



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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Church Services: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Jesus will raise us from the dead and take us to live in his home, a place of perfect comfort and beauty.

We are glad you are here!

If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or the pastors.

THEME *Followers of Christ use His wealth to serve Him and others*

ORDER OF WORSHIP *Setting One | 154-164, 171*

OPENING HYMN *Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly | 748*

GRADES 5-6 IN 10:30 SERVICE *We Give Thee but Thine Own | 750*

We give thee but thine own Whatever the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone A trust, O Lord from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us To Thee our firstfruits give.

The captives to release, To God the lost to bring
To teach the way of life and peace It is a Christlike thing.

And we believe Thy Word Though dim our faith may be
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord We do it unto Thee

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

A widow generously offers up the last bit of food she has to serve the prophet Elijah.

Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹"Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you."

¹⁰So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink."

¹¹When she went to get it, he called to her, "Please bring me a piece of bread."

¹²She said, "As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die."

¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground."

¹⁵So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY

I Will Lift Up the Cup of Salvation | 116

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

The believers in Macedonia demonstrate startling generosity in collecting an offering to help fellow Christians in need.

Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: ²In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. ³I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, ⁴pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. ⁵And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God's will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. ⁶As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. ⁷But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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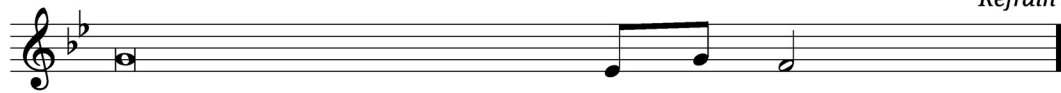
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GOSPEL (Sermon Text)

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus points to a poor widow as an example of startling generosity.

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the offering box and was watching how the crowd put money into it. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴²One poor widow came and put in two small bronze coins, worth less than a penny. ⁴³He called his disciples together and said to them, "Amen I tell you: This poor widow put more into the offering box than all the others. ⁴⁴For they all gave out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all that she had to live on."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Depends on Our Possessing | 807

Sermon

"Give to the Lord from the Heart"

Mark 12:41-44

I. The wrestle of stewardship

II. The miracle of stewardship

III. The opportunities of stewardship

Pastor Lindemann

APOSTLES' CREED, PRAYERS, & OFFERING

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5-6 BELLS IN 10:30 SERVICE

"Simple Gifts"

by Martha Lynn Thompson

HYMN

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus | 699

LORD'S PRAYER & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Day by Day | 803

ORGANIST: Kris Lindemann

GREETERS: 8:00 ~ Mike Dowland

10:30 ~ Sue Repp