

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



*Sunday, July 20, 2025*  
*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**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)**

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**Hymn #221 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"** Text: Tobias Clausnitzer

# 221

## Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night  
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,  
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
 Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
 peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–84, st. 1–3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1–3, alt.; unknown, st. 4, alt.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

### 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

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**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.

**O LORD, OUR LORD** (*Song of Praise*) Tune: ©1993 Kurt Eggert and Kermit G. Moldenhauer, Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted and podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #A722670. All rights reserved.

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.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:** Genesis 18:1-14

**18** And the LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after

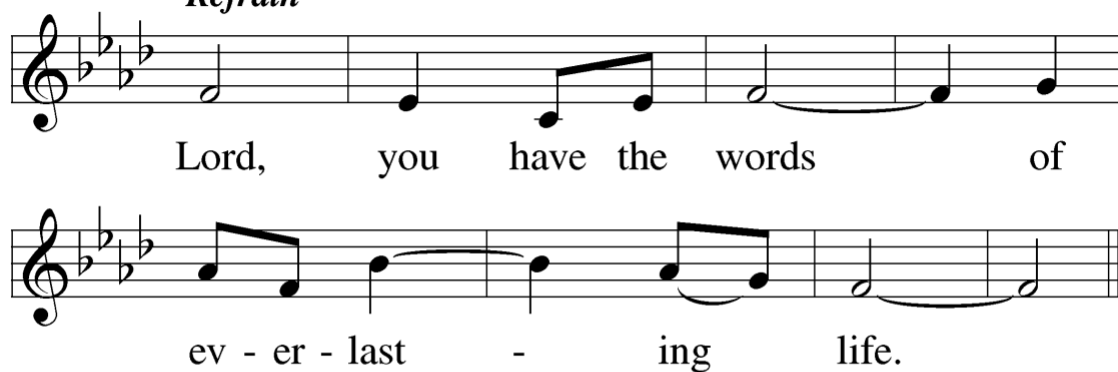
that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.”<sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.”<sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly.<sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.”<sup>10</sup> The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.<sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.<sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?”<sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’<sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119b**

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*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;\*

then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law\*

and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,\*

for there I find delight. **Refrain**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;\*

preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,\*

so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!\*

Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**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:** Colossians 1:1-14

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

**2** To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

**3** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, **5** because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing — as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, **7** just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf **8** and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

**9** And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10** so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. **11** May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with

joy, <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (Cantor) Isaiah 55:11b

Alleluia! My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia!

**STAND**

## **GOSPEL:** Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup> but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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**BE SEATED**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: #290 “One Thing’s Needful”



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly  
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal  
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, can be



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,  
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,  
 found in you. Let me find in you my plea - sure;



Is a yoke that press - es hard. Be - neath it the  
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined. How kin - dled her  
 Make my will and ac - tions true, Hu - mil - i - ty



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing  
 heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the  
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is  
 les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing; All earth - ly con -  
 wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from



need - ful; all oth - ers are vain— I count  
 cerns she for - got for her Lord And found  
 Je - sus this knowl - edge di - vine, The bless -



all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.  
 her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.  
 ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

## 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 – PENTECOST 6**

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

Everlasting God, You have made known the mystery long hidden and revealed the glory of the Gospel of Christ in us. Bring us and all the saints through the changes and chances of this mortal life, that we may be presented by Christ to You, as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, You made Paul a minister of Your Word. Abide with all pastors and those studying to be pastors, with all deacons and deaconesses, with missionaries and translators, and with teachers and all who work to bring Your Word to Your people, that their

labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Gracious Lord, Your Son endured the cross for our sakes and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Be with all your people. Fix their eyes on Jesus and strengthen them with hope and confidence to endure all trials and challenges as His disciples. Bless those who work and serve them.

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Almighty God, we live in a land of great abundance, and we carry great responsibility for the good things of this nation. Bless all who make, judge and administer our laws, and guide our leaders to know Your ways and to follow them for the good of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Compassionate Father, in Your mercy You behold all people in their needs, and by Your grace You supply all that we need for this body and life and for everlasting life. Hear us on behalf of the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, and those we name in our hearts. Help them all to rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ, and give healing and grace according to Your will until You deliver Your people to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** O Lord, one thing is necessary. Out of great mercy,  
You set that good portion before us in the blessed  
Sacrament. Help us to treasure this precious gift above  
all earthly things, and grant that it may never be taken  
away from us. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Merciful God, You have forgiven our sins and  
delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all  
good things needful to this body and life, and keep from  
us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You  
are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit  
is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.  
**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.**

**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**

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**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:

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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.

The musical score is written on six staves in C major. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C:'. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter rest at the beginning. The third staff also begins with a quarter rest. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff continues the melody. The sixth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

## 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.



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## DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM:** Cantor “These Alone are Enough”

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Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams. Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.

**Refrain:** Give me nothing more than your love and grace. These alone, O God, are enough for me.

Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory. Take my tears, my joys, my liberty. **Refrain**

I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold. I return to you your gifts untold. **Refrain**

When the darkness falls on my final days, take the very breath that sang your praise. **Refrain**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #333 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Text: Josua Stagmann (1588-1632)



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us  
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,  
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not  
with your Word And thus now and here -  
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and  
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and  
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan

harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
 af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
 keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
 wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.  
 fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
 Among us with your love;  
 Grant steadfastness and help us  
 To reach our home above.

**STAND**

## THANKSGIVING

### THANK THE LORD Text, Tune: Richard Hillert, *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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**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.



### OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion: Ron Bude; Organ: Jan Jacobi; Cantor: Lois Bude

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

-10:45 AM Stewardship Presentation

Monday-Thursday Pastor Schaefer and Ron Bude are delegates to  
WELS Synod Convention.

***Please Note: Monday Divine Service and all scheduled classes  
are cancelled this week***

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

-10:45 AM Call Meeting for Associate Pastor

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

**Serving July 27: Altar Guild** – Gretchen Castellese; **Ushers – #4 Lemonade on the Lawn:** Signup in narthex to provide treats.

**Vacation Bible School Thank You** – Thank you to all who helped in any way with VBS this year! We had our largest group of students in many years. We couldn't have done it without so many of you volunteering to help!

Thank you to our St. Peter's family for the love and support shown to us at Don Lohrmann's passing. Your cards, calls, messages and visits have meant so much to the family. Thank you to all who provided for the funeral meal and to all who helped in any way with the meal and the service. You are so greatly appreciated! – ***the Don Lohrmann family***

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

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