

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Sunday, February 12, 2017
The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #462 “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of

the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119a – The soloists sing “Blessed are the undefiled.” (Public Domain: Healey Willan)

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies and that seek him with the whole heart.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloists)

Alleluia! Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia!

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already

committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹ “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.



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: – “Your Statutes Are My
Heritage” (©1987 Concordia Publishing House, all rights reserved)

Refrain: Your statutes are my heritage forever;
They are the joy of my heart.

Your word, O Lord, is eternal;
It stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues through all generations.
You established the earth, and it endures.
Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. (Refrain)

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my
affliction.
I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have renewed my life.
(Refrain)

Glory to the Father and glory to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.
(Refrain)

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #283 “Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening”

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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON (Page 124)

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the

sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

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.



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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.



C: A - men.

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.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#475 “The Man is Ever Blest”

#287 “The Law of God is Good and Wise”

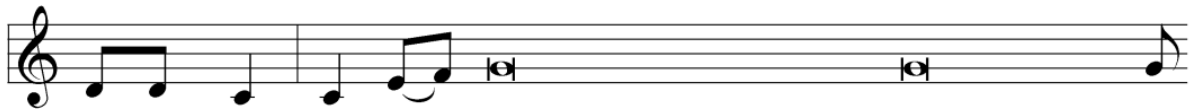
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

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-

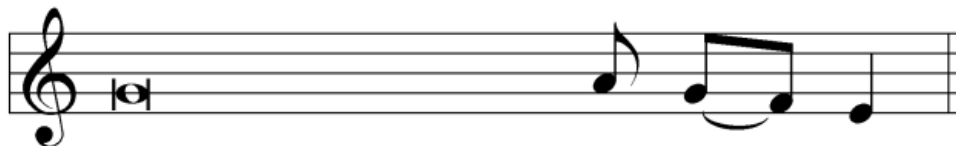


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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 Assistants: Jim Cutler and Dan Lanning

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloists: Lois Bude and Joan Kalish

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 6:00 PM Luther Lecture Series at Good Shepherd,
Novi: "Life in a Monastery"
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM Bible Class
- Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Saturday - 9:00 AM Youth Catechism
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
-11:30-12:10 CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE
(Re: calling 2nd pastor)
-12:10-1:00 PM POTLUCK AND FELLOWSHIP
(Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share,
chicken provided by the Board of Stewardship)
-1:00 PM PRESIDENT SEIFERT (MICHIGAN
DISTRICT PRESIDENT) RE: Questions about the
calling process.
-2:00 PM Huron Valley Lutheran High School
Conference of Congregations (See below for details.)
7:00 PM Lutherfest meeting at HVL

Serving next week: Altar Guild –Barb Helmke; Ushering – Team 3

ADULT BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS STARTING SOON--Invitations are being prepared for the start of a new Adult Bible Information Class. As you may be aware this class prepares for membership at St. Peter's, but does not obligate a person to join. We simply want to share with people God's Word. The day of week and date of starting for class will be determined by the schedules of interested persons (most likely mid-February). If you know of any friends, relatives, associates, or neighbors who might like an invitation, please get their contact information to me as soon as possible.

If someone you know is hesitant about this class, perhaps you could alleviate their fears by attending the class with them. It is good

"refresher" course for members as well! May we all follow the example of Philip addressing skeptical Nathanael with the response, "Come and see!"

CONTACT INFORMATION

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MEETING SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 22, 7 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL ARE NEEDED!!!!

Pastor Schaefer with the support of the Board of Education and Stewardship is beginning a new initiative with the working title of

Plymouth Interaction Committee

The intent of this group is to explore appropriate ways to enable St. Peter's Congregation and Preschool to become more involved in our community. We desire to increase our visibility in our community and to coordinate events involving our congregation with our neighbors (e.g. downtown festivals, parade, advertising, trunk and treat, etc—let's be creative!). All members of the congregation are welcome to participate in this activity. The liaison for the Board of Education and Stewardship is Rick Carr.

We urge everyone to consider how they can serve by helping with ideas, information gathering, or putting together a task group to interact on an event. A date for our first meeting will be announced soon. Please contact Pastor Schaefer directly at peschaef5@gmail.com or text/call him at (734) 568-5735 if you would like more information or would like to be involved in any way.

Today's Christian Women's Retreat registration has begun. Registration materials are available at church and also online at www.tcwr.org. The retreat will be held April 1 and 2 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Bay City Riverfront, Bay City, MI. Optional activities start on Friday, March 31. The theme for this year's retreat is "The Gift of God is Eternal Life Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord,"

(Romans 6:23). Our main presenter will be Pres. Paul Wendland, president of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon WI. The password for the online registration is the word **retreat**.

Lenten Meals: There is a signup sheet in the narthex, posted by the Board of Stewardship and Education, for groups to provide Lenten meals in 2017. Please consider sponsoring one of these dinners.

There will be a meeting of the **Huron Valley Lutheran High School Conference of Congregations** on Sunday, February 19, beginning at 2:00 PM. HVL delegates, pastors and male teachers are encouraged to attend. The main item of business will be the presentation of the 2017-2018 preliminary budget. Delegates who are not able to attend are asked to inform the HVL office by calling 734.525.0160 or by emailing us at mail@HVLHS.org.

LUTHERFEST 500 MEETING

Progress is being made toward our **Lutherfest 500** celebration. **We will be meeting again on Sunday, February 19 at 7:00 PM at HVL** to continue our preparations. We are looking for people to help in the following areas. The most pressing concerns involve the Logistics & Facilities Committee, though all committees will report on progress and plan their next steps.

PUBLICITY & EVANGELISM – Web site design and upkeep; Advertising via Facebook and other media; Outreach to other WELS churches and the community at large.

FOOD & BEVERAGE – Catering concerns: Food items, beverages, other meal needs, costs.

ENTERTAINMENT & DECORATION – Decorations for school and tent; Music; Games and rides; Reformation Walk.

LOGISTICS & FACILITIES – Fair grounds layout; Parking issues; Tent rental; Equipment (tables, chairs, space heaters, port-a-potties, etc.) rental.

While we will need people attending these monthly meetings to report, plan, and prioritize, we will also need people who are willing to make phone calls and gather information for us. If you are willing to do this, please contact Pastor Schroeder at welsnovi@aol.com. He will give details on what calls need to be made and what information we need to

gather. For any other questions, you may also contact Pastor Schroeder.

LUTHER LECTURE SERIES 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation. Like him or hate him, Martin Luther has left an imprint on the Christian Church. What moved Luther to do what he did? Why do his life and confession still matter today? Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (41415 W. Nine Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375) will be hosting a series of discussions about Luther throughout 2017.

Our next session in this monthly series will be **Sunday, February 12 at 6:00 PM**. These sessions are designed to be interactive discussions as well as informational. The topic will be “Life in a Monastery.” Desserts will be served, and door prizes will be given. All are welcome.

For more information, you can contact Good Shepherd at welsnovi@aol.com or at [\(248\) 349-0565](tel:2483490565).

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

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