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St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church
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Opening Hymn

God Is Here! We Are His People | CW 532 v 1-3

Call to Worship

P: On this Friends and Family Sunday we seek to share the good news of Jesus with all people. We begin this day in the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Confession of Sins

P: It is written, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9). Therefore, let us bow our heads and in humility pour out our hearts unto the Lord.

C: **Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works.**

Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me, cleanse me, and make me whole again.

P: Our Almighty God, who by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, has this day forgiven all your sins. Now may the Holy Spirit open our eyes to see God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will, and give us joy in the confidence of life eternal. Amen.

Song of Praise

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**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!**

Prayer of the Day

Dear heavenly Father, you alone put us into families and give us friends for our joy and companionship in life. Help us, as your people and recipients of your grace, to share your love and salvation with our friends and family, so we all might one day appear with you in heaven's glory. For you are God, and you live and reign with the Son and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Mark 2:1-12

It was love for a friend, that caused some to bring their paralytic friend to Jesus for earthly healing and eternal forgiveness.

When Jesus again entered Capernaum some days later, people heard that he was home. ²So many people were gathered together that there was no more room, not even by the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³Some people came to him bringing a paralyzed man, carried by four men. ⁴Since they could not bring the man to Jesus because of the crowd, they dug through the roof above where he was. When they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralyzed man was lying. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶But there were some experts in the law sitting there and thinking in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow speak like this? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except God alone?"

⁸Jesus immediately knew in his spirit that they were thinking this way within themselves. He asked them, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?"

⁹Which is easier: to tell the paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your stretcher, and walk?' ¹⁰But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralyzed man, ¹¹"I tell you, get up, take your stretcher, and go home."

¹²At once the man got up, picked up the stretcher, and went out in front of everyone. So they were all amazed and glorified God. They said, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Thursday Night Anthem

I Sing As I Arise Each Day

Soloist: Mrs. Stefanie Hinds

I sing as I arise each day, I call on my Creator's might: The will of God to be my guide, the eye of God to be my sight,

The word of God to be my speech, the hand of God to be my stay, the shield of God to be my strength, the path of God to be my way,

The work of God to be my joy, the house of God to be my rest, the grace of God to be my song, the praise of God to be my best,

I sing as I recline each day; I cry out my Redeemer's name: Lord Jesus Christ, my hope, my all, today and evermore the same.

Sunday Hymn

The Church's One Foundation | CW 538 v 1&3

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.**

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 1:3-9a

It was love for family, that caused a grandmother (Lois) to share her faith with her daughter (Eunice), who in turn shared her faith with her son, Timothy. It is love for family, that passes down saving faith from one generation to the next.

³I thank God, whom I serve with a clean conscience as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. ⁴When I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I remember your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that it also lives in you.

⁶For this reason I am reminding you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give us a timid spirit,

but a spirit of power and love and sound judgment. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Instead, join with me in suffering for the gospel while relying on the power of God. ⁹He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace.

Hymn of Day

Shine Jesus Shine | **LAPPY 270**

Choir/Soloist will sing the verses

Congregation joins in the refrain

Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth you now bring us

***Shine on me, shine on me Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's
glory Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light***

Lord, I come to your awesome presence From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness Shine on me, shine on me **Refrain**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me **Refrain**

Sermon

John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day, Jesus wanted to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

"Come and see!" Philip told him.

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Truly, here is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus replied, "You believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that!" ⁵¹Then he added, "Amen, Amen, ^[n] I tell you: You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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"Come and See!"

Pastor Matthew Guse

Colossians 3:16 in Sunday Services

Who You Say I Am

by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Choir/Soloist will sing the verses

Congregation joins in the refrain

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me? I was lost but
He brought me in, Oh His love for me Oh His love for me
Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God,
yes I am Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me. Yes He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am
I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am
I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am

**Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am**

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am

**I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am**

Oh, I am who You say I am Yes, I am who You say I am

**Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Prayer for Mission of the Church

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the painted eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen

Blessing

P: 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.

C: ♪Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn

I Love To tell the Story | **CW 562**



Organist ~ David Koepsell

Greeters

7:45 ~ Warren & Mary Demmon

10:30 ~ Rose Orvis