

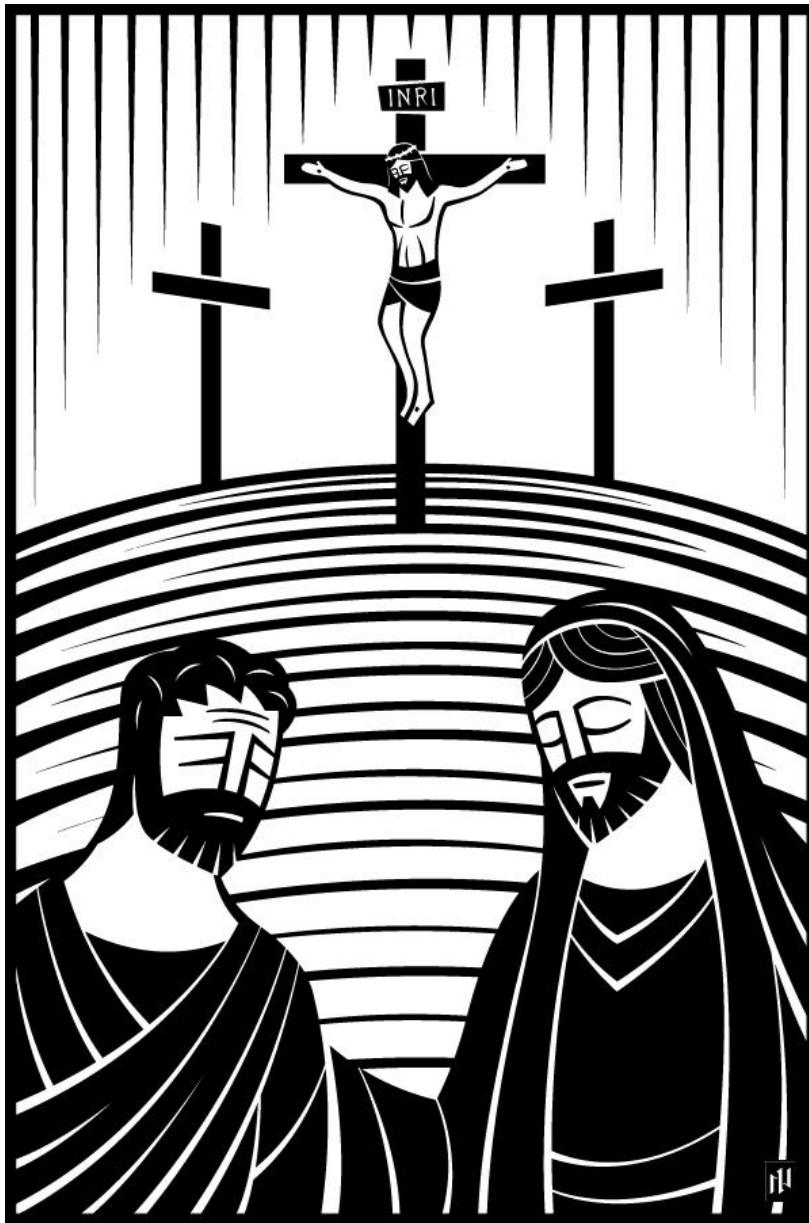
September 14/15, 2024

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

108 West Maple Street

Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Thank you for worshipping with us. May God bless your day!



For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand.

Ephesians 6:13

We Exist to Share Christ!

TO OUR VISITORS: Thank you for joining us for our worship today. It is a pleasure to have you with us and please come again soon. May God bless you through this celebration!

IF YOUR CHILD becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Parenting Room which is located just off the front entryway to the church.

HEARING LOOP devices available or please set hearing aid to telecoil.

LARGE PRINT Worship Folders (with entire liturgy) found in entryway to the church.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION about St. Peter's and its activities, please speak with one of the pastors to arrange an appointment or call the church office at 920-743-4431 during the week.

