

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*Sunday, June 20, 2021*  
*The Fourth 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.

**Please note: Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has changed. Their guidance for fully vaccinated persons is that masks are not necessary indoors or outdoors. When you attend church (as an individual) you may choose to wear or not wear a mask. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Schaefer (734)658-5735 directly.**

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

(Hymnal page 26)

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

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

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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.**

**BE SEATED**

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

Affirmation of Baptism of Orie Marvin Wels

***The baptismal party gathers at the font.***

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: “All authority in heaven and on

earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The Apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

## **PRAYER**

**M:** Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed

the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would continue look with favor on *Orie* through this water of Baptism, have drowned in *him* all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil *he* may do. Set *him* apart from the unbelieving world and hold *him* safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep *him* always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that *he* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which *Orie* is baptized, the Apostles' Creed.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF PRIVATE BAPTISM**

**M:** In having brought *Orie* to Baptism, you did what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

**M:** *Orie Marvin Wels*, I affirm you were baptized you in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**M:** The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace (+) be with you.

### **EXHORTATION TO PARENTS**

**M:** Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you: Do you sincerely intend to bring up *Orie* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *him* in the truths of God's saving Word so that *he* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *his* baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help *us*.

**R:** Yes, and we ask God to help *us*.

## **EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION**

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that all who are baptized may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us

**C:** Yes, and we ask God to help *us*.

## **PRAYER**

**M:** Let us pray.

**M:** Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on



*Orie* that *he* may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized, so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings.  
Go in peace.

## 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 heaven; 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.

## **EPISTLE 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** (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:** 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”**

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

## 188

## 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**

## **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**

**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.

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### **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)**

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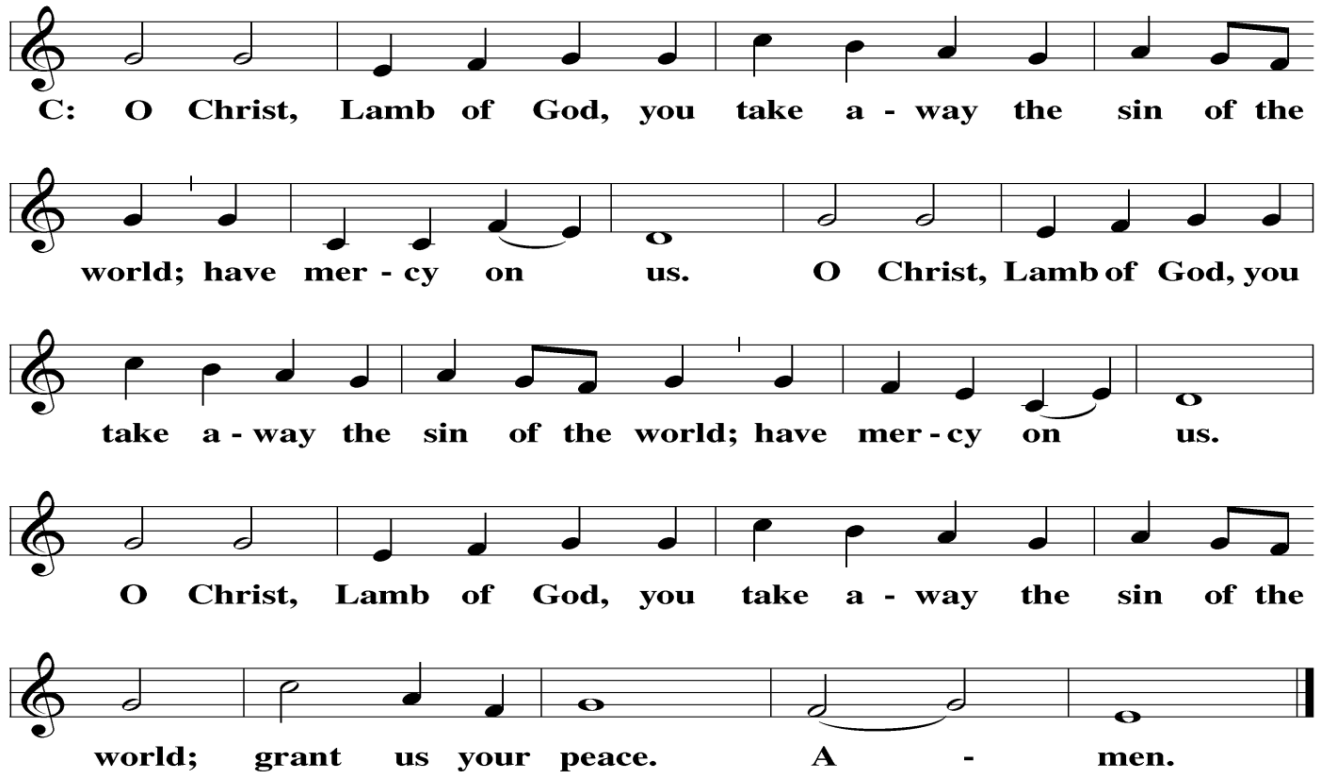
**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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 ANTHEM: "The Seed is the Word of God"

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The seed is the Word of God. That which fell on the good ground are they which in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it and bring forth much fruit with patience.

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**#289** "Preserve Your Word, O Savior" Contributors: William J. Schaefer.

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

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## Preserve Your Word, O Savior



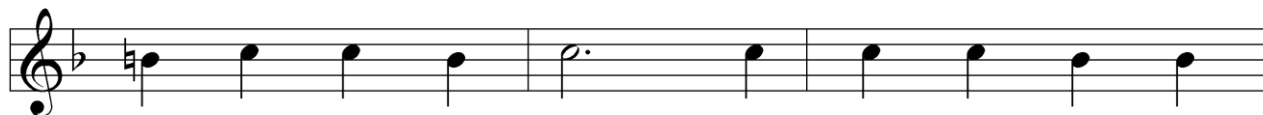
1 Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter  
 2 Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us



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.

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

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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 - 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

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| Today     | - 9:30 AM Divine Service                |
|           | - 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn         |
| Monday    | - 7:00 PM Monday Evening Divine Service |
| Wednesday | - 10:00 AM Online Bible Class           |
| Sunday    | - 9:30 AM Divine Service                |
|           | - 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn         |
| Monday    | - 7:00 PM Monday Evening Divine Service |

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Barb Helmke

Ushering – Sunday: Team 1



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

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