

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Founded 1856*  
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*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*



*Sunday, June 16, 2024*  
*The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form to prepare for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please contact him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Page 26)**

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**OPENING HYMN: #279 "O Word of God Incarnate"** Public Domain

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## O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom  
 2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the  
 3 Oh, make your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of



from on high, O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O  
 gift di - vine, And still that light is lift - ed O'er  
 bur - nished gold To bear be - fore the na - tions Your



Light of our dark sky, We praise you for the  
 all the earth to shine. It is the chart and  
 true light, as of old. Oh, teach your wan - d'ring



ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page, A lan - tern  
 com - pass That, all life's jour - ney through, Mid mists and  
 pil - grims By this their path to trace Till, clouds and



to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
 rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 dark - ness end - ed, They see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, adapt., alt.

Tune: MUNICH (76 76 D) *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

STAND

## 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.**

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

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**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## **O LORD, OUR LORD** (*Song of Praise*)

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**C:** O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong' you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heave; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever,



**BE SEATED**



**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup> And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green

tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 92

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### *Refrain*



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### *Psalm tone*



How great are your works, O LORD,\*  
how profound your thoughts!

The senseless man does not know,\*  
fools do not understand,

that though the wicked spring up like grass\*  
and all evildoers flourish,

they will be forever destroyed.\*

But you, O LORD, are exalted forever. ***Refrain***

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,\*  
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age,\*  
they will stay fresh and green,

proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;"\*



he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”  
**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:*** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

## **SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

## VERSE OF THE DAY (Soloist). Psalm 132:9

Alleluia! May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia!

**STAND**

## GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup> And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.

<sup>28</sup> The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup> And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup> He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.



***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #188 “Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid”**

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Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's  
 2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -  
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -  
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend



foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it  
 ther's help to us as - sure. Come down, as  
 swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -  
 th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -



ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on  
 prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly  
 ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that  
 Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -



hu - man-kind. From sin and sor - row set us  
 love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing mes - sage  
 we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom that we  
 kind has died; And e - qual ad - o - ra - tion



free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be.  
 bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.  
 see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.  
 rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.

Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

SERMON

STAND

## **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 fully 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PENTECOST 4**

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**P:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus  
and for all people according to their needs.

**P:** O Most High, we give thanks to You that You have planted  
Your Holy Word among us. Give healthy growth to Your  
Church, that she may weather the storm winds of this world  
steadfast in Christ, ever bearing fruits of love and singing  
praise to Your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer**

**P:** Lord God, Your Holy Spirit plants Your Word and causes  
it to sprout and grow as it pleases You. Bless the  
preaching and teaching of Your Word, that Your kingdom  
may be extended, and give us thankful hearts to marvel  
at Your work. Send faithful laborers into Your fields to  
scatter Your seed here and abroad, that in due time a

harvest may be reaped for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer**

P: O Lord, the great I AM, what You have spoken You will surely do. We implore You for the sake of Christ and Your many precious promises to bless and defend our homes, to make the efforts of parents fruitful in the teaching of their children, and to preserve them in the saving faith of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Father, we are bold to ask for all things because You have given us Your Spirit as a guarantee. Hear us as we intercede in Jesus' name for those in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of all mercy, through the abundance of Your steadfast love You gather us into Your house and to Your Supper. Give all who commune this day a holy fear of Your wrath and faith in Your promises, that they would receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O God, we groan under many burdens in this earthly tent and long to be clothed with Your eternal life, which will swallow up all mortal sorrow. Give good courage to Your servants to walk by faith and not sight, to mourn our

dead in the hope of the resurrection, and to make it our aim to please You while here in the body, until at last we are at home with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**P:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. **C: 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.

### **BE SEATED**

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

### **STAND**



## **THE SACRAMENT (Page 33)**

### **PREFACE**

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**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so 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 sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

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:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)**

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C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
 You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
 I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
 va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
 The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## 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 the new testament in my (+) blood, 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.



**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)** Tune: ©1991 David Schack.  
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C: 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 ANTHEM: CWS#755 “Your Kingdom O**

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1. Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure, My pearl of incomp'able worth. It's value exceeds ev'ry standard of measure, Surpassing the wealth of the earth. Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spirit to valued this treasure aright that, never allured by the world, I inherit Your kingdom of glory and light.

2. Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power Your Word and Your Spirit bestow. Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour, enabling Your kingdoms to grow, Empower me, Lord, as I live Your commission, and bring ev'ry planting to perfect fruition, A mustard seed grown to a tree.
3. Your kingdom, O god, is a field for the growing of seeds that Your mercy has sown; But still in our midst is the enemy sowing the weeds that imperil Your own. Sustain me, O Lord, till Your day of returning and harvest me homeward at last, to shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning, where sorrow and danger are past.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

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**#324** “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt. Public Domain.

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## Preserve Your Word, O Savior



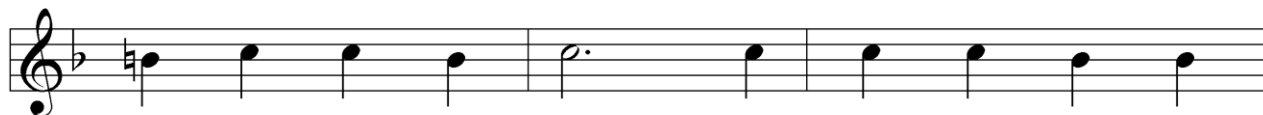
1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter  
 2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us



day, And let your king - dom flour - ish; En - large your  
 whole, The mir - ror of your glo - ry, The pow'r that



Church, we pray. Oh, keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep  
 saves the soul. Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This



hope's bright star a - glow. Let noth - ing turn us  
 spring of heav'n - ly grace, Sus - tain us while here



from you While wan-d'ring here be - low.  
 liv - ing Un - til we see your face.

Text: Andreas Gryphius, 1616–64, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt.

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# 324

# Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like  
2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This  
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.  
ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt.  
Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

## THANKSGIVING (page 36)

### STAND

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## THANK THE LORD



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**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:** A - men.

**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.



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today
    - 9:30 AM Divine Service
    - 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn
  - Monday
    - 7:00 PM Monday Evening Divine Service
  - Wednesday
    - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
    - 6:30 PM Move furniture and classroom belongings back to their rooms in the School
  - Sunday
    - 9:30 AM Divine Service
    - 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn
  - Monday
    - 7:00 PM Monday Evening Divine Service
- Serving June 23: Altar Guild – Joy Schaefer; Ushers: Team #3

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN** treats are available after Service. Please join for fellowship after divine services. See signup sheet in narthex to provide refreshments.

**HELP NEEDED** Wednesday, June 19, 6:30PM, to move furniture and belongings **BACK** to their classrooms in the school. Thank you!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) June 24-27, 9:00 – 11:30AM.**

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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