Our Communion Practice: (Personal preparation for Holy Communion: Hymnal pg. 295)



We practice "member" communion, also called "close" communion. If you are a guest and are not yet a member of our fellowship/congregation, we invite you to learn more about us *before* joining us at the communion table. To learn more about our faith and fellowship, **speak with either pastor.**

If you are a member of St. Peter's or one of our sister congregations of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and wish to commune, please make out a communion card from the pew and hand it to the usher at communion. Thank you!

Worship Focus: *Followers of Christ are Armed for the Battle*

What is the worst war in human history? One might point to World War II, which has the highest death toll of at least 90 million people. Or consider the Three Kingdoms War, which not only resulted in over 40 million deaths but also lasted for most of the third century. There is no end to the sad list of nominations: The Thirty Years War, the Taiping Rebellion, the American Civil War, World War I. None of those is the correct answer. The worst war in human history began when the first shot was fired in Eden. It has been raging since. It is a war against "spiritual forces of evil" (Ephesians 6:12). This is not a war over land or resources. It is a war for souls. The reality is that there are demonic forces that want to do more than kill you; they want to claim you for all eternity. The good news: Christ has already called you his own and equipped you for this war. Followers of Christ are armed for the battle.

Order of Worship: The Service: Setting One, p. 154
Hymns: 641:1,5-6; 517; 750; 675; 869:1,4
Psalm: 46A



Order of Service for Pentecost XVII

Opening Hymn

641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide sts. 1, 5–6

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



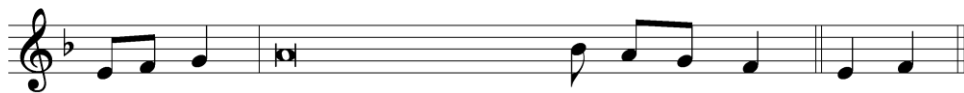
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty Lord, look with favor on Your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of Your power to defend us against all our enemies; we ask all this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated



First Reading

1 Kings 18:21-39

Nothing can stand against the Almighty God

²¹ Then Elijah said to all the people, "How long will you stagger around on two crutches? If the LORD is God, follow him. If Baal is God, follow him." But the people did not answer him a single word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, "I am the only one left of the LORD's prophets, but the prophets of Baal total four hundred fifty men. ²³ Provide two bulls for us. Let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it up and place it on the firewood, but they are not to light the fire. I will prepare the other bull and place it on the firewood, but I will not light the fire. ²⁴ Then you will call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers with fire, he is God." All the people said, "This proposal is good." ²⁵ Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull, and you go first because there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god. But do not light the fire." ²⁶ So they took the bull which had been given to them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, "Baal! Answer us!" But there was not a sound. No one answered. So they staggered around the altar which they had made. ²⁷ When noon came, Elijah mocked them: "Shout louder! He is a god, isn't he? He may be deep in thought or busy or on a journey. Perhaps he is asleep and will wake up!" ²⁸ So they cried out with a loud voice, and according to their practice they cut themselves with daggers and spears until their blood flowed. ²⁹ After noon, they kept up a prophetic frenzy until the time of the evening sacrifice, but there was no sound. No one answered. There was no response. ³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." So they came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come and had proclaimed, "Your name shall be Israel." ³² He built the stones into an altar in the name of the LORD. Around it he made a trench big enough to hold about twenty-five pounds of seed. ³³ He arranged the wood, cut up the bull, and placed it on the wood. Then he said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood." ³⁴ Then he said, "Do it again." So they did it again. Then he said, "Do it a third time." So they did it a third time. ³⁵ The water flowed all around the altar. It even filled the trench. ³⁶ When the time of the evening sacrifice had arrived, Elijah the prophet stood up and said, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and that I have done all these things by your word. ³⁷ Answer me, LORD! Answer me so that this people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you are turning their hearts back to you." ³⁸ Fire from the LORD fell on the sacrifice and on the wood, the stones, and the dirt. It even licked up the water in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell on their knees and said, "The LORD, he is God! The LORD, he is God!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day (5pm & 7:30am)

46A The LORD Almighty Is with Us

Refrain

The LORD Al - might - y is
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

Tone

God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.
God is within her, she / will not fall;
God will help her at / break of day.
“Be still, and know that / I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth.”
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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4PK-8 Sing (10:05am)

Be Strong in the Lord

Music by Tom Fettke, words by Linda Lee Johnson

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
your mighty Defender is always the same.
Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;
victory is sure when you call on his name.

