

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

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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** O God our Father, who has created and upheld all things in heaven and earth by Your almighty Word, who is good to all, and whose tender mercies are over all Your works, we enter Your gates of prayer with thanksgiving, and Your courts with praise. Grant that we may always remember Your goodness and blessings. And give us Your Holy Spirit that we may worship You in holiness and joy. Amen.

**SERVICE THEME**

*Give Thanks to the Lord, the Creator*

**OPENING HYMN**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness | 602*

(6:30pm Baptism)  
(9:00am Opening Verses)

M: In the name of the Father by whose hand all things were made; and of the Son whose sacrifice for our sins is our highest cause for giving thanks; and of the Holy Spirit through whom we grow continually in thankfulness and Christian living:

C: **We conduct this service of praise and thanksgiving.**

M: Although we in no way deserve Your goodness, O Lord, we realize that Your mercies are new to us each morning.

C: **We know that You generously provide for all of our needs of body and soul.**

M: Let Your Holy Spirit lead us to gratefully acknowledge Your merciful goodness to us.

C: **May Your Spirit inspire our giving of thanks for all Your blessings and make us able to serve You willingly throughout our lives.**

M: Help us raise our hearts in genuine, thankful devotion to You as we lift our voices in praise of You, dear God.

C: **Amen.**

**THURSDAY 9:00 Meyer Family Choir**

*“We Plough the Fields, and Scatter”*  
by John Rutter

We plough the fields, and scatter The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered By God’s almighty hand;  
He sends the snow in winter, The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine, And soft refreshing rain:

*Refrain: All good gifts around us Are sent from heav’n above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all his love.*

He only is the Maker Of all things near and  
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey him, By him the birds are  
Much more to us, his children, He gives our daily bread. *(Refrain)*

We thank thee then, O Father, For all things bright and good;  
The seedtime and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer For all thy love imparts,  
But that which thou desirest, Our humble thankful hearts. *(Refrain)*

## EPISTLE LESSON

**Colossians 1:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, <sup>16</sup>for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and all things hold together in him.

<sup>18</sup>He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by establishing peace through the blood of his cross.

## PSALM 149 (spoken together)

**Praise the Lord.**

**Sing to the Lord a new song.**

**Sing his praise in the congregation of his favored ones.**

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel rejoice in its Maker.**

**Let the people of Zion celebrate for their King.**

**<sup>3</sup>Let them praise his name with dancing.**

**With hand drum and lyre let them make music to him.**

**<sup>4</sup>For the Lord is pleased with his people.**

**He adorns the humble with salvation.**

**<sup>5</sup>Let those he favors rejoice in honor.**

**Let them shout for joy on their beds.**

**Praise the Lord!**

## GOSPEL LESSON

**Matthew 22:34-46**

<sup>34</sup>When they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees met together. <sup>35</sup>One of them who was an expert in the law asked him a question, trying to trap him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.”

<sup>41</sup>While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”

They said to him, “The Son of David.”

<sup>43</sup>He said to them, “Then how can David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’? <sup>45</sup>“So if David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”

<sup>46</sup>No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH      *THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED*

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

**What does this mean?**

**I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

**And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.**

**God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.**

**All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.**

**For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Now Thank We All Our God | 597*

## SERMON

**Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.<sup>2</sup>The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

## “Give Thanks for Everything”

*Pastor Peter Lindemann*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER WITH LITANY

M: Our Father, who art in heaven.

**C: For the privilege of being Your child through Christ Jesus,  
for the privilege of speaking boldly and confidently to You in prayer,  
for the promise of all that I need to remain Your child, I praise You.**

M: Hallowed be thy name.

**C: For a reverent heart which loves Your Word,  
for a godly life which reflects Your Word to my neighbor,  
for pastors, teachers, parents and friends who teach me Your Word, I beseech  
You.**

M: Thy kingdom come.

**C: For a stronger faith and a more godly life,  
for a greater love for souls who do not yet know Your love,  
for a deeper concern for Your heavenly kingdom, I beg You.**

M: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**C: For the grace to obey You when my flesh does not want to,  
for the strength to follow You when the devil would lead elsewhere,  
for the joyfulness of worshipping You above all things, I implore You.**

M: Give us this day our daily bread.

**C: For the daily gifts which meet my daily needs,  
for the freedom from care because You care for me,  
for a grateful heart which rejoices in Your goodness, I thank You.**

M: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**C: When I fail to recognize my many sins against You,  
when I refuse to forgive even though You have fully forgiven me,  
when my faith is so feeble, my hope so dim, my love so cold, forgive me.**

M: Lead us not into temptation.

**C: When I am tempted to do wrong or fail to do what is right,  
when I am misled into ways of living which dishonor You,  
when I am ready to deny You before others because I am afraid, lead me.**

M: But deliver us from evil.

**C: When I cannot understand Your dealings with me,  
when evil people try to harm me because I am faithful,  
when I face death, the last great battle of life, deliver me.**

M: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**C: I ask what is Yours alone to give,  
I ask what You alone are able to give,  
and I will praise You for all that You give. Amen.**

## GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

HYMN

*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer* | 609

PRAYERS & BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest* | 508

**Organist:** Brent Nolte

**Flute:** Brianna Nolte

**Horn:** Laura Nolte

