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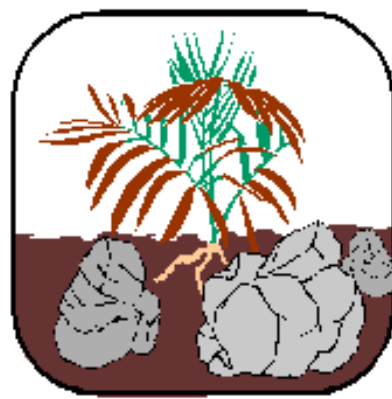
*Plymouth, ME 48170*

*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

## A Sower Went Out to Sow



packed soil



stony ground



thorny ground



good soil

*Sunday, July 26, 2020*

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Service Notes:**

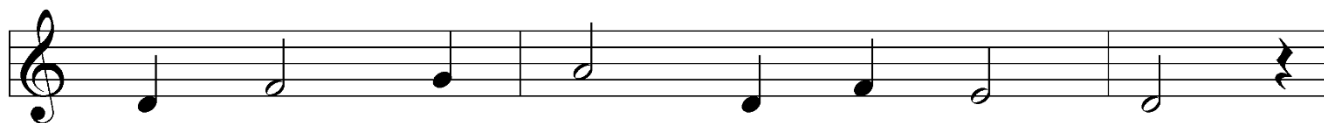
- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please 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.

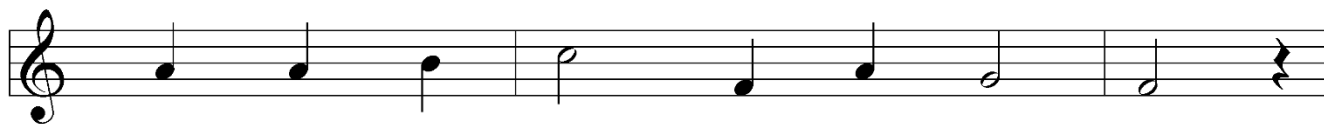
**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT** (Hymnal page 26)

**OPENING HYMN: #544** "Preach You the Word"

## Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task  
 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love  
 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched  
 5 Preach you the Word and plant it home



To those who like or like it not,  
 Your ser - vant bids us un - der - take:  
 Scat - ters a - broad the good - ly seed,  
 And some be choked and mat - ted flat,  
 And nev - er faint; the Har - vest - Lord



The Word that shall en - dure and stand  
 To preach your Word and nev - er ask  
 In - tent a - lone that there may be  
 The sow - er sows; his heart cries out,  
 Who gave the sow - er seed to sow



When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.  
 What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
 The whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.  
 "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"  
 Will watch and tend his plant - ed Word.

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 Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfeßsisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*,  
 Augsburg, 1666.

**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.

**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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, 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: Isaiah 55:10-11

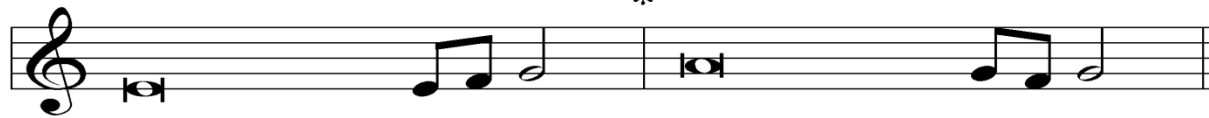
<sup>10</sup> “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 65

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



Praise awaits you, O God,\*  
you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;\*  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water\*  
to provide the people with grain. ***Refrain***

You crown the year with your bounty,\*  
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;\*  
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;\*  
they shout for joy and sing.



**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***

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## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Alleluia! My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia! (Isaiah 55:11b)

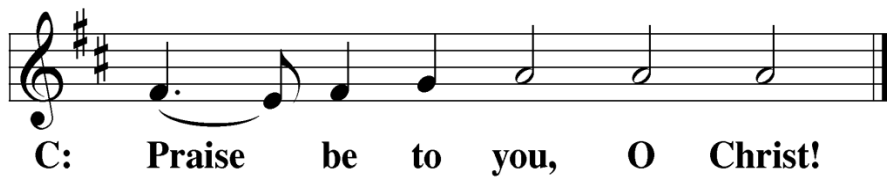
### **STAND**

## **GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.<sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup> “Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while,

and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #574** “May God Bestow on Us His Grace”



1 May God be - stow on us his grace,  
2 Yours o - ver all shall be the praise  
3 Oh, let the peo - ple praise your worth,



With bless - ings rich pro - vide us,  
And thanks of ev - 'ry na - tion,  
In all good works in - creas - ing.



And may the bright - ness of his face  
And all the world with joy shall raise  
The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth;



To life e - ter - nal guide us  
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion.  
Your Word is rich in bless - ing.



That we his sav - ing health may know,  
For you will judge the earth, O Lord;  
May God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



His gra - cious will and plea - sure, And al - so  
You will not let sin flour - ish. Your peo - ple's  
And God the Spir - it bless us. Let all the



to the hea - then show Christ's rich - es with - out  
pas - ture is your Word, Their souls to feed and  
world praise him a - lone; Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
nour - ish, In right - eous paths to keep them.  
sess us. Now let our hearts say A - men!

# **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 THE SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST (Hymnal 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 (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.