So put on the armor the Lord has provided,
and place your defense in his unfailing care.
Trust him for he will be with you in battle,
lighting your path to avoid every snare.

Refrain

Refrain:

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
and be of good courage for he is your guide.
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,
and rejoice for the victory is yours.

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;
your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe.
Fear not the battle for the victory is always his;
he will protect you wherever you go.

Refrain

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-18

Put on the full armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, ¹⁵ and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. ¹⁶ At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷ Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

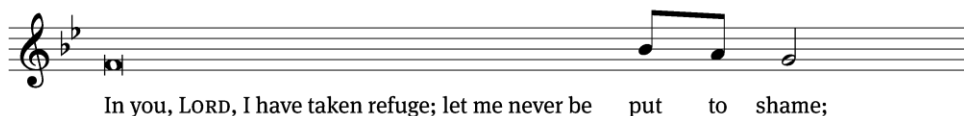
Gospel Acclamation - Setting 1



Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Mark 9:14-27

As we fight spiritual battles, we have confidence in the One who has won the war

¹⁴When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some experts in the law were arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people in the crowd saw Jesus, they were very excited and ran to greet him. ¹⁶He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷One man from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who has a spirit that makes him unable to speak. ¹⁸Wherever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they could not." ¹⁹"O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied. "How long will I be with you? How long will I put up with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰They brought the boy to Jesus. As soon as the spirit saw him, it threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell on the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has this been happening to him?" "From childhood," he said. ²²"It has often thrown him into the fire and into the water to kill him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³"If you can?" Jesus said to him. "All things are possible for the one who believes." ²⁴The child's father immediately cried out and said with tears, "I do believe. Help me with my unbelief!" ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was quickly gathering, he rebuked the unclean spirit. "You mute and deaf spirit," he said, "I command you to come out of him and never enter him again!" ²⁶The spirit screamed, shook the boy violently, and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many of them said, "He's dead!" ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand, raised him up, and he stood up.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

517 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Sermon

Ephesians 6:10-18

We Will Stand Victorious in Christ!

- 1) Against the Enemy
- 2) With God's Full Armor.

Stand at conclusion of sermon

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offering plates are located in the entryways to the sanctuary. You may mail your gifts to our church office or securely contribute online through a link found on our website, stpeterslutheran.net, or with the QR code to the right.

Please sign the Friendship/Guestbook and pass it on to others in the same pew. Then pass the book back to its original position. Please leave the sheet attached in the booklet.



Online Giving

Offering Hymn

750 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

Please stand as offering is brought forward to the altar



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive



all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

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Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution

*Personal Prayers for before and after communion can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.
Please Note: In the center of the tray are individual cups that are half wine/half water.*

Distribution Hymn

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Stand

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

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<u>Assistants in Worship</u> (September 14/15)	<u>Last Week</u>
Preacher/Presiding Minister – Pastor Carl Schroeder	Weekend Services: 397
Organist – Char Brauer	General: \$13,206
Broadcast – Jim Flinn	Building: \$335
Flute – Deb Cihlar	Missions: \$90

Current Bible Studies:

Wednesday: 6:30 – 7:00 am Breakfast Bible Study in St. Peter’s Social Hall studying the Book of 1 Samuel (taught by Pastor Schroeder)

Sunday: 8:45-9:45 am 1 Thessalonians – A Model for the Christian and congregation (taught by Pastor Schroeder)

This Week at St. Peter’s

Sunday (15)	Mon (16)	Tues (17)	Wed (18)	Thurs (19)	Fri (20)	Saturday (21)	Sunday (22)
<p>7:30 AM Worship w/Comm</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible Study: 1 Thessalonians</p> <p>8:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:05 AM Worship w/Comm. Broadcast Online / Radio</p> <p>11:00 AM Youth Group</p>	<p>6:30 PM Adult Choir</p>		<p>6:30 AM The Book of 1 Samuel Bible Study at St. Peter’s Social Hall</p> <p>5:00 PM PSC Confirmation Classes</p>	<p>6:00 PM Council Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Griefshare</p>		<p>5-8 Grade First German Soccer Tournament @ Manitowoc</p> <p>10:30 AM Jesus Cares</p> <p>5:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>7:30 /10:05AM Worship</p> <p>8:45 AM Bible Study: 1 Thessalonians</p> <p>8:45 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:05 AM Worship Broadcast Online / Radio</p>

