

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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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.

SERVICE THEME

The Time in Between

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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OPENING HYMN

O Church, Arise | 870

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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 52:1-6

The nation of Israel was sleepwalking through life, exhausted by their present problems. "Awake!" the prophet cries. Israel is to watch for the coming redemption

Wake, awake!

Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion.

Put on your beautiful garments,

Jerusalem, you holy city,

for never again will the uncircumcised and the unclean enter you.

²Shake off the dust.

Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem.

Loosen the chains from your neck,

you captive daughter of Zion.

³Yes, this is what the LORD says.

You were sold for nothing,

and you will be redeemed without money.

⁴Yes, this is what the LORD God says.

In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while.

Later Assyria oppressed them without cause.

⁵Now what do I have here? declares the LORD.

Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing.

Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the LORD.

My name is continually despised all day.

⁶Therefore my people will know my name.

So on that day they will know that I am the one—

the one who is saying, "Here I am!"

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

INSPIRATION IN 8:00 SERVICE

"May Our God Be Gracious to Us" by Mark Bitter

May our God be gracious to us and bless us.

May he make his face shine on us and give us peace.

May the people praise you, O God. May your ways be known.

May they know your saving love. Let them praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing, sing and shout for joy.

For you guide all the people on earth, and you rule with truth.

May the people thank you, O God. May your ways be known.

Let them know your saving love. Let them praise you.

Then the fields will spring forth, and grow, and our God will bless.

All the earth will fear the Lord. God will bless us.

May the people praise you, O God. May your ways be known.

May they know your saving love. Let them praise you.

May our God be gracious to us and bless us.

May he make his face shine on us and give us peace.

ADULT CHOIR IN 10:30 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*

SECOND LESSON

2 Thessalonians 5:1-11

St. Paul teaches how we should wait for Jesus to return. Be watchful. Don’t fall asleep. Live as children of the light.

Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, ²for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When people are saying, “Peace and security,” destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. ⁴But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, ⁵for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

⁷To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

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 (Sermon Text)

Matthew 25:1-13

The wise, those who are watching and ready for the Bridegroom, enter into the great wedding banquet.

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; ⁴but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. ⁵While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, ‘No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. ¹¹Later, the other virgins also came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, let us in.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Amen I tell you: I do not know you.’ ¹³Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

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“Waiting is the Hardest Part”

Pastor Michael Kampman

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See | 884

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