



**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2024**

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**REFORMATION DAY**

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**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** May Christ's Holy Spirit strengthen our bonds with each other and our resolve to carry out his work.

*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 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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**A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, All we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe! Amen.

**SERVICE THEME**

*The Christian Life is One of Courageous Witness*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Service of the Word*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above | 720 vs 1,4,3*

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **(spoken) And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**OH, TASTE AND SEE (in Thursday service)**



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**FACULTY CHOIR IN 8:00 & 10:30 SERVICE** *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | 640*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## FIRST LESSON (Sermon Text)

Daniel 3:16-28

*In response to an evil command offered by a pagan king, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego lived lives of fearless witness.*

Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. <sup>17</sup>Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. <sup>18</sup>But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.”

<sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. <sup>20</sup>He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. <sup>21</sup>So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. <sup>22</sup>Because the king’s order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. <sup>23</sup>But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace.

<sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, “Didn’t we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?”

They answered the king, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” <sup>25</sup>He said, “Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

<sup>26</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, “Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!” Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. <sup>27</sup>The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them.

<sup>28</sup>Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king’s command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

## PSALM

*In You, O Lord, I Have Taken Refuge | 31*

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 14:6-7

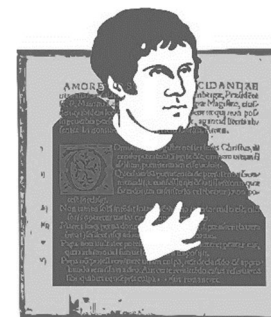
*St. John sees God’s messenger proclaiming the true gospel to all people. In 1546, this reading served as the text for the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther.*

Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup>He said with a loud voice:

Fear God and give him glory,

because the hour of his judgment has come.

Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.



VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:5-11

*Jesus encourages and empowers us that we might be bold in sharing the gospel in these end times.*

<sup>5</sup>Jesus began by telling them, “Be careful that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many.

<sup>7</sup>“Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup>But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. <sup>11</sup>Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

SERMON Daniel 3:16-28

*Pastor Lindemann*

**“The Goal of Life is to Bring Glory to God”**

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise You for Your ongoing work of reformation in Your Church.

**Congregation: Lord, to You alone be glory.**

P: God of grace, in unfathomable love You pitied us sinners and sent Your Son as our Substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, darkness and despair.

**C: For Your grace, Lord, to You alone be glory.**

P: By Your grace, You sent Your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in You, the true and living God.

**C: For saving faith, Lord, to You alone be glory.**

P: By Your grace, we are heirs of Your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which You proclaim Your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures You overthrew the darkness of those who perverted Your teachings and restored to Your Church the message of salvation by grace alone.

**C: For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to You alone be glory.**

P: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect Your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist Your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

**C: For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

P: Never in the history of the world has Your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure Your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

**C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

P: As we celebrate the Reformation that restored Your pure gospel to Your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and Sacrament.

**C: For this unity of faith, we give You thanks, O Lord.**

P: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us Your Word of Truth.

**C: For these faithful servants, we give You thanks, O Lord.**

P: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to Your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to Your care.

**C: Be our mighty Fortress, our trust Shield and Weapon, O Lord. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## HYMN

*If God Had Not Been on Our Side* | 866

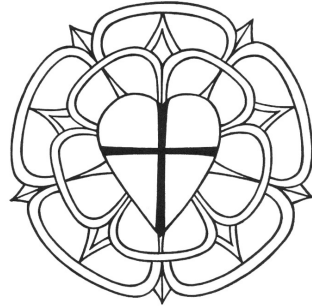
M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.



The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.





**ORGANIST:** Amy Meyer

**GREETERS:** 8:00 ~ Tracy & Eric Freiberg  
10:30 ~ Judine Schicker