



ST. PETER'S

Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Epiphany Light of the Gospel shine brightly in your hearts.

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 a pastor.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word. May our lives and all we do imitate and honor you that we all like you may be at your great epiphany and may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest. Amen.

SERVICE THEME Through his miracles and words of authority, Jesus revealed himself to be the promised Messiah.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Common Service

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
Manifested by the star To the Magi from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem, In your birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, Wedding Guest, In your Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

♪ **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

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

SONG OF PRAISE

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds | CW 358 v 1 & 5

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, And drives away all fear.

O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

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

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

Be Seated

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 1:15-20

Jesus is the great Prophet who came to this earth in fulfillment of Moses' prophecy.

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him.

¹⁶That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, "Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die."

¹⁷Then the LORD said to me, "They have done well by saying what they said. ¹⁸I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. ¹⁹Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die."

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 3:1-6

Jesus, the great Prophet, is greater than Moses because he is the very Son of God.

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, focus your attention on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in God's whole house. ³In fact, Jesus is worthy of greater glory than Moses, in the same way that the builder of a house has more honor than the house. ⁴For every house is built by someone, and God is the one who built everything.

⁵Moses was faithful as a servant within God's whole house by testifying to the things that would be spoken. ⁶But Christ is faithful as a Son over God's house. We are his house, if we hold on firmly to our confidence and the hope about which we boast until the end.

Stand

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.

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, My Great High Priest | CW 359 v 1-3

Jesus, my great High Priest, Offered his blood and died;
My guilty conscience seeks No sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

To Christ, my substitute, Will I commit my cause;
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set-
My Jesus paid the dreadful debt!

My advocate appears For my defense on high;
A gracious Father hears And lays his thunder by.
Not all that hell or sin can say
Shall turn his heart, his love, away.

Stand

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 1.

C: **(spoken) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus' miracles and authoritative teaching proved he is the Promised One, the Messiah.

²¹Then they went into Capernaum.

On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. ²³Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, ²⁴“What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

²⁵Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, “Be quiet! Come out of him!”

²⁶The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. ²⁷Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” ²⁸News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **(spoken) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

“Who’s the Expert Here?”

Pastor Borgwardt

Stand

CREATE IN ME

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your
Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy
of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

Be Seated

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

Be Seated

HYMN

Brightest and Best | CW 92 v 1, 3 & 5

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Shall we not yield him in costly devotion
Rarest of fragrances, tribute divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

M: 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: **(spoken) Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Almighty Father; Bless the Word | CW 323

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit.

We praise you for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Weekly Announcements

FORWARD IN CHRIST & FEBRUARY CALENDARS The February issue of *Forward in Christ* and the February Church calendars are available in the narthex.

MEMORIAL A special gift has been given to the General Fund in memory of David Henke.

OUR GUEST PREACHER this week is Pastor James Borgwardt from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS We are currently unable to send contribution statements via email due to software limitations. If you normally receive your statement via email, please look for it in your member mailbox. If you would like it mailed to you or if you did not receive a statement please email Anna Gilgenbach at annagilgenbach@stpetersfdl.net Ashley Will at ashleywill@stpetersfdl.net or call the office at 920-922-1160.

DIVINE CALLS RETURNED Both Pastor Schupmann and Faith Scheer have returned the calls we extended to them. We will have a Voters Meeting on Sunday, January 31 after the late service to extend divine calls for an Associate Pastor and 1st grade teacher.

ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING The Annual Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 14 immediately following the 10:30 service.

WLA BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, February 3, WLA will host a blood drive from 10:30-2:00. Please call the WLA office at 921-4930 to schedule an appointment for donating blood.

SAVE THE DATE Since our regular in-person MOHW Conference was cancelled due to COVID-19 safety concerns, our MOHW Committee is planning a Virtual MOHW Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, with the theme, "Separated yet United". More details will be communicated as they become available.

Daily Bible Readings

01/31 Matthew 3 02/04 Matthew 6:1-18
02/01 Matthew 4 02/05 Matthew 6:19-34
02/02 Matthew 5:1-16 02/06 Matthew 7:1-12
02/03 Matthew 5:17-48

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 109 + 75 + 93 = 277 Midweek Bible Class: 13 + 8 = 21

First Fruits to the Lord 2021:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$18,885.06	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,100.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	20,985.06	\$88,303.79
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	32,079.96	128,319.84
Overage (Shortfall)	(11,094.90)	(40,016.05)
Honoring the Lord!	140.00	
Improvement Fund	15.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	10.00	
Audio/Video Fund	20.00	

This Week at St. Peter's

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WEDNESDAY 10:00 am Bible Class
6:30 pm Bible Class
7:00 pm Communicating Christ
THURSDAY 6:30 pm Worship with the Lord's Supper

ORGANIST

David Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Deb Jaeger
10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum