

**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** May your soul be nourished and refreshed with the Bread of Life from heaven, our dear Savior, Jesus Christ.

*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.*

**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**

*Meaningful Ministry:  
Fear Not, For the LORD is With You*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Setting One | 154-171*

**OPENING HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation | 800*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in you, strengthen our faith, and give us courage to believe that in your love you will rescue us from all adversities; 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**

2 Kings 6:8-17

*Elisha's ministry had resulted in Elisha and his servant being surrounded by an enemy army. But they didn't need to fear, for the LORD and his mighty army of angels were with them.*

Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, "My camp will be at such and such a place."

<sup>9</sup>But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, "Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there." <sup>10</sup>So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice. <sup>11</sup>The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, "Won't you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?" <sup>12</sup>One of his officials said, "No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom."

<sup>13</sup>Then he said, "Go and see where he is. Then I'll send men and capture him." He was told, "Dothan is where he is." <sup>14</sup>So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup>When the man of God's servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, "Oh no, my lord! What will we do?"

<sup>16</sup>He answered, "Don't be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup>Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON**

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*Paul knows that soon he will be executed for performing gospel ministry. Yet he is not afraid, for he knows the Lord Jesus has always been by his side.*

You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

<sup>16</sup>At my first hearing, no one came to my defense, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message would be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles would

hear it, and I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



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

Tone



Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take cour - age! It is I. Don’t be a - fraid.”

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### GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Mark 6:45-66

*Before engaging in ministry at Gennesaret, Jesus comes to the disciples, dispelling their fears with his comforting and powerful presence.*

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>After he had sent them off, he went up the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he went to them, walking on the sea. He was ready to pass by them. <sup>49</sup>When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought he was a ghost, and they cried out. <sup>50</sup>They all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup>Then he climbed up into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. They were completely amazed, <sup>52</sup>because they had not understood about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they landed at

Gennesaret and anchored there. <sup>54</sup>As soon as they stepped out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. <sup>55</sup>They ran around that whole region and began to bring sick people on their stretchers to where they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>Wherever he entered villages, cities, or the countryside, they were laying sick people in the marketplaces and pleading with him that they might just touch the edge of his garment. And all who touched it were made well.

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

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Day by Day* | 803

**“The God of the Burning Bush Didn’t Pass by the Boat  
(But He Wanted to)”**

*Pastor Luke Boehringer*

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### GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

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### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake* | 806

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* | 811

*Drawn to the Cross* | 808

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### CLOSING HYMN

*He Will Hold Me Fast* | 813

**ORGANIST:**  
Tiffany Harley

**GREETER:**  
9:00 ~ Jane Fell