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

²¹But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, ²³because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. ²⁶He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. ²⁸For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Mark 13:5-11

⁵Jesus began by telling them, “Be careful that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many.

⁷“Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. ⁸In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains ⁹But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. ¹⁰And the gospel

must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God | 863

“Here We Stand”

Pastor Stephen Kurtzahn

1. As constant watchmen for Jesus
2. As witnesses to the world
3. As mouthpieces of the Holy Spirit

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HYMN OF SENDING

O Lord, Take Pity Once You’ve Seen | 865

ORGANIST

David Koepsell

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Chris, Courtney, Brayden, Sophia & Aubrienne Stolper

10:30 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz