

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, October 30, 2022
The Festival of the Lutheran Reformation

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.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #202 "If God Had Not Been on Our Side"

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If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not
 2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly
 3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, Our foes with all their pow'r and
 have con - sumed us And as a deep and yawn - ing
 not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, For we, his
 pit With life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish
 net; They could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The dev - il's wolves, both far and
 storm would o'er us roll From Sa - tan, who de - sires our
 bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, Who rise in might a - gainst us.
 soul And seeks to o - ver - whelm us.
 he Who made the earth and heav - ens.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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STAND

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

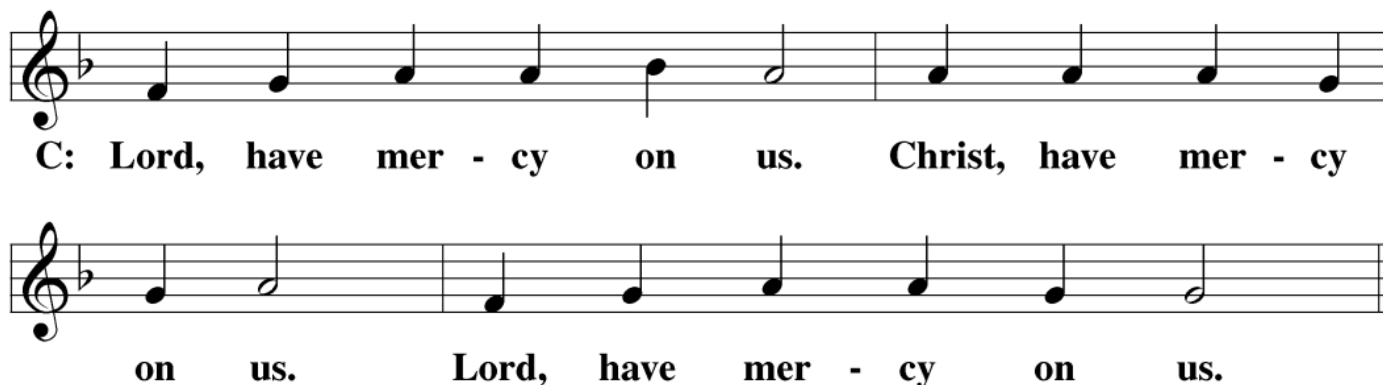


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



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: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 46 – The congregation will sing **Hymn #200** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



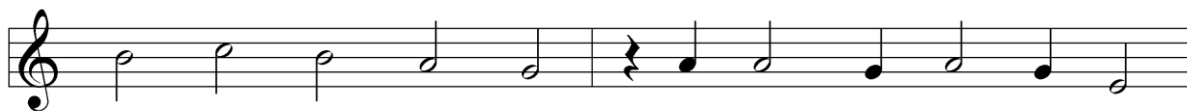
and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia! (John 8:31-32 cf.)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.**

BE SEATED

GOSPEL RESPONSE (sung by the choir): “Lord, Keep Us
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1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth.
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #390 “Salvation unto Us Has Come”

Text: Paul Speratus (1484-1551)

Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace
 2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him
 3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law
 4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die
 5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;
 can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand
 has giv - en That sin - ners can them-selves re - deem
 de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,
 sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
 For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
 And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
 Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
 And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
 lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
 law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by his grace—
 All glory to his merit!
 O Triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed your saving love;
 Your blessed name be hallowed!

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage

of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations.

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.**

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 21)

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as King to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*)

Musical notation for the "O Christ, Lamb of God" section. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the staves, with line breaks corresponding to the musical phrases. The lyrics are: "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." The word "men." is written at the end of the fifth staff, with a hyphen between "A" and "men.".

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#204 "O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word"

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O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word



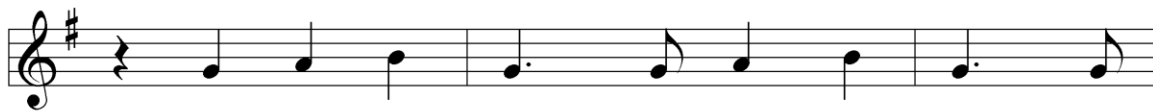
1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a
 2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your
 3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free
 4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no



hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It
 gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of
 grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will
 dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My



was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.
 Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.
 grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.
 high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And
 In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not
 And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your
 My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -



glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And
 in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And
 Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must
 fill your prom - ise ev - er, And mer - cy give While



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny you.
 heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.
 come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!
 here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

Text: *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzten Horn*, Erfurt, 1527, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

Tune: O HERRE GOTT, DEIN GÖTTLICH WORT (447 447 D Iambic) *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzten Horn*, Erfurt, 1527.

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: 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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Communion Assistant: Ron Bude

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Education/Stewardship, Trustees
- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir Practice
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Nancy Winkler; Ushering – Team 4

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

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Upcoming Activities for Huron Valley Lutheran High School

Nov 20 - Fall Band Concert (3pm)

Nov 29 - Giving Tuesday

Dec 03 - Craft & Vendor Show

Dec 04 - Conference of Congregations Special Meeting (2pm)

Exciting News!

HVL recently completed a feasibility study for adding a middle school (grades 6-8), onto our campus with the goal of opening in August of 2023. At our last conference of congregations meeting, the delegates voted to move forward with planning to make this goal a reality. We are currently putting together plans for all the details as to what a middle school on our campus will look like: curriculum and programs, co-curriculars and activities, budget and tuition, facilities improvements, schedules, timeline, marketing and recruitment, naming and branding, constitution revision, harvest strategies, impact to our association congregations and schools and more. We will have a special conference of congregations meeting on Sunday, December 4, at 2pm in the HVL chapel to share information and updates on all the above areas as well as to request calling for a middle school teacher. If you would be interested in helping us with any of the planning regarding any component listed above, or if you have questions about the middle school plans in general, please reach out to Matt Foley at mfoley@hvlhs.org.

HVL Wreath & Poinsettia Sale

The HVL boosters will once again be sponsoring a wreath & poinsettia sale. All orders will be delivered to HVL at the beginning of December. Boosters will receive approximately \$10 from every purchase. To purchase or for more information, go to our website at www.hvlhs.org.