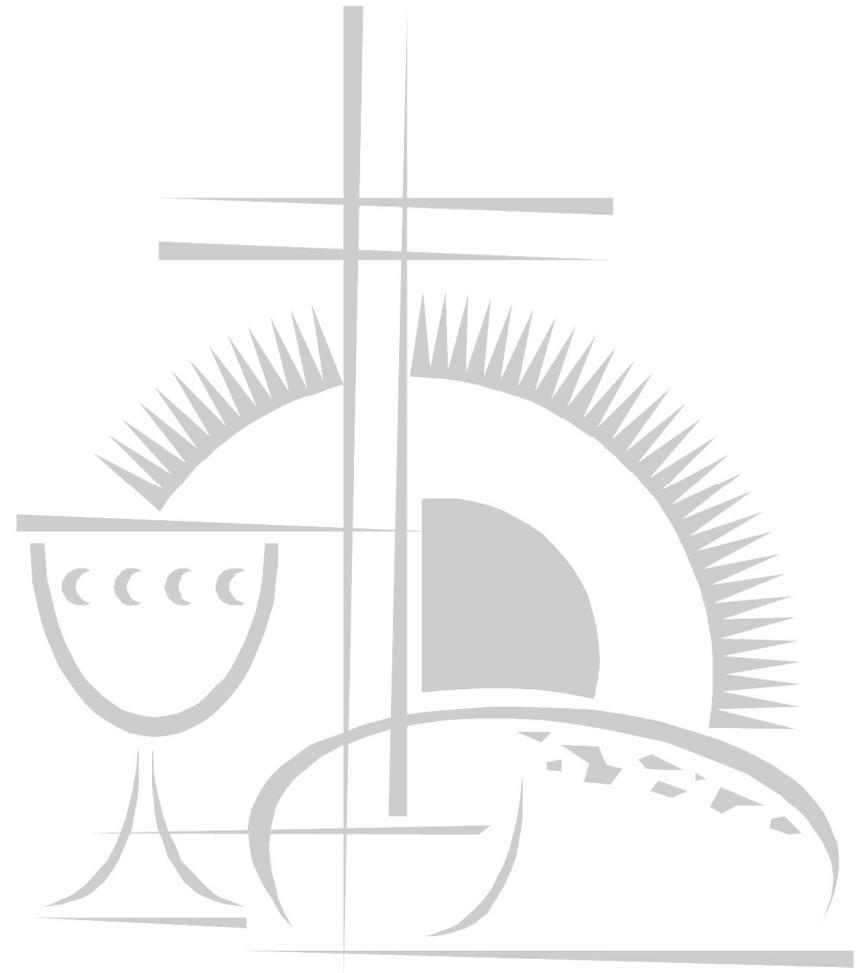


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St. Peter's Lutheran Church
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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the light of the Word burn brightly in your heart.

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.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
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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.

HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. We remind you to be sure to fill out a communion registration card and place it in the offering plate. For your personal preparation before communing, turn to pages 156 and 11 in the front of the hymnal. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold to bear before the nations Your true light, as of old. Oh, teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face. Amen. *(See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of Christian Worship.)*

SERVICE THEME Jesus is the Light of the world who chases away the darkness of sin and death.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of Word and Sacrament on page 26 in the front of the hymnal

OPENING HYMN

Renew Me, O Eternal Light | CW 471

JESUS' LITTLE LAMBS IN 10:30 SERVICE

"There Is A Redeemer"
By Melody Green

There is a Redeemer Jesus, God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for
sinners slain. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face; There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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: 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: Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:14-21

Isaiah foretold that through the Messiah the LORD would turn darkness into light.

¹⁴I have been silent for a long time.

I have kept still. I have restrained myself.

Like a woman giving birth, I will scream.

I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will dry up mountains and hills.

I will make all their grass wither.

I will turn rivers into islands.

I will dry up pools.

¹⁶I will lead the blind on a way they do not know.

Along paths they do not know I will direct them.

Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light and rough places into level ground.

These are the promises I will accomplish for them.

I will not abandon them.

¹⁷They will be turned back and be completely disgraced—those who trust in an idol,

those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.”

¹⁸You deaf ones, listen!

You blind ones, watch carefully so you can see!

¹⁹Who is so blind as my servant

or so deaf as my messenger whom I sent?

Who is so blind as my covenant partner

and so blind as the servant of the LORD?

²⁰You see many things, but you do not observe.

He opens his ears, but he does not hear.

²¹Because of his righteousness the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

The apostle teaches us what it means to live as children of light.

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

¹⁰Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, ¹¹and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. ¹⁴Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is the World's Light | CW 343

SERMON TEXT

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

Jesus the Light brings the light of forgiveness to the penitent and the darkness of damnation to the impenitent.

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God’s works might be revealed in connection with him. ⁴I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.”

⁶After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man’s eyes. ⁷“Go,” Jesus told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

¹³They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight.

“He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.”

¹⁶Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?”

There was division among them, ¹⁷so they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

³⁴They answered him, “You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?” And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

³⁶“Who is he, sir,” the man replied, “that I may believe in him?”

³⁷Jesus answered, “You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you.”

³⁸Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” and he knelt down and worshipped him.

³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **♪Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Jesus, The Light of the World!

Pastor Guse

1. He conquers the darkness of this world.
2. He conquers the darkness of men’s hearts.

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **♪It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **♪Amen**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

**♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

Please remember that all WELS Communicant Members who receive the Lord's Supper are asked to fill out a Communion Card each time they attend. Visitors are asked to write their home church on the back of the card. Thank you.

HYMNS

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | CW 376

How Great Thou Art | CW 256

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | CW 315

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and

holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪Amen**

THE BLESSING

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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **♪Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You till We Meet Again | CW 327



ORGANIST

Pam Zuberbier

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Guy & Sue Repp

10:30 ~ Diana Kent