

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

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**WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE** Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

*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** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.



**SERVICE THEME**

*Rethinking Religion:  
Rethinking Suffering Under the Cross*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of Word & Prayer | 266-269*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | 694*

**FIRST LESSON**

Job 1:13-22

*Job is given a heavy cross, but it does not crush his faith. Instead, God uses Job’s cross to move Job to worship and praise the LORD.*

One day when Job’s sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother, <sup>14</sup>a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the female donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup>when the Sabeans swooped down and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

<sup>16</sup>While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the flocks and the servants and consumed them, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

<sup>17</sup>While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and plundered the camels and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

<sup>18</sup>While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and were drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother. <sup>19</sup>Suddenly a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it collapsed on the young people, and they died, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

<sup>20</sup>Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshipped. <sup>21</sup>Then he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will return. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. May the name of the LORD be blessed.” <sup>22</sup>In all this, Job did not sin or blame God.

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

**PSALM OF THE DAY IN THURSDAY & 8:00** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded | 22*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 10:30 SERVICE** *There is a Redeemer | 519*

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

*St. Paul teaches that God works through our suffering to shape our Christian character and to lead us to cling to Christ's gracious promises.*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, <sup>4</sup>and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>And not only is this so, but we also go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

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

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL (sermon text)

Mark 8:31-38

*Jesus teaches of the absolute necessity of the cross, both his and ours.*

Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever

wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>After all, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup>In fact, whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

*Please be seated.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* | 817

### "We Follow Jesus to the End"

*Pastor Fred Toppe*

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## GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

## PRAYERS & BLESSING

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## CLOSING HYMN

*What God Ordains Is Always Good* | 844

**ORGANIST:** Erin Achey

**GREETERS:** 8:00 ~ Tracy & Eric Freiberg

10:30 ~ Joe & Nancy Birkholz