

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Founded 1856*  
*1343 Penniman Avenue*  
*Plymouth, MI 48170*  
*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*



*Sunday, February 19, 2017*  
*The Seventh 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: #490** "Love in Christ is Strong and Living"

#### **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.

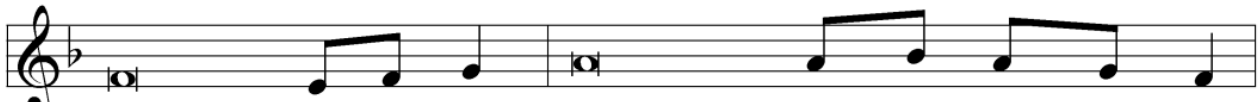
**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



**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 worship you, we glorify you,**



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



**God the Father 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**



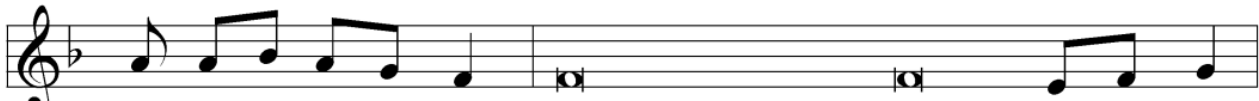
**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**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 Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; 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.

**BE SEATED**

## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON: Leviticus 19:1,2,17,18**

**19** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 103

### *Refrain*



I will hear what the Lord pro-claims: peace to his peo - ple.

### *Psalm tone*



Praise the LORD, O my soul;\*  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

He forgives all your sins\*  
and heals all your diseases;

he redeems your life from the grave\*  
and crowns you with love and compassion.

### ***Refrain***

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,\*  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

He does not treat us as our sins deserve\*  
or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,\*  
so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,\*  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

### ***Refrain***

As a father has compassion on his children,\*  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,\*  
he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;\*  
the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the LORD'S love is with those who fear him\*  
from everlasting to everlasting.

**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***

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## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 3:10,11,16-23**

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple,

God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup> So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the choir)

Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.  
Alleluia. (Luke 6:36)

**STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



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

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:38-48



<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup> But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup> And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. <sup>41</sup> And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



**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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #492 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

**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**

**OFFERING MUSIC** (Handbells) “Beautiful Savior”

*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:**

**#479** “Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me”

**#499** “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

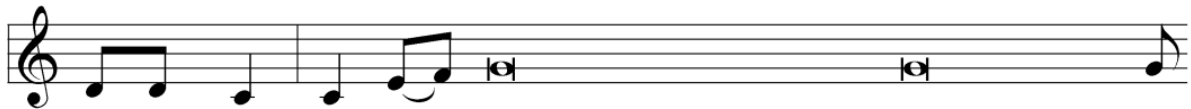
## **THANKSGIVING** (page 24)

**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-

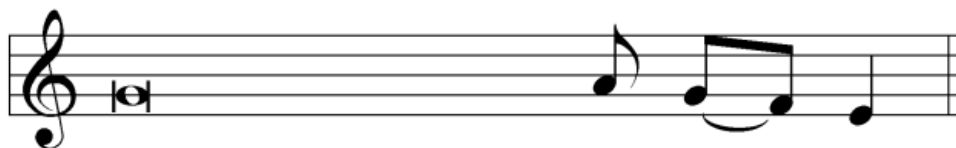


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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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### **OFFICIANTS:**

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Mark Castellese and Jim Cutler

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Handbell Choir

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today
- 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
- Mon.-Tues. Pastor-Teacher Conference at St. Stephen, Adrian
- Wednesday
- 9:00 AM Bible Class
  - 7:00 PM Plymouth Interaction Committee meeting
- Thursday
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
  - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday
- 9:30 AM Divine Service
  - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Sunday: Lois Bude;

Ash Wednesday: Doris Tomlin

Ushering – Sunday: Team 4; Ash Wednesday: Team 1

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Schaefer's birthday (February 17).

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

Pastor Schaefer

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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](mailto: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.

**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** today, 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](mailto:mail@HVLHS.org).

### **LUTHERFEST 500 MEETING**

Progress is being made toward our **Lutherfest 500** celebration. **We will be meeting again today, 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](mailto: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.

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

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