Church News

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study has begun

Make plans now to attend, and *pick up a new Sunday School registration form at either entryway.* Our teachers will lead our children in growing in God’s grace on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am, right in between services. Pre-K - & Kindergarten are one Sunday School class; 1-2 grade are a separate class; 3-5 grade are a separate class. 6-8 grade and high-schoolers are welcome to assist teachers. **Any child from infancy to 3 years old is welcome to join us from 8:45-9:45 am and enjoy some supervised play time while the parents enjoy Bible class and adult conversation.**



Youth Group Exciting News! Youth Group is back! Please join us for our first get-together on **Sunday, September 15** in the Youth Group room following the 10:05 service. We will plan to meet until 2pm. We meet every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. There will be food! Please come with your ideas. **Youth Group is open to those in 7-12th Grade.** Hope to see you there! If you have questions, contact Kary at 920-743-4431 x3 or kanderson@stpeterssb.net.

There will be a door offering for the LWMS Fall Rally the weekend of September 21/22.

LWMS Fall Rally All ladies of the congregation are invited to the LWMS Fall Rally to be held at St. Matthew, Appleton, Wisconsin, Saturday, October 12, 2024. Registration is from 8 – 9:00 a.m. and the rally concludes with a lunch at 12:30 p.m. The Theme is “Sharing Love to Share Jesus”. The speakers are Gary & Beth Evans from the Central African Medical Mission. Please call Joyce Kramer at 920-493-3627 if you would like to attend the rally. Drivers are needed.

Choir We have our rehearsals **Mondays from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the church balcony. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to join together with friends new and old to sing praises to our Savior and help beautify our worship at St. Peter’s. If you have any questions please contact Miss Kuchenbecker (lkuchenbecker@stpeterssb.net). I can’t wait to see you all there!

Handchimes It is almost time for our hand chime choir to start again! We are still looking for a few new members to join this year. Whether you have years of musical experience or none at all, we would love to have you join us! We rehearse on **Mondays from 5:30-6:30 pm**. Please let Miss Kuchenbecker (lkuchenbecker@stpeterssb.net) know if you would like to join us!

GriefShare The two-hour, **13-week** sessions are currently being held in the church library **every Thursday from 6-8 pm**. We have new workbooks and video series, and additional topics this year. This promises to be the most powerful tool yet as we walk alongside those struggling with a loss. The sessions are open to the community and free of charge. We encourage everyone to share this information with someone you know who is struggling with loss. Michele Diener, Muriel Wallestad, and Bob Johnson will be the facilitators. Thank you for your prayers and for sharing this information.

Bible Study Nursery Program Our nursery program was a great success last week! We had three little ones come to play while their parents enjoyed bible class. If you or someone you know would love to come to bible class, but needs childcare for their little one up to age 3, we meet every Sunday from 8:45-9:45 in the 3k classroom! This is a great opportunity for our high schoolers to work with an adult member and get their volunteer hours! If you would like to volunteer to help us in the nursery on a Sunday morning, please call/text or email Coryn Schwark, cschwark@blc.edu or (218) 330-8769

Bible Class Snacks and Coffee In the past we have had some wonderful volunteers bring goodies and snacks to share during the education hour, and The Fellowship Committee would like to continue that! **We are looking for some willing chefs, or those with a sweet tooth, to volunteer to bring snacks for Bible class on a weekly rotation.** If you have questions, or would like to sign up to help, please call or email Coryn Schwark: (218) 330-8769 or cschwark@blc.edu

Mark your Calendars for the St. Peter's Cares Walk – Saturday, September 28, 2024

Sponsored by St. Peter's Outreach Team. The walk will take place from **8:30 to 10:30 am** with a staggered start. All registration and donation monies will go to the Old Glory Honor Flight. Their mission is *Honoring Local Veterans One Mission at a Time* which includes all veterans who served prior to May 7, 1975. The Old Glory Honor Flight missions are completely free of charge to the veteran. Every detail of their daylong trip has the vets' best interests in mind to ensure they have a safe, memorable trip and one that conveys appreciation and admiration from the community. On each flight there are trained volunteers who act as guardian escorts, a volunteer medical team, professional photographers and a host of others like the D.C. Park Police who ensure the veterans get the 'red carpet' treatment.



