

**St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation**

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**WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE** May the Epiphany Light of the Gospel shine brightly in your hearts.

*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** Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**SERVICE THEME** *From the River to the Mountain:  
Absolute Authority*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** *Service of Word & Prayer | 266-269*

**OPENING HYMN** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | 386 v 1,3,5*

**FIRST LESSON**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*Moses prophesies that the LORD would raise up another prophet who would speak with all the authority of God himself.*

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

<sup>16</sup>That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, “Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die.”

<sup>17</sup>Then the LORD said to me, “They have done well by saying what they said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him.

<sup>19</sup>Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. <sup>20</sup>Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die.”

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

**ADULT CHOIR IN 8:00 SERVICE**

*“The Potter’s Hand”  
by Darlene Zschech*

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure all of my days are held in your hand, crafted into your perfect plan.

You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by your Holy Spirit. Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes. I’m captured by your Holy calling.

Set me apart, I know you’re drawing me to yourself. Lead me, Lord, I pray.

*Refrain: Take me, mold me, use me, fill me. My life is safe in the Potter’s hand. Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me. My life is safe in the Potter’s hand, the Potter’s hand.*

**INSPIRATION IN 10:30 SERVICE**

*“Our God Will Go Before Us”  
by Matt Boswell, Keith Getty & Matt Papa*

Our God will go before us And guide us by His presence  
What confidence this promise is We will never walk alone

Through unknown paths, through shadows Our hearts fear not tomorrow  
For every step His faithfulness Is the truth that lights our way.

*Refrain: Our God will go before us The Lord of Hosts is with us  
O praise the One who leads us on For His grace will bring us home.*

Though evil forms against us All heaven will defend us  
The gates of hell shall not prevail For the battle is the Lord's. *Refrain.*

Now send us with Your presence And lead us on to heaven  
Where songs of sorrow strain no more And our every breath is praise.

O let our every breath be praise. *Refrain.*

## SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 3:1-6

*As great as Moses was, Jesus is worthy of infinitely greater honor. For only Jesus has absolute authority.*

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. <sup>2</sup>He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God's whole house. <sup>3</sup>In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. <sup>4</sup>For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything.

<sup>5</sup>Moses was faithful as a servant within God's whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. <sup>6</sup>But Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end.

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

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

*Jesus demonstrates absolute authority. Even his enemies, the demons, have to obey him.*

Then they went into Capernaum.

On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup>They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, <sup>24</sup>“What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, “Be quiet! Come out of him!”

<sup>26</sup>The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. <sup>27</sup>Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” <sup>28</sup>News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

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

*Please be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness | 517*

### Mark 6:7, 12-13 (sermon text)

<sup>7</sup>Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

<sup>12</sup>They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

## “We Drive Out Demons”

*Pastor Fred Toppe*

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## HYMN OF SENDING

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun | 380*

**ORGANIST:** Erin Achey

**GREETERS:** 8:00 ~ Barbara Krug

10:30 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz, Carley & Mia