

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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# Humbled & Exalted

*Luke 14:1, 7-14*



*Sunday, September 22, 2019*  
*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## **Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**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**

(Hymnal page 26)

**HYMN: #350, "All Praise Be Yours"**

***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 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 AND PRAISE

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

**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**

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 Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



***BE SEATED***



**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON:** Proverbs 25:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great,  
<sup>7</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 119a (Hymnal page 109)

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*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,\*  
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his statutes\*  
and seek him with all their heart.

You have laid down precepts\*  
that are to be fully obeyed. ***Refrain***

Oh, that my ways were steadfast\*  
in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame\*  
when I consider all your commands.

I will praise you with an upright heart\*  
as I learn your righteous laws.

**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***

## **SECOND LESSON:** Hebrews 13:1-8

**13** Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup> Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY:** (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

**14** One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully...<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying

to them, <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.<sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”



## ***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #524** “O Fount of Good, For All Your Love”

## **SERMON**

# **STAND**

## **NICENE CREED (Hymnal page 31)**

**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.**

## ***BE SEATED***

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING ANTHEM: “A Prayer for Humility”**

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Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we  
long to know you, how we strive to serve you, help us now to  
love you even more.

(Refrain) Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening  
ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful  
spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this  
prayer before you: Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you  
freely give.

When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you  
again. (Refrain) Amen.

# **STAND**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST (Page 127)**

**M:** O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

**C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

**M:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

**M:** We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

**M:** Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

**M:** Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible

citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

**M:** Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** 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.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**



## THE SACRAMENT

(Hymnal page 33)

**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*

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.”

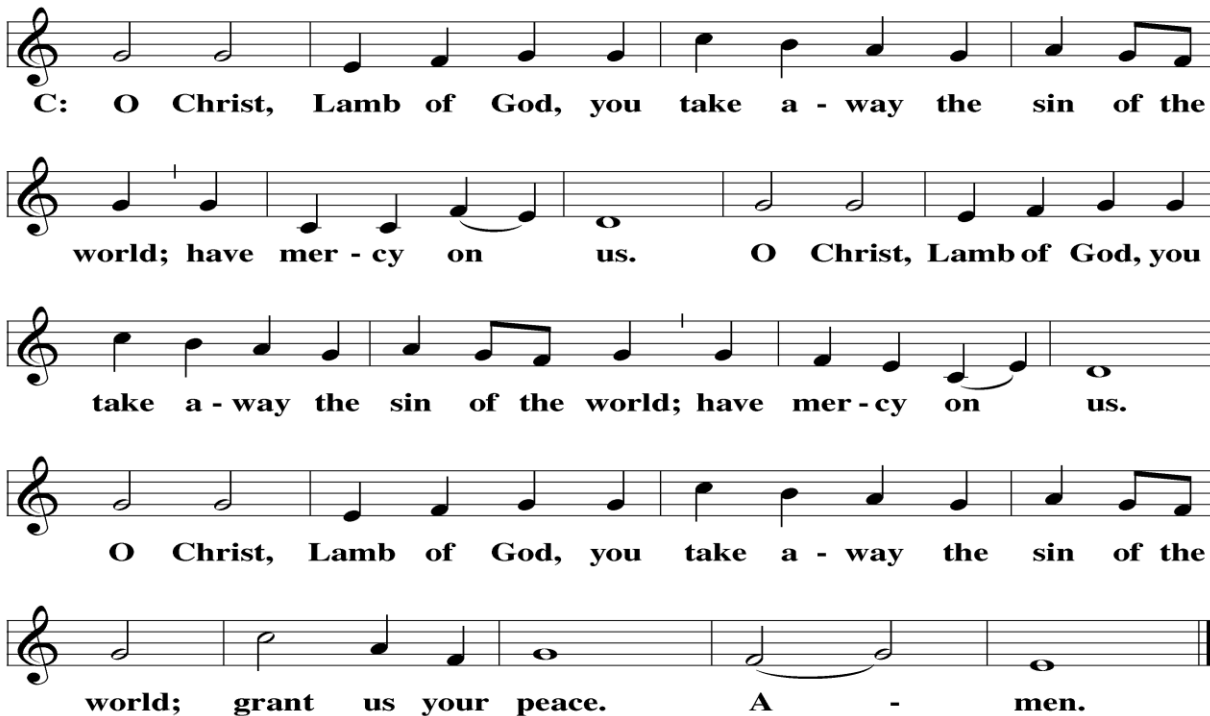
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

### *Agnus Dei*



## **BE SEATED**

# DISTRIBUTION

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

**#486** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

## THANKSGIVING

(Hymnal page 36)

### STAND

### 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.



**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 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School  
Monday & Tuesday – Fall Pastoral Conference at Shepherd of the Hills Ev. Lutheran Church, Lansing  
Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting  
Wednesday - 8:30 AM Bible Class  
Thursday - 7:00 AM Senior Choir Practice  
Saturday - 9:00 AM LWMS Fall Rally at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, 9575 North Territorial Road, Dexter 48130.  
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Barbara Cutler; Ushering – Team 1

**Octoberfest at Good Shepherd, Novi, on October 6** – Please join our sister congregation for an evening of vespers, good food, and a Luther Lecture on “Free Will – Who Really Has It?” See the notice on the back cover of this bulletin

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

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Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church  
(41415 W. 9 Mile Road, Novi) invites you to join us for our annual

## Octoberfest Sunday, October 6



5:00 PM Vespers

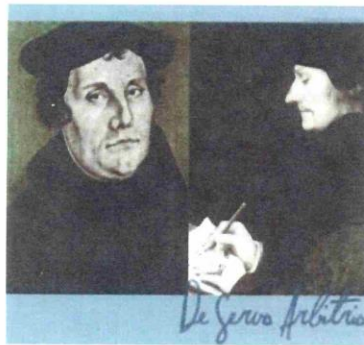
5:30 PM Bratwurst Dinner

6:30 PM Luther Lecture

This year's Luther Lecture will be:

### **"Free Will – Who Really Has It?"**

*The Bondage of the Will. (1525)*



**"The Holy Spirit is  
no skeptic, and the things  
He has written in our  
hearts are not doubts or  
opinions, but assertions—  
surer and more certain  
than sense and life itself."**

— *Martin Luther,*  
*The Bondage of the Will,*  
*December, 1525*

We hope that all guests of our Octoberfest celebration will gain a greater appreciation for the confessions and the confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

There is no cost for Octoberfest, but we will have a free-will offering to offset any expenses incurred from our festival.

In order to be sure that we will have enough food for all who attend, please RSVP to Good Shepherd at (248) 349-0565 or at [welsnovi@aol.com](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com). Be sure to include how many will be in your party.

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