



## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Church Service:** Sunday, 9 am  
**Bible Class:** Sunday, 10:15 am

### Service Information

**Date:** Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
**Sunday of the Church Year:** Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**Order of Worship:** Service of the Word, pg. 38 (red hymnal)  
**Hymns:** 226 vv. 1-3      399 vv. 1-2      441 vv. 1-2  
**Psalm of the Day:** 91  
**Sermon Text:** I Kings 1:1-53  
**Sermon Theme:** Grasp the Horns of the Altar!

### Sundays after Pentecost

The church year is broken up into two main parts: the festival half, and the non-festival half. On Pentecost Sunday, the festival half of the church year ends. It is during this non-festival half when pastors proclaim how the Holy Spirit empowers our union and life with Christ. Unlike the other seasons of the church year, there is no defined pattern to the progression of the Sundays in this season. There are many themes and many topics.

**Liturgical Color:** Green—the color of life and nourishment; the basic color of nature.

### General Information

**Welcome to our guests!** Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. Please join us again soon!

**Restrooms** are located on the first left down the hallway.

**Nursery** If your child becomes restless, that's okay... We're glad they're here and Jesus is pleased when you bring them to hear His Word! Perhaps a moment or two with you is all that is necessary. Our nursery is located at the back of the church and is speaker equipped with a view of the sanctuary.

**Activity Bags** Does your little child, age 5 and under, need something to keep their attention during the service? On a tree stand in the nursery are several activity bags. Please feel free to make use of them during the service.

**Special Envelopes** for the maintenance and cleaning funds are available at the back table by the guestbook.

**Interested in Learning More?** Check out our church website! Under the 'About Us' tab, there is a quick link to a page entitled "What We Believe." If you wish to go more in-depth, go to "What We Offer" and click on "Bible Information Class," which will take you to our online Faith Builders Class. Or speak with Pastor Ody if you have any questions.

### **Last Week's Statistics:**

Attendance: 48    Offerings to the General Fund: \$2,315.00  
 Weekly Requirement: \$2,022.84    YTD surplus/shortage: -\$1,738.04  
 We praise God for moving the hearts of His people to support the spread of His Gospel.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD<sup>1</sup>

### Bells & Welcome

#### Hymn 226: To Your Temple I Draw Near

1. To your temple I draw near; Lord, I love to worship here.  
Here are sacrament and Word; Here believers meet their Lord.
2. I through Christ am reconciled; I through Christ become your child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.
3. While your glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my tongue,  
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

*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:** And also with you.

### Confession & Absolution<sup>2</sup>

**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.**

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<sup>1</sup> This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

<sup>2</sup> Scripture tells us that our sins separate us from God—not just from his presence, but even from him listening to our prayers and praise (Psalm 5:4; Isaiah 59:2). It is through Christ and his forgiveness that we have access to the throne of God (I Timothy 2:5; Ephesians 3:12). Therefore, we begin our worship by coming to God to confess our sins and receiving his absolution—that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners (John 20:21-23).

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: Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

**Oh, Taste and See**



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### Prayer of the Day<sup>3</sup>

M: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

<sup>3</sup> The Prayer of the Day begins with the Salutation. This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service. The prayer often focuses on the context of the Gospel or Second Lesson, aiding in the unity of thought throughout the service.



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## ✠ The Word ✠

**Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23** *As the Apostle Paul mentions the content of his intercessions on behalf of the Ephesian Christians, he breaks into a confession of faith, emphasizing the exaltation of Christ to the highest position as our King, Lord, and God.*

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup> which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

### Psalm of the Day

#### Psalm 91

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High\*  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD,\*

“He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”

*Refrain*

You will not fear the terror of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that flies by day.

If you make the Most High your dwelling,\*  
then no harm will befall you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you\*  
to guard you in all your ways;

they will lift you up in their hands,\*  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain***Verse of the Day<sup>4</sup>**

Romans 13:7

Alleluia. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Alleluia.

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<sup>4</sup> The Verse of the Day echoes or reinforces the theme or tone of the day or season of the church year. It is framed with alleluias.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND<sup>5</sup>

**Gospel: John 18:28-37** *Jesus is our King, whether we know it or not, whether we believe it or not, whether we like him or love him or not, whether we want him or not. But he is a King who loves us and lays down his life to pay for the rebellion of his people.*

Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.<sup>29</sup> So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

<sup>30</sup> “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

<sup>31</sup> Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” the Jews objected.<sup>32</sup> This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

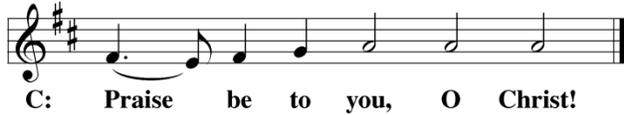
<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

<sup>37</sup> “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

<sup>5</sup> The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words and Christ, our King.



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### **Hymn 399: To God Be the Glory vv. 1-2**

1. To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain*

### **SERMON**

**Text:** I Kings 1:1-53

**Theme:** Grasp the Horns of the Altar!

*STAND*

### **Apostles' Creed<sup>6</sup>**

**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.**

<sup>6</sup> Public Confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Apostles' Creed as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING

### **Prayer of the Church<sup>7</sup>**

*Another prayer may be used.*

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

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<sup>7</sup> Prayers and petitions are made on behalf of the Church.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

### 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.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**C: A - men. A - men. A - men.**

*BE SEATED*

**Hymn 441: O God, Our Help in Ages Past vv. 1-2**

1. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home,
2. Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

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**Announcements**

**Thank You!** To all who continue to support our on-going ministry at St. Peter's with your offerings, especially those who continue to send them in the mail. It has been a tremendous help during these times!

**Bible Class** This fall's Adult Bible Class will begin today following church. We will be looking at the Bible book Jonah. If you would prefer to watch the Bible Class from home, a recording will be posted on our YouTube Channel.

**LWMS** The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society fall rally is set for Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran Church, FdL. There will be COVID rules in place. Please note the later registration time. No refreshments of any kind will be served. Masks are highly suggested and may be required if the mandate is extended. Be sure to bring a pen. Please follow social distance guidelines. We ask you fellowship outdoors. Follow the seating arrangement in the sanctuary. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. After you come in and receive your packet please be seated. Our speaker will be Pastor Steve Hillmer of St. Matthew's in Oconomowoc. Pastor Hillmer will speak about the mission ministry he recently left in Reno, NV.

**WLA Plenary Board** will meet this Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

**Scrip** Scrip-tember is back! Our friends at Kwik Trip are offering a **10% rebate** on Kwik Trip scrip cards purchased at WLA during the month of September. Also, did you know that when you use your scrip card to make purchases other than gasoline inside the store you earn an extra 5% rebate.

**What's Coming at WLA****September**

**25** Classes dismiss at Noon

**October**

**2** No School

**7** Blood Drive

**14** Faculty Inservice- Classes begin at 9:55

**29-30** No School