

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Founded 1856*  
*1343 Penniman Avenue*  
*Plymouth, ME 48170*  
*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*



*Sunday, October 11, 2020*  
*The Nineteenth 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: #342 "Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness"**

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## Amid the World's Bleak Wilderness



1 A - mid the world's bleak wil - der - ness A  
 2 His love se - lect - ed this ter - rain; His  
 3 We are his branch - es, cho - sen, dear, And  
 4 From him we draw the juice of life, For



vine - yard grows with prom - ise green, The  
 vine with love he plant - ed here To  
 though we feel the dress - er's knife, We  
 him sup - ply his win - er - y With



plant - ing of the Lord him - self.  
 bear the choic - est fruit for him.  
 are the ob - jects of his care.  
 fruit from which true joys de - rive.



5 Vine, keep what I was meant to be:



Your branch, with your rich life in me.

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**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.

## **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.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



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## THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

18 The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? <sup>3</sup> As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup> Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

<sup>25</sup> “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup> When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup> Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup> Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup> Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup> “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup> Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 25 – The soloist will sing “All the Day Long”

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(Refrain) Show me your ways; teach me your paths.  
Guide me in truth; instruct my heart.

You are my God and Savior strong; for you my soul waits all the day long.



Remember, O Lord, your lovingkindness and tender mercies, for they are ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions. According to your mercy, Lord, remember me. (Refrain)

## **SECOND LESSON:** Philippians 2:1-11

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)

**STAND**

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:28-32**

<sup>28</sup> “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’  
<sup>29</sup> And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.  
<sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.



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**HYMN OF THE DAY: #306** “Before You, God, the Judge of All”

# 306

## Before You, God the Judge of All



1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I  
 2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in  
 3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood Be to my soul a



hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,  
 wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,  
 cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,



My sins of thought and deed and word. They press me  
 But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly  
 But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my



sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!  
 house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.

Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

## 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.**

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



## **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:



## 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.

**C: A - men.**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

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.

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## DISTRIBUTION

### ***DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: “Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day”***

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Savior, teach me, day by day, love’s sweet lesson to obey;  
Sweeter lesson cannot be, loving him who first loved me.  
With a childlike heart of love, at thy bidding may I move:  
Prompt to serve and follow thee, loving him who first loved me.

Teach me all thy steps to trace, strong to follow, in thy grace.  
Learning how to love from thee, loving him who first loved me.

Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all her joy.  
Ever new that joy will be, loving him who first loved me.

Thus may I rejoice to show that I feel the love I owe.  
Singing, till thy face I see, of his love, who first loved me.  
Savior, teach me day by day, love’s sweet lesson to obey.  
Sweeter lesson cannot be: loving him who first loved me.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

**#337** “Delay Not! Delay Not”

**#316** “O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee”

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## Delay Not! Delay Not



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!  
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,  
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,  
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;  
 5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.  
 For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.  
 Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight  
 The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.  
 The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.  
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
 And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,  
 The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—  
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.  
 Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.  
 To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.  
 What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?  
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

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# O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to thee My heart - felt  
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is

thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly  
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in

be - stowed On me thy bod - y and thy blood.  
my heart— How blest am I! How good thou art!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Bruce Winkler and Richard Cording

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

## HIS 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 – Joy Schaefer  
Ushering – Team 4

**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.

**PASTORAL EMERGENCY --** Pastor Schaefer will be on vacation from October 15-23. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613. Pastor Doug Hartley will be officiating October 18.

### **ADULT BIBLE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL IS RESTARTING, OCTOBER 25**

Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School will run from approximately 10:45 - 11:30 AM. Adult Bible Class will be in the church basement, and Sunday School will be in the school. Social distancing will be practiced, also feel free to wear a mask. Please join us as we take time to delve deeper into God's Word. The adult class will continue with a review of Luther's Catechism. Each class is a stand alone unit, so if you miss a unit, you won't be lost!

### **STEEPLE BELL PROJECT**

The Trustees have decided to complete the purchase of a new digital bell controller system to restore our steeple bells to working order. The total cost of the project is about \$5800; so far we have received about \$1400 in designated gifts. If you would care to support this project with a *special gift*, please designate an amount on your offering envelope. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

## REFORMATION CELEBRATION

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (33333 Warren Road, Westland 48185) invites you to a Reformation Celebration on **Sunday, October 25**. We will begin with Vespers at 5:00 PM, followed by a bratwurst dinner at 5:30 PM. At 6:30 PM, there will be a Luther Lecture to consider a part of the Lutheran Reformation. This year's lecture will be **"What Good Are Good Works?"** based on Luther's *Treatise on Good Works* written 500 years ago (1520).

We hope that all guests of our Reformation celebration will gain a greater appreciation for the confessions and the confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. A free-will offering will be taken to offset meal expenses.

In order to be sure that we will have enough food for all who attend, please RSVP to [welsnovi@aol.com](mailto:welsnovi@aol.com) no later than October 23. Be sure to include how many will be in your party.

NOTE: As current events dictate, we will encourage the wearing of masks and will be practicing social distancing.

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

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