

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, September 13, 2020
The 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)

OPENING HYMN: #453 "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

STAND

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Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the
 life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as
 love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
 souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
 in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
 lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.
 guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
 to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
 I am the way, and well I show How
 My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
 I am the ref - uge of the soul And
 For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 you should jour - ney here be - low.
 God I yield; on him I call.
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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



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: Jeremiah 15:15-21

- ¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
- ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 121

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Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



I lift up my eyes to the hills.*

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel*
will neither slumber nor sleep. ***Refrain***

The LORD watches over you,*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,*
he will watch over your life;

The LORD will watch over your coming and going*
both now and forevermore.

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: Romans 12:1-8

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia.
(Mark 8:34b)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-26

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?



BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #465 “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
not, like them, un - true. And since you have
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.
gath - er; All must work for good to me.
glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

SERMON

STAND

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**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

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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.**

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:

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.

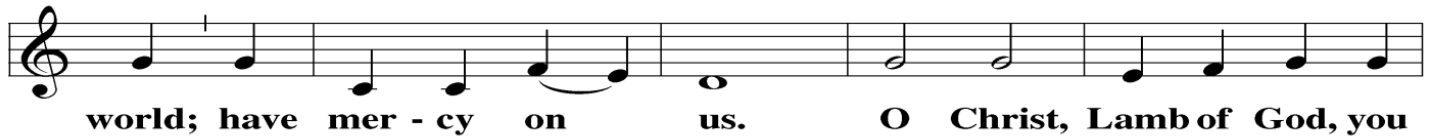
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1859–1928, alt.

1 May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.

2 May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r.

3 May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

4 May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting, self abasing—This is victory!

5 May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

6 May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#477 “What is the World to Me”

#470 “Praise to You and Adoration”

What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my



plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord
 might - y, Yet nev - er once re - flects That
 of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though
 trea - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My



Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est
 they are frail and flight - y. But what I tru - ly
 gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er
 friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my



Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my
 prize A - bove all things is he, My Je - sus,
 good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus
 all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then



peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 he a - lone. What is the world to me!
 is my wealth— What is the world to me!
 I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

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Praise to You and Adoration

1 Praise to you and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
 2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve your own cre - a - tion,
 pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing

Came to share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I
 Be with me through - out my life. Give me great - er

nev - er may From your fold or pas - tures stray,
 love for you, And my faith and hope re - new

But with zeal and joy ex - ceed - ing
 In your birth, your life, and pas - sion,

Fol - low where your steps are lead - ing.
 In your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1643–1703; tr. composite.

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND



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:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Mark Castellese and Scott Beckerman

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Jim Cutler

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER’S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

Wednesday – 10:00 AM Online Bible Class

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Gretchen Castellese

Ushering – Team 4

PASTORAL EMERGENCY -- Pastor Schaefer will be on vacation from September 18-26. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248) 348-2613. Pastor Doug Hartley will be officiating at the September 20 service.

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.

The **church pantry** needs restocking. Please bring the following nonperishable items to the church basement stage; they will be donated to those in need:

Paper items Paper towels Toilet paper Kleenex Toiletries Toothpaste Shampoo Soap Cleaning products Purex laundry detergent Dishwashing soap	Food items Cereal Juice Canned vegetables and meat Soups Packaged meals Dry milk Mashed potato pkgs
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Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary gifts. For the last twenty years or so the Michigan District has held a food drive for the students of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. It has been very successful and hundreds of our future pastors and families have been fed both physically and spiritually by your love and generosity. Many of our younger area pastors were recipients of food and gift cards which made things much easier on their families. I have seen many tears of joy flowing from the eyes of students and their wives.

This year we have a problem. With Covid-19 restrictions in place, it is impossible to plan and carry out our usual food drive. We still have students who need food and other supplies. Some of the part-time jobs that Seminary students take are presently unavailable. We still want to show our love and care for these students and their families. Therefore our congregation will have a special door offering on November 15 to support these families. Please make checks payable to St. Peter's; the treasurer will then issue a check for the entire amount to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Food Bank. Please consider making a generous donation that Sunday.

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

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