

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, September 12, 2021
The Sixteenth 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 (Page 26)

OPENING HYMN: #520 "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

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520

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave
 3 Oh, be our great de-liv-'rer still, The

strong to heal and save; It tri-umphed o'er dis-
 speech and strength and sight; And youth re-newed and
 Lord of life and death; Re-store and quick-en,

ease and death, All dark-ness and the grave. To
 fren-zy calmed Re-vealed you, Lord of light. And
 soothe and bless, With your life-giv-ing breath. To

you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par-a-
 now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al-might-y
 hands that work and eyes that see Give wis-dom's

lyzed and lame, The lep-ers in their
 as be-fore, In crowd-ed street, by
 heal-ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis-er-y, The sick with fe-vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen-nes-'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise you ev-er-more.

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.

Tune: KINGSFOLD (CM D) English folk tune, 19th century, adapt.

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



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 very evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



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.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of nine lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line of the score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (Bb).

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;



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 146

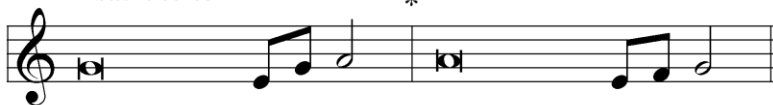
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Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*
in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
the maker of heaven and earth. **Refrain**

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*

He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

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: James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia! (Matthew 4:23)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:31-37

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”



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GOSPEL RESPONSE (sung by the choir):

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He hath done all things well. He maketh both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak. Amen

HYMN OF THE DAY: #235 “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”

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235 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and
 Par - don and peace from him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him As long as
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal When the dark
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, With hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can
 heart its A - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, his ho - ly
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther -
 help af - ford, Trust on - ly Christ, our God and
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 less. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675–1723, abr.; tr. Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866–1949, alt.

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, O MEINE SEELE (10 8 10 8 88 8) *New-vermehrte Christliche Seelenharpf*, Ansbach, 1665, alt.

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED (Page 31)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, we believe; help our unbelief! Sustain us through
the many troubles and trials of this world. When unclean
spirits afflict us and those that we love, revive our trust in
You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious Lord, knowing that those who teach in the
Church will be judged with greater strictness, bless the
teachers of our Synod's schools, colleges and seminaries.
Preserve them faithful to Your Word, that they may not

stumble in what they say. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord and Father, tame our tongues so that they are not a restless evil, full of deadly poison. Turn them by Your Spirit from cursing the people made in Your likeness to instead blessing You, and keep us from stumbling in what we say. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Almighty God, guard the tongues of our governing authorities, that they may not stumble in what they say, but speak wisely, leading in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, You have promised that “all things are possible for one who believes.” In such faith, we bring before You all those in need, asking You to grant them health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, Your Son, who suffered unjustly for our sins and was vindicated in His resurrection, is near to us in His body and blood. Assure us that no one can contend against or declare guilty those who have been reconciled to God in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

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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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

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you 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; 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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The Son of God, Our Christ



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
 2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
 3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
 4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
 5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



Shared hu - man life and toiled through-out the day;
 These ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
 To fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
 May each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
 What - e'er our task, the Lord will be our aid,



From com - mon folk he called his friends to be
 And with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought,
 De - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name
 And in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
 And we will glad - ly give for him our best



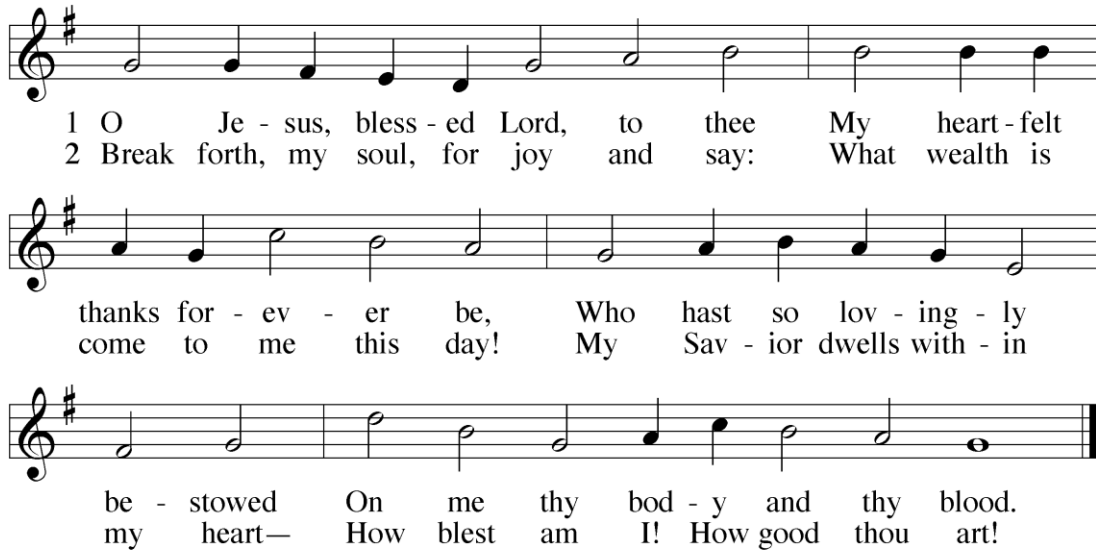
Co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
 The Church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
 And show - ing mer - cy to the sick and lame.
 O - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
 And find each task di - vine - ly sent and blessed.

