

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 am & 10:30 am

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May God the Holy Spirit equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in you 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.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Oh, keep us, holy Savior, in your true love and fear, and grant us by your favor the grace to persevere till, in your new creation, our earthly troubles o'er, heirs of your free salvation, we praise you evermore. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

A Story of Reckless Patience

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting Three | 188-198, 171

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation | 920

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

The LORD Almighty pictures his patient love for Israel as an owner of a vineyard patiently waiting for a good crop of fruit.

Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard. My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge. ²He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it. He planted it with the best vines. He built a tower in the middle of it. He also cut a winepress into it. He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes, but it produced only sour grapes. ³So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard that I have not already done for it? When I expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes, why did it produce sour grapes? ⁵Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture. I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a wasteland. It will not be pruned or hoed. So briars and thorns will shoot up. I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it. ⁷Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing to him. He expected justice, but instead there was oppression. He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY (THURSDAY & 10:30)

Show Your Face | 80

GRADES 3-4 IN 8:00 SERVICE

"Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone but by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

Allelu, Alleluia

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:12-21

Through Christ we have already attained the kingdom of heaven. God patiently waits for us to respond to his grace by living drastically different lives than the people of this world.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore, let all of us who are mature continue to think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this to you too. ¹⁶Only let us think the same thing and walk in line with what we already have attained.

¹⁷Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

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 21:33-43

Jesus tells us a story of God's reckless patience.

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. ³⁷Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸But when the

tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance!’ ³⁹They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

⁴¹They told him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

⁴³“That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit. ⁴⁴Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he was talking about them. ⁴⁶Although they were looking for a way to arrest him, they were afraid of the crowds because the people regarded him as a prophet.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word | 862

“What More Could the Father Have Done?”

Pastor Boehringer

APOSTLE’S CREED & PRAYER

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING 7-8 BELL CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE

“A Celtic Ring” by Susan Geschke

PRAYERS & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing | 932

ORGANIST

Erin Achey

GREETERS

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

10:30 ~ Barb Krug