



FOURTH SUNDAY
in
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church
March 14, 2021

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
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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 Preserve your Word, O Savior, to us this latter day. And let your kingdom flourish; enlarge your Church, we pray. Oh, keep our faith from failing; keep hope's bright star aglow. Let nothing turn us from you while wandering here below. Amen.

SERVICE THEME The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear | CW 282

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near.
Let me your Word e'er pure retain; Let me your child and heir remain.

Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin.
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

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, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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

Exodus 20:1-17

The condemnation of the Law thunders in our ears—we have sinned against God and our neighbor!

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves.

³You shall have no other gods beside me. ⁴You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. ⁵Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. ⁶But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished.

⁸Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. ⁹Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, ¹⁰but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, ¹¹for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

¹²Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the LORD your God is giving to you.

¹³You shall not commit murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-10

By receiving the condemnation of the Law in his flesh, Jesus released us from the curse and the power of sin.

So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

⁵To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains | CW 102 v 1, 4, 5

Enslaved by sin and bound in chains, Beneath its dreadful tyrant sway,
And doomed to everlasting pains We wretched, guilty captives lay.

Jesus the sacrifice became To rescue guilty souls from hell;
The spotless, bleeding, dying Lamb Beneath avenging justice fell.

Amazing goodness! Love divine! Oh, may our grateful hearts adore
The matchless grace nor yield to sin Nor wear its cruel fetters more!

Stand

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

As Jesus valiantly defended the Law of God, he foretold his death and resurrection, which would rescue us from the condemnation of our disobedience.

¹³The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and money changers sitting at tables. ¹⁵He made a whip of cords and drove everyone out

of the temple courts, along with the sheep and oxen. He scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those selling doves he said, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a place of business!"

¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews responded, "What sign are you going to show us to prove you can do these things?"

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."

²⁰The Jews said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple! And you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But Jesus was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and what Jesus had said.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be Seated

"Clear Your Temple of Hidden Idols"

Pastor Michael Weigand

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

The Law Commands and Makes Us Know | CW 286

The law commands and makes us know What duties to our God we owe,
But 'tis the gospel must reveal Where lies our strength to do his will.

The law uncovers guilt and sin And shows how vile our hearts have been;
The gospel only can express Forgiving love and cleansing grace.

What curses does the law pronounce Against the one who fails but once!
But in the gospel Christ appears, Pard'ning the guilt of num'rous years.

My soul, no more attempt to draw Your life and comfort from the law.
Flee to the hope the gospel gives; The one who trusts the promise lives.

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

Lamb of God, We Fall before You | CW 354 v 1, 3, 5, 6

Lamb of God, we fall before you, Humbly trusting in your cross.
Our great joy is to adore you; All things else are only dross.

Jesus gives us true repentance By his Spirit sent from heav'n,
Whispers this assuring sentence, "All your sins are now forgiv'n."

Jesus gives us pure affections, Wills to do what he requires,
Makes us follow his directions, And what he commands, inspires.

All our prayers and all our praises, Rightly offered in his name-
He that asks for them is Jesus; He that answers is the same.

ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Travis & Brindah Birkholz

10:30 ~ Judine Schicker

Weekly Announcements

BAPTISMS Christian Lee Wagner, infant son of Andy & Abi Wagner, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 7:45 service on Sunday. May Christian always remain faithful to his baptismal covenant.

Rylie Jane Schultz and Reagan Lydia Schultz, infant daughters of Jeff & Carrie Schultz, will be received into the Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 service on Sunday. May Rylie and Reagan always remain faithful to their baptismal covenant.

AT HOME WITH THE LORD Our faithful God and Father called home to himself the soul of our sister in faith, Kathy Henke, who departed from this life to life eternal on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the age of 76 years, 2 months, and 1 day. The funeral service is Saturday, March 13. May her family and friends find comfort in the truth and promises of God's Word.



EASTER LILIES If you would like to donate an Easter lily to beautify the sanctuary for Easter, please fill out an envelope with your name and the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory or honor you are donating the lily. The price is \$16.00. Please place your check (made payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild) or cash into the provided envelope and into the floral box on the cart in the narthex. The last day to order is Sunday, March 21.

