



ST. PETER'S

Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

ALL SAINTS' DAY

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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 Praise God that on the Last Day, through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, we will be able to stand blameless and unashamed before his throne.

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 Lord, look down from heaven, behold, and let your pity waken. How few are we within your fold, your saints by all forsaken; true faith seems quenched on every hand; your Word is not allowed to stand. Dark times

have us overtaken. 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 to Focus on Future Glory

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting Two | 172-187

OPENING HYMN

What Joy to Join the Chorus | 882

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love 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

Revelation 7:9-17

St. John's vision lets us see all the saints in heaven so that we might remember the future glory that waits for us.

After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen. ¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?" And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

¹⁴And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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

ADULT CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE

“Thy Word”

by Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid. I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side; and I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

GRADES 5-6 IN 10:30 SERVICE

“Let Me Learn of Jesus”

by Fanny J. Crosby

Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me;
Once He died to save me, Nailed upon the tree.

If I go to Jesus, He will hear me pray,
Make me pure and holy, Take my sins away.

Let me think of Jesus; He is full of love,
Looking down upon me from His throne above.

If I trust in Jesus, If I do His will,
Then I shall be happy, Safe from ev'ry ill.

Oh, how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand,
And at last receive me to a better land.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

In love God the Father adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ²Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. ³Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

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 5:1-12

Sorrow, hardship, and persecution are temporary. Future glory and eternal blessings are coming, a gift from God to all his saints.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White | **883**

“The Lord’s Merciful Actions Shape How We Live”

Pastor Jeff Berg

1. He gives us blessings in the midst of hardships
2. He challenges us to live our faith
3. He helps us rejoice and be glad knowing our great reward is heaven

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Sing with All the Saints in Glory | **881**

For All the Saints | **880**

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CLOSING HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden | **890**

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