This year is the 15 anniversary of the organization and to date 6,500 veterans have traveled to see their memorials in Washington, DC.

We encourage St. Peter's members, families and friends to participate in this fun event for a good cause. **MILITARY VETERANS DO NOT HAVE TO PAY A REGISTRATON FEE, PLEASE JUST COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM TO JOIN THE WALK.** If you are unable to walk, donations are welcome with checks payable to Old Glory Honor Flight and mailed to John Schopf, 230 N. Geneva Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Registration forms with more information are available at both church entrances and on the church website or by contacting John at 920-495-3611

SCRIP Program: Did you know that if you buy gift cards from our SCRIP program, that a portion of all proceeds goes straight to Tuition, either for a specified family or just a general tuition fund? If you are going to be buying some of these things from stores anyways, why not get as much bang for your buck if you can, and help your School out with no extra hassle! Gift certificates from our SCRIP program for Maas Floral automatically donate 5% to St. Peter's? If you need fixing up done around the house and will be using Walmart, Ace or Menards and purchase SCRIP cards from St. Peter's, 3%, 4% and 3% (respectively) will be donated right back to Us. If you need to pick up prescriptions or other items from Walgreens, 5% will be donated. Hungry? Jimmy Johns gift cards donate back 20% to us! Some of our other highest donations are cards from Kitty O'Reillys, Wienke's Market and Scaturio's. All 10% back! **Did you also know that even if you have grandchildren or kids that are too young to start school, that you can start building your Tuition assistance now and we'll keep it for when they start?** If you end up not using it, it can just be donated towards a general St. Peter's Tuition Fund, or request it go to another family. All that would be needed is a form filled out to get this set up.



For more information please contact Ellen in the school and church office at adminasst@stpeterssb.net.

Thank you for your support in our amazing program!

See one of our SCRIP team members on your way out of church for more info!

Welcoming Children in Worship

Mark 10:14 (Jesus) said to them. “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.”

Public Worship is one of the basic ways people learn what it means to be Christian. Children learn worship by worshipping with the congregation Sunday after Sunday.

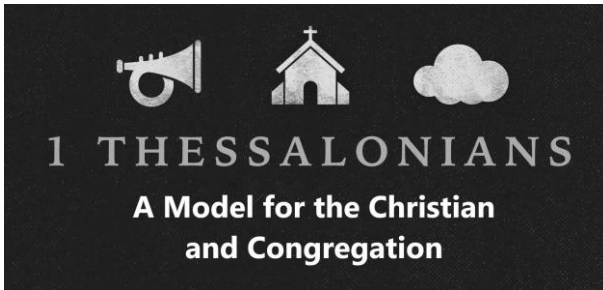
- They learn they belong to Christ and are welcome in His Church.
- They learn to know the Lord’s Prayer and other parts of the liturgy from memory.
- They build a fund of memorable, shared experiences of Christian community against which they may draw when they are older.
- They are enriched by the beauty of music and art as expressions of praise and thanks to God.
- They hear stories from the Bible read and interpreted, and begin to see Christian worship as one place where God may speak to them.
- They witness the celebration of Holy Baptism and the Lord’s Supper as God comes to nourish His people with forgiveness.
- They discover that they are valued by God and by the people of God at Church.



Keeping all this in mind, St. Peter’s looks to encourage and welcome children at our weekend public worship.

New Sunday Bible Study Opportunity

Sundays, at 8:45 am



Is it possible for the Christian faith to survive and thrive in a world that's indifferent at best and hostile at worst? What does such a faith look like – at home, at work, and in the community? And what kind of church does it take to sustain that vision? St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians helps us with questions like these. He writes to strengthen the early

believers' faith in Jesus. In a godless society, St. Paul helps them 'to serve the living and true God' (1:9) – where holiness is not withdrawal from the world but involvement in it in a new way, marked by faith, love, and hope.