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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

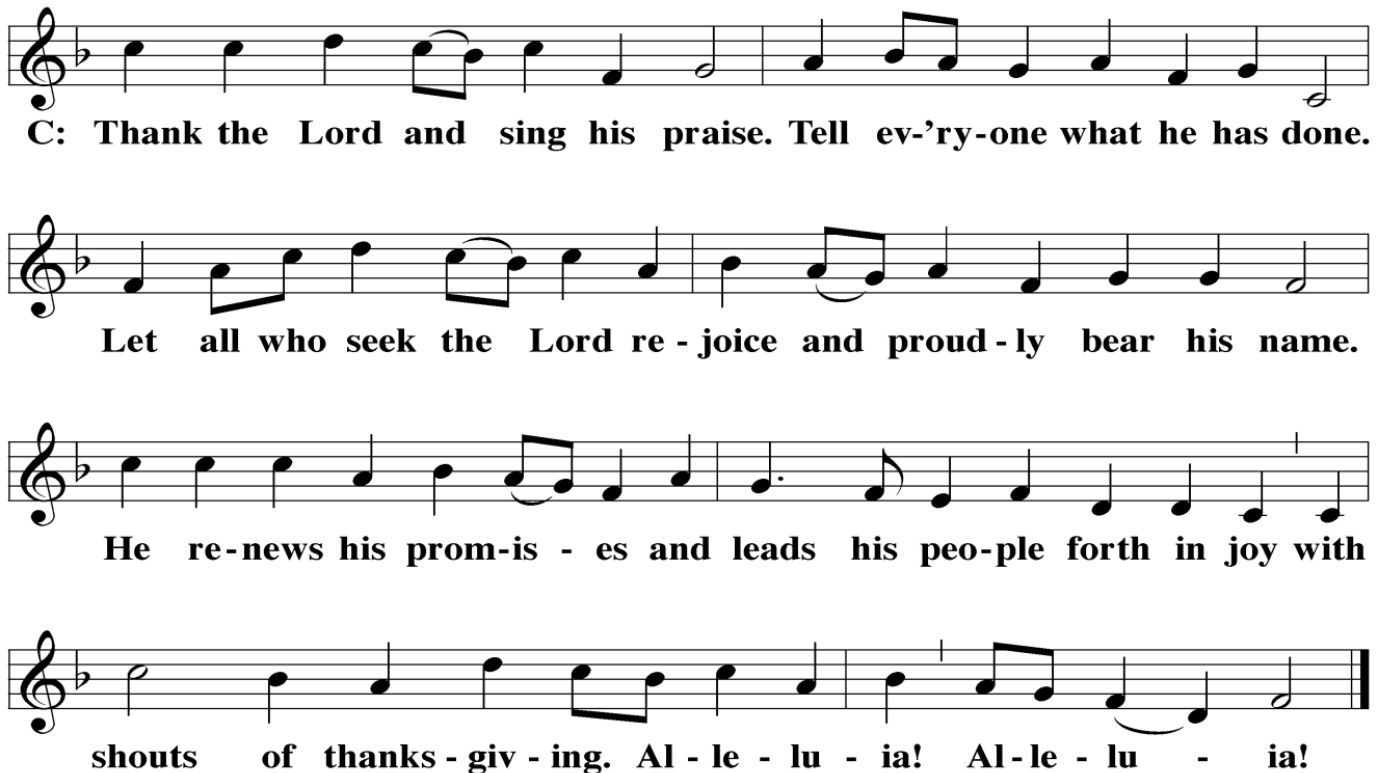
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in

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



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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Organist: Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Wednesday – 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal

Saturday – Noon to 2 PM Church Picnic (see information below)

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

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

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Warren and Arlette Stobbe.

CHURCH PICNIC - Please join us for the church picnic **Saturday, September 18, from Noon to 2pm!** We will have food, fellowship, a bounce house and games for the children. It will be held rain or shine. A Sign Up Genius will be mailed out soon. Any help is appreciated. We hope to see everyone there!

Sunday School/Adult Bible Class: Starts THIS SUNDAY, September 12, following the Divine Service: It will run about 45 minutes from 10:45 - 11:30 AM.

Sunday School is for ages 3 - 5th grade. It will take place in the school classroom and the church basement meeting room--a younger and older class.

Adult Bible Class will be held in the church basement. It is intended for all, Grade 6 through age 105! We will start a study of the Lord's Prayer as explained in the catechism.

Please take this opportunity for deeper study in God's Word for your whole family!!!

Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a guide for my path!

Mite Boxes are due Sunday, September 26. Please give them to Lois Bude (loheotbu@hotmail.com). If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Ladies' Guild. The Alpha Circuit Fall Rally will be held October 16 at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Warren. Joyce Lehman will speak on Thai Village (info@thaivillage.org), an organization to train and employ low-income people while supporting Christian education and outreach.

FREE BOOKS! – The church library is being renovated. There are many books which are no longer needed; these have been placed on tables on the church basement stage. Please take any books and recordings that appeal to you.

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

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