## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024



## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

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Summer Services: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 9:00 am Member Congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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## **OVERALL THEME**

# Meaningful Ministry

Today's Focus	Not Glee and Gratitude, but Rejection and Resentment
Next Week's Focus	Sent with God's Own Authority
July 21	Jesus Models a Compassionate Shepherd's Heart
<i>July 28</i>	God Meets Our Needs to Meet Others' Needs
August 4	Fear Not, for the Lord Is with You

## **WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE!**

God the Holy Spirit gives us what it takes to be His faithful witnesses.

Thank you for gathering as guest in God's house to be fed with His Word!

If you have any questions about our service or practice,

please feel free to ask one of the ushers or pastors.

- 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 have not expressed this unity of faith through membership here at St. Peter's to please speak with our pastors about investigating our teachings and at this time refrain from coming forward for Communion. We are eager to talk with you about our gracious Jesus!

## A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Preserve your Word, O Savior, to us this latter day. And let your kingdom flourish; enlarge your Church, we pray. Oh, keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing turn us from you while wandering here below. Amen.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | 154-171

## **OPENING HYMN**

Jesus Paid It All | 562

Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

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The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

Psalm 27:1,7-8

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

Hear my voice when I call, Lord;

be merciful to me and answer me.

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus + Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy on us.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy and be gracious to us.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

We sing after a short introduction.



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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty, eternal and righteous God, you revealed your divine Word to teach us what we should do and what we should avoid. Strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we serve you in new obedience here until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 2:1-7

The Lord sends Ezekiel to prophesy to the Israelites, knowing that most will not be grateful for the prophet's message but resentful.

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." <sup>2</sup>The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me.

<sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the LORD God says. <sup>5</sup>Then, whether they listen or do not listen—for they are a rebellious house—then they will know that a prophet has been among them."

<sup>6</sup>But you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words.

Even though briers and thorns surround you and you are living with scorpions, do not be afraid of their words, and do not be intimidated by the look on their faces, for they are a rebellious house. <sup>7</sup>You are to speak my words to them whether they listen or they do not, for they are rebellious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Paul's ministry ended with him being locked up in prison. Yet God's Word cannot be chained.

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>Entrust the things you heard from me, in the presence of many witnesses, to faithful men who will also be able to teach others.

<sup>3</sup>Share hardships as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the affairs of everyday life. If he does, he will not please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>Also, if someone competes as an athlete, he does not receive a crown unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>The hardworking farmer should receive a share of the crops first.

<sup>7</sup>Think about what I am saying, because the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, in accordance with my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>For this reason I endure all things for the sake of the elect, so that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, along with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>This saying is trustworthy:

Indeed, if we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup>If we endure, we will also reign with him; If we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup>If we are faithless, he remains faithful, because he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION







You must speak my words to them,

whether they listen or fail to lis - ten.

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GOSPEL Mark 6:1-6

Many in Jesus' hometown rejected his ministry.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house."

<sup>5</sup>He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.

<sup>6</sup>He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Preach You the Word | 895

Martin Franzmann based much of his hymn on the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4).

"Oh, What of That, and What of That?"

Pastor Luke Boehringer

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THE SACRAMENT

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** 

Lift High the Cross | **900** Before You, Lord, We Bow | **775** 

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**CLOSING HYMN** 

God Bless Our Native Land | 774

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**ORGANIST:** 

David Koepsell

**GREETERS:** 

9:00~ Eric & Tracy Freiberg



Voters Meeting ... July 14

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Open Forums ... July 15, August 12, September 8

WLA Opening Service at St. Peter's ... August 18