

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. May God bless us as together we grow in Christ's love.

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 God of mercy, God of might, in love and mercy infinite, teach us, as ever in your sight, to live our lives to you. Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: to feel for those his blood has bought, that every deed and word and thought may work a work for you. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care may we each other's burdens share; may we, where help is needed, there give help as though to you. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

*A Top Down Faith:
Rest is a Gift, Not Something to be Earned*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | 154-171

OPENING HYMN

If God Himself Be for Me | 819 v 1-3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving his Word of comfort that we may find our rest in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The Lord commanded that the Sabbath day be observed so that we might rest and remember all that he has done for us.

Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you.

¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

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

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:13-17

All God's commands about religious festivals and the Sabbath day were meant to point us to the spiritual rest found in Christ.

Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in regard to food or drink, or in regard to a festival or a New Moon or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were coming, but the body belongs to Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

Jesus promised he would not leave us alone but would send us the Spirit of truth to give us the courage and power to testify to the world.

Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?”

²⁵He replied to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? ²⁶He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath.” ^{3:1}Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²They were watching

Jesus closely to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day, so that they could accuse him.

³He said to the man with the withered hand, “Step forward!” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent.

⁵Then he looked around at them with anger, deeply grieved at the hardness of their hearts. He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” The man stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

⁶The Pharisees left and immediately began to conspire against Jesus with the Herodians, plotting how they might kill him.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | 703

“Jesus Made the Sabbath for You”

Pastor Luke Boehringer

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CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Now You Let Your Servant | 951

ORGANIST: Erin Achey

GREETERS: 9:00~ Eric & Tracy Freiberg