



SECOND SUNDAY
in
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church
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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 7:45 & 10:30 am
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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

- 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 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.

SERVICE THEME Moses lifted up a bronze snake on a pole. Jesus was lifted up on a cross. We are lifted up into heaven.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved | CW 384 v 1, 2, 5

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why waver at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
So then this word must true remain: By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought him from his heav'nly throne.

By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice.
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad; all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

Stand

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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

LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

The LORD provided a source of deliverance—Moses' bronze snake—for the repentant Israelites.

⁴They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!"

⁶The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. ⁷The people went to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

⁸The LORD said to Moses, "Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live." ⁹Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

Stand

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

The LORD provided his one and only Son to deliver us from eternal death to eternal life.

¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸The one who believes in him is not condemned, but the one who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. ¹⁹This is the basis for the judgment: The light has come into the world, yet people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰In fact, everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, or else his deeds would be exposed. ²¹But the one who does what is true comes toward the light, in order that his deeds may be seen as having been done in connection with God."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | CW 385 v 1, 3, 5

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!

Only Jesus can impart Comfort to a wounded heart:
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, By your Spirit and your word.
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

Stand

SERMON

Ephesians 2:4-10

By God's grace we have been raised up with Christ and seated with him in the heavenly realms—it's as good as done.

⁴But God, because he is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in trespasses. It is by

grace you have been saved! ⁶He also raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. ⁷He did this so that, in the coming ages, he might demonstrate the surpassing riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them.

Be Seated

“G.R.A.C.E.-Great Riches At Christ’s Expense”

Pastor Greg Pufahl

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

PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

Be Seated

HYMN

Salvation unto Us Has Come | CW 390 v 1, 5, 6

Salvation unto us has come By God’s free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.

Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace-All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav’n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

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.

C: **(spoken) Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

God Loved the World So that He Gave | **CW 391 v 1, 4-6**

God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood; Baptized, you are a child of God.

When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death – This is the anchor of my faith!

Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

ORGANIST

David Koepsell

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Deb Jaeger

10:30 ~ Jim & Marcia Pflum

Weekly Announcements

MEDITATIONS & FORWARD IN CHRIST The new issue of Meditations (Starts Feb. 28) and the March issue of *Forward in Christ* are available in the narthex. New bookmarks for the bible readings are available as well.

GUEST PREACHER for this weekend is Pastor Greg Pufahl from Faith, FDL.

MEMORIALS A special gift has been given to the Handbell Fund in memory of Doug Kuen.

DIVINE CALLS Last Sunday, we extended a divine call to Pastor Luke Boehringer (his wife is Sarah and they have 7 children), who currently serves Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa, to be our Associate Pastor.

On Wednesday, February 24 we extended a divine call to Mrs. Amanda Endorf (husband is David) who currently teaches at St. Paul's in Tomah, WI. Please keep Pastor Boehringer and Mrs. Endorf and their families in your prayers.

VIKING COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE The WLA Student Council is helping provide needed supplies and support to the Fondy Food Pantry. A sign is posted in the narthex with items that are needed. You can drop off items until Thursday, March 18 in the school office or on the table in the narthex by the windows.

WLA THEATRE PRESENTS RADIUM GIRLS Radium Girls is a fast-moving historical drama that is both entertaining and informative about a period of our country's history that hasn't been explored until recently. Our students will be offering limited seating performances on Thursday, March 25, and Saturday, March 27, at 7:00 pm. There will also be an afternoon matinee on Sunday, March 28, at 2:00 pm. General admission tickets will be available for purchase in the school office starting March 1 for \$5.00 each. For social distancing purposes, there will be only a limited number of tickets available for each performance.

WLA is looking for a family to host a male student for the 2021-22 school year. The student is from Thailand and will be a senior. He is interested in music and photography. Due to agency restrictions this student would need their own room, and could not be placed in a home with another international student. If you might be interested, please contact Kristin Mose at kmose@wlvikings.org.

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 96 + 115 + 179 = 390 Ash Wednesday Worship: 161 + 91 = 252
Communed: 63 + 88 + 122 = 273 Ash Wednesday Communed: 118 + 79 = 197

Daily Bible Readings

2/28	Matthew 11:25-12:21	3/04	Matthew 13:53-14:12
3/01	Matthew 12:22-50	3/05	Matthew 14:13-36
3/02	Matthew 13:1-23	3/06	Matthew 15:1-20
3/03	Mathew 13:24-52		

First Fruits to the Lord 2021:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$27,959.20	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	2,625.00	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	30,584.20	\$193,845.19
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	32,079.96	256,639.68
Overage (Shortfall)	(1,495.76)	(62,794.49)
Honoring the Lord!	613.00	
Improvement Fund	258.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	58.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	291.00	
Handbell Fund	50.00	

This Week at St. Peter's
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WEDNESDAY	3:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Service
	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Service
THURSDAY	6:30 pm	Worship with Communion