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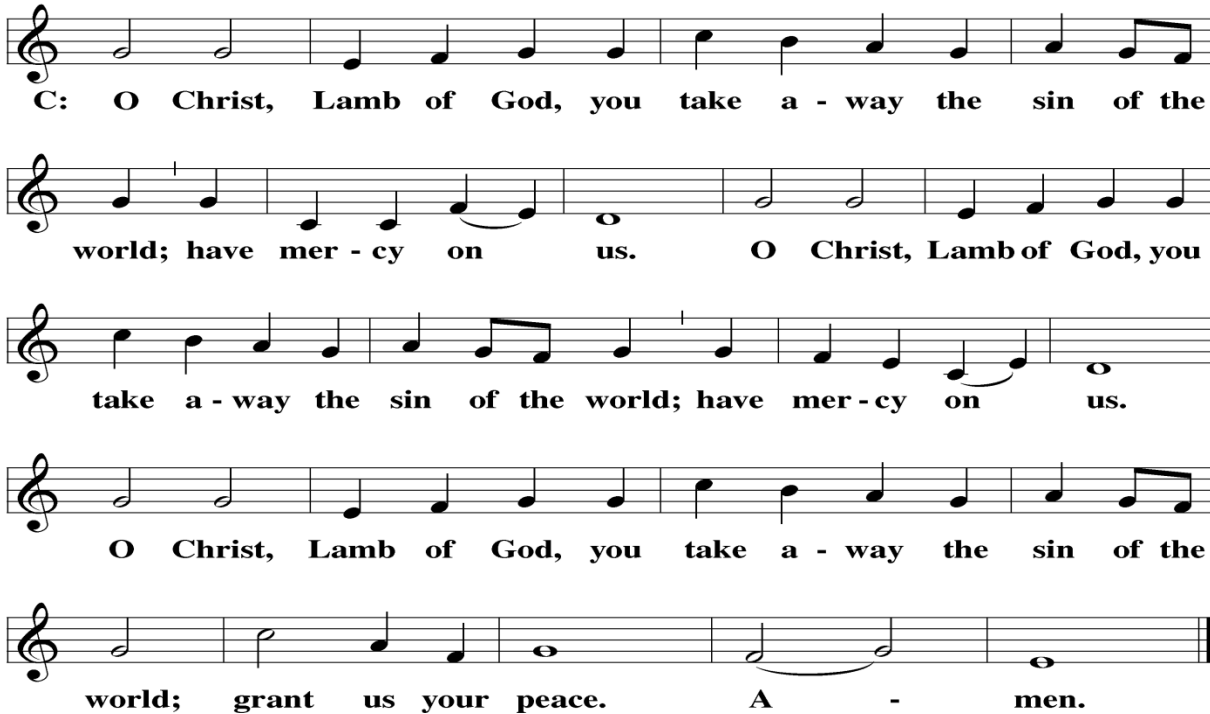
**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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 ANTHEM:**

#### **“When Seed Falls on Good Soil”**

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When seed falls on good soil, it's born through quiet toil.  
Where soil receives, the earth conceives the blade, the stem, the  
fruit, the leaves.  
Good soil, O mother earth, the womb where seed takes birth.

God's Word in Christ is seed, good soil its urgent need,  
And it would work in humankind the fertile soil in heart and mind.  
Good soil, a human field, a hundred-fold to yield.

Lord, plow the trodden way, and clear the stone away.  
Tear out the weed and sow the seed. Prepare our hearts your  
Word to heed  
That we good soil may be. Begin, O Lord, with me!

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**#279** "O Word of God Incarnate"

**#324** "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

## 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.

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**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****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 - jice 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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## OFFICIANTS:

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Communion Assistants: Mark Castellese and Scott Beckerman

Organist and Soloist: Julie Webber

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service  
Tuesday - 7:00 PM Elders Meeting  
Wednesday – 10:00 AM Online Bible Class  
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Arlette Stobbe; Ushering – Team 1

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices. The congregation is encouraged to wear protective equipment based on their own personal level of comfort during these unusual times. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service.



Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week.

If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service. Sunday Adult Bible Class and Sunday School will resume at a later date.

#### Voters' Meeting Decisions:

- Steve Jacobi becomes financial secretary, and Seth Anderson becomes treasurer.
- Extend current fiscal to end December 31, 2020 and make the fiscal year concurrent with calendar year going forward.
- Current Officers will have terms adjusted (extended) by six months as appropriate (due to inability to hold elections in May because of Covid-19)
- Passed Council recommendation to proceed with Option 2, including architectural and engineering drawings and quotes contingent on long term lease with Roots.

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

<b>The Pastoral Staff</b> <b>Church Office: 734-453-3393</b> <b><u><a href="http://www.splp.org">www.splp.org</a></u></b> <b><u><a href="mailto:stpeterlutheran@hotmail.com">stpeterlutheran@hotmail.com</a></u></b> <b>Pastor: Rev. Paul Schaefer</b> <b>Pastor's Cellphone:</b> <b>734-658-5735</b> <b>Pastor's email:</b> <b><a href="mailto:Peschaef5@gmail.com">Peschaef5@gmail.com</a></b> <b>Music Director: Jan Jacobi</b> <b>Church Secretary:</b> <b>Carol Schwartz</b>	<b>St. Peter's Preschool</b> Rebecca Lohrmann, Director  <b>Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS)</b> (Saginaw) 989-793-1041  <b>Huron Valley Lutheran High School (HVL)</b> (Westland) 734-525-0160	Congregation President: Bruce Winkler Vice President: Richard Cording Council Secretary: Jim Cutler Treasurer: Seth Anderson Financial Secretaries: Steve Jacobi Van Varner Board Chairmen: Elders – Mark Castellese Stewardship/Education - Rick Carr Trustees – Nils Peterson
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