

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 Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

SERVICE THEME *Jesus’ Grace Gives Us Strength to Follow Him Our Whole Lives*

ORDER OF WORSHIP *Setting One | 154-170*

OPENING HYMN

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness | 443 v 1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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

Joshua 24:14-18

¹⁴Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵But if you see no benefit in serving the Lord, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the Lord!”

¹⁶The people responded by saying, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord in order to serve other gods! ¹⁷For the Lord our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸The Lord drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God!”

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

ADULT CHOIR ON THURSDAY

*“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”
(Hymn 624 st. 1, 2, 5)
by Kevin McChesney*

SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:12-15

¹²That is why I intend always to keep reminding you of these things, even though you already know them and are established in the truth you now have. ¹³I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to keep you wide awake by reminding you, ¹⁴because I know that the putting off of my tent is going to happen soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵I will also make every effort so that after my departure you always have a reminder of these things.

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

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone

Praise God for a liv - ing hope:

Christ is risen from the dead!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-25

The verses for the 2024 confirmation class are verses 24 and 25.

¹³When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But you, who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. ²¹From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you.” ²³But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men.” ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵In fact whoever wants

to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?

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

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | **923**

Do You Really Want to Follow Jesus?

Rev. Rich Gurgel

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

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ADULT BELL CHOIR ON THURSDAY

“Take My Life”

by Sondra Tucker

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won | **444**

Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands | **440**

THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Awake, My Heart with Gladness | **443 v 4-5**

ORGANIST: Erin Achey

GREETERS: 8:00~ Carly, Louis, Payton & Colton Ferren
10:30~ Judine Schicker