What you will take home:

Strength to face the challenges of living your faith and peace knowing that all rests in Jesus hands.

Lessons: A Model for the Christian and Congregation

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| 1 Love for the Word is Evident in Faithfulness | 1:1-10 |
| 2 Having a Pastor as a Bold Herald, A Gentle Mother, and an Exemplary Father | 2:1-12 |
| 3 Faithfulness to the Word Endures Despite Opposition and Persecution | 2:13-3:9 |
| 4 Avoiding the Influence of a Sinful Environment | 3:10-4:12 |
| 5 Looking Forward to the Last Day with Watchfulness and Joy | 4:13-5:11 |
| 6 A Life of Sanctification Marked with Faith-born Love | 5:12-28 |

The class will be taught by the Pastors and will meet in the Social Hall at St. Peter's.

Bible Study is on Sundays @ 8:45am (conveniently scheduled in between our Sunday morning worship.) Drop off the kids at Sunday School, which meets at the same time, and join us.

*Also, Bible Study Nursery Care is available for children from infancy to 3 years old to enjoy some supervised play time while the parents enjoy Bible class and adult conversation.

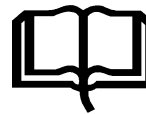


Join Online: If you are not able to attend class in-person, you can join and participate with the class by using Zoom. Sign up on your computer/phone by going to zoom.us and creating an account. Email Pastor Sauer and he will send you the password to join the meeting (please do so before Sunday mornings). Thank you!

From Pulpit to Home

Reflection for the Week based off the Sermon

9.15.24



Ephesians 6:10-18

Be Strong

Summary: St. Paul describes how we are under attack from an unrelenting enemy. He never stops and he wants you in hell. You must be prepared to fight, to stand your ground. God alone can give the victory against the devil and his allies. When the Christian soldier goes forth armed completely for the spiritual conflict, and each piece of God's armor is put on with prayer, a triumphant victory is certain. There's war raging right now, but we have all we need and more. Get dressed, study the Word, follow Christ. Onward, Christian soldiers!

If you wish to review the sermon, please visit www.stpeterslutheran.net

Sermon Notes

What Law was specified in this sermon? (How was your sin pointed out?)

What Gospel was specified in this sermon? (How was Jesus' forgiveness applied to you?)

Key Takeaways:

Opening Hymn

641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide sts. 1, 5–6



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, for round us
5 O keep us in your Word, we pray; the guile and
6 A trust - y weap - on is your Word, the Church's



falls the e - ven - tide, nor let your Word,
rage of Sa - tan stay. Oh, may your mer -
ar - mor, shield, and sword. O let us in



that heav'n-ly light, for us be ev - er veiled in night.
cy nev - er cease; give con - cord, pa-tience, cour - age, peace.
its pow'r con - fide that we may seek no oth - er guide.

Text: tr. composite; (st. 1): German version, Geistliche Psalmen, Nuremberg, 1611; (st. 1): Philipp Melancthon, 1497–1560; (sts. 5–6): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–1592, abr.

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Hymn of the Day

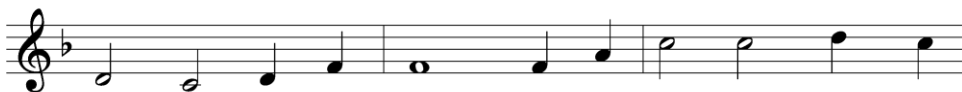
517 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955, alt.

Tune: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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Hymn

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
 You have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days,
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.; Latin, c. 4th–10th cent., alt. 17th cent.
 Tune: Kirchengeseng, Ivancice, 1566
 Text and tune: Public domain

Closing Hymn

869 Onward, Christian Soldiers sts. 1, Ref, 4



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, join our hap - py throng,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the King;



for - ward in - to bat - tle see his ban - ners go!
this through count - less a - ges saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, abr., alt.

Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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