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Sunday, September 11, 2022 Fourteenth 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. 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

HYMN: #TLH 478 "The Saints on Earth and Those Above" (See the next page.)

The Saints on Earth and Those Above



5 Lord Jesus, be our constant Guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid death's cold flood its waves divide
And land us safe in heaven.

- 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 every 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 66:18-24

¹⁸ "For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹ and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²² "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.
²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

²⁴ "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 72

The congregation will sing Hymn 84 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" Text: Isaac Watts



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: TRURO (LM) Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, London, 1789.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:18-24

⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the spirikled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia! (Colossians 3:15a)

STAND

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



BE SEATED **GOSPEL RESPONSE:** "Lord Jesus, Gentle Savior"

(sung by the choir)

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Lord Jesus, gentle Savior, my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend. Oh, take the hand I offer and lead me till the end. Without thee I would falter; without thee I would stray. Oh, take my hand, I pray thee and lead me all the way.

I have no strength, O Savior; be thou my strength, I pray. Alone my footsteps wander; be thou my strength I pray. No friend I have beside thee. To whom, Lord, shall I go? Thou hast the words eternal to guide my steps below.

Thou are my only Savior, my Master and my King. Accept the heart I offer; accept the praise I bring Until I reach the portal of thy blest fold above And join with choirs immortal to sing thy wondrous love. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #431 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

Text: Hans A. Brorson (1694-1764)



6 My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow, When you farewell can gladly say To all your sin and sorrow.
All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.
Tune: DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT (87 87 66 88) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, 4th ed., Halle, 1708.

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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

God of mercy, You provide us with Your Holy Word, that we might know and believe in Christ. Make us diligent to study Your Word and dwell in Your promises, that we are content with Your provision in this life and joyfully look toward the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Holy God, remember the men to whom You have given the noble task of pastor. Strengthen them, that they might be above reproach as they care for their own households as well as Your Church. Preserve them from every snare of the devil, and give them a great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Father in heaven, preserve our homes from idols and sins of idleness. Bless fathers and mothers as they catechize their children, that generations to come might faithfully guard their hearts and rejoice in Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: King of kings and Lord of lords, watch over the authorities of this and every nation. Deliver them from the idols of wealth and power, and grant that they would use their offices in service to You and those You have entrusted to their care. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Almighty God, You afflict in faithfulness and comfort in Your steadfast love. Let Your mercy come to all in need of help, that they might find their consolation in Your promises until You deliver them from their trouble. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our sin, and now You feed us sumptuously with Your Son's body and blood. Grant that all who receive this Holy Supper today would be preserved from hard-heartedness, clothed in Christ's righteousness, and comforted by Your gifts of life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.** M: Heavenly Father, You deliver Your people from the sufferings of this world and comfort them with eternal rest. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to the saints who have gone before us, and preserve us in repentance until we are carried by angels to Abraham's side. Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

M: Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in Your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when You bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: 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. © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted by permission.

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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

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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)

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



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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #540 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" Text: Edward H. Plumpire (1821-1891)



Text: Edward H. Plumtre, 1821–91, abr., alt. Tune: MARION (SM with Refrain) Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916.

THANKSGIVING

STAND THANK THE LORD



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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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn
- Wednesday- NO Online Bible Class
- Thursday 7:00 PM Senior Choir Practice
- Saturday 12:00 PM Church Picnic (see information below)
- Sunday 9:30 AM Divine Service
 - 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Chris Ward; Ushering – Team 1

Altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by Warren and Arlette Stobbe.

The Church Picnic and Preschool open house will be Saturday, September 17 from noon till 2 o'clock. Please join us for an afternoon of socializing and a picnic lunch, **rain or shine.** Festivities will be held in the school gymnasium in case of bad weather. There is a Signup Genius for this event.

Pastor vacation – Pastor Schaefer is on vacation from September 10 through 17. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613. Pastor Emeritus Mark Porinsky is officiating at our Divine Service today. We thank him for his faithful service.

Sunday school will begin **Sunday, October 2nd** after church. Pre-k, kindergarten and 1st grade will meet in the preschool classroom. If you have students who are older than

that and are interested, please call or text Nancy Winkler at 734-718-5501. At the present time, there are no students who have expressed interest in that age group but we would be glad to organize a class for them.

Save the Date! We will celebrate **Becky Lohrmann's 40th year of teaching** on Sunday, September 25. The luncheon will start at 11 am on September 25th. We will be taking a door offering for a gift, or it can be sent to the Church Office. A sign up genius has been sent out for desserts and salads/ sides.

Mite Boxes are due on Sunday Sept 25. Please deposit them in the large Mite Box in the narthex. If you choose to write a check, please make it out to **St Peters Lutheran Ladies Guild**. **LWMS Fall Rally** is Saturday, October 29 at Immanuel, South Lyon. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Save the date!

If you have used copies of our synod's **Meditations: Daily Devotions** at home that you want to donate to the Florida Prison Ministry, please bring them to church. They may be placed on the narthex window sills, or in a box labeled "Old Meditations" which is in the cry room. The Winkler family will take the booklets to Florida when they travel there in January.

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

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