MEMORIAL A generous gift was given to St. Peter's in memory of Jim Gibson.

HOT LUNCH SIGN-UP If you would like to volunteer to help with our hot lunch program, there is a wall pocket in the hallway outside of the school kitchen with a sign-up sheet in it. Please contact Bekah Herbrand with any questions at bekahherbrand@stpetersfdl.net or 920-922-1160 ext. 311.

OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL *Empowered by God's Word, St. Peter's Lutheran School assists families in EDUCATING their children, EQUIPPING them for LIFE and ETERNITY.* If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a child that will be a student in Preschool through 8 next school year, now is the time to contact our acting principal, Mike Hinds at 922-1160 extension 302 for more information.

GUEST PREACHER for this weekend is Pastor Mike Weigand from Faith, FDL.

ASSISTANT TEACHERS NEEDED AT JESUS' LITTLE LAMBS JLL Child Care at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in FDL is currently seeking part time and full time Assistant Teachers. Help is needed for four to eight hours per day Monday thru Friday with flexibility between mornings and afternoons.

We are also seeking a qualified person to fill a full-time teacher position in our infant/toddler room. Hours fall between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm depending on enrollment. Applicants should possess strong communication skills, a love of children, and a desire to share God's Word with the children and families that attend Jesus' Little Lambs.

Qualified persons for either position should be an active member in a WELS congregation, and have a desire to share their love and God's Word with children and families. If you have an interest in either of these positions or have questions please contact Kendra Norris, JLL Director, at (920) 921-8500 or norris@gshep.net.

LWMS will have their door offering this weekend. Please consider a generous offering, as these projects are funded solely by special gifts.

The Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 10th at 9:00 am at Redeemer Lutheran Church, FDL. The guest speaker will be Pastor Robert Raasch from Mount Olive in Appleton. Pastor Raasch will talk to us regarding mission work in South Asia. All confirmed ladies of our congregation are automatic members and are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about missions and how the ladies of LWMS support them.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Thrivent Choice, the charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial, continues to be a supplemental funding source for organizations nationwide. Eligible benefit members designate Choice DollarsSM they can gift to the charitable organization(s) of their choice, including St. Peter's Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Lutheran School. Since the inception of this program in 2010, St. Peter's Church and School have received a total of \$119,324. To direct your Choice Dollars visit www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. The last day for 2020 Choice dollars to be directed is March 31, 2021.

DIVINE CALL MEETING We will have a Divine Call meeting this Sunday, March 14, after second service to extend a Call for a first grade teacher. The Voters will also act on a recommendation from the Coordinating Council.

Last Week's Stewardship

Worship: 83 + 121 + 189 = 393

Communed: 71 + 94 + 146 = 311

Midweek Lenten Worship: 136 + 52 = 188

Daily Bible Readings

3/14	Jeremiah 3:6-4:31	3/18	Jeremiah 9:23-10:25
3/15	Jeremiah 5, 6	3/19	Jeremiah 11, 12
3/16	Jeremiah 7:1-8:3	3/20	Jeremiah 13
3/17	Jeremiah 8:4-9:22		

First Fruits to the Lord 2021:

Last Week

Year-to-Date

Thank offerings in support of the unified budget	\$28,453.50	
Other receipts in support of the unified budget	6,135.77	
Total receipts in support of the unified budget	34,589.27	\$254,203.32
Requirement to support proposed unified budget	32,079.96	320,799.60
Overage (Shortfall)	2,509.31	(66,596.28)
Honoring the Lord!	966.00	
Improvement Fund	135.00	
WLA Forward in Trust	105.00	
SPLS Tuition Assistance	105.00	

This Week at St. Peter's

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MONDAY	SPLS Spring Break starts
TUESDAY	6:00 pm Board of Outreach
	6:30 pm Board of Elders
	6:30 pm Board of Properties
WEDNESDAY	3:30 pm Midweek Lenten Service
	6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Service
THURSDAY	5:30 pm Board of Youth Discipleship
	6:30 pm Worship with Communion