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Sunday, November 12, 2017 The Second Sunday of End Times - Last Judgment

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: #207 "The Day is Surely Drawing Near"

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

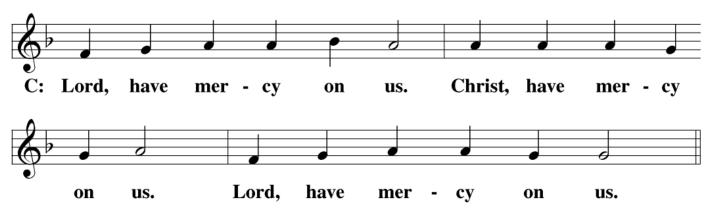


CONFESSION OF SINS

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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7: 9-10

⁹ "As I looked,

thrones were placed,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames;
its wheels were burning fire.

10 A stream of fire issued
and came out from before him;
a thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him;
the court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 90 – The congregation will sing Hymn #441 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at

night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia. (Matthew 24:42)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 44 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 55 For I was hungry and you gave me

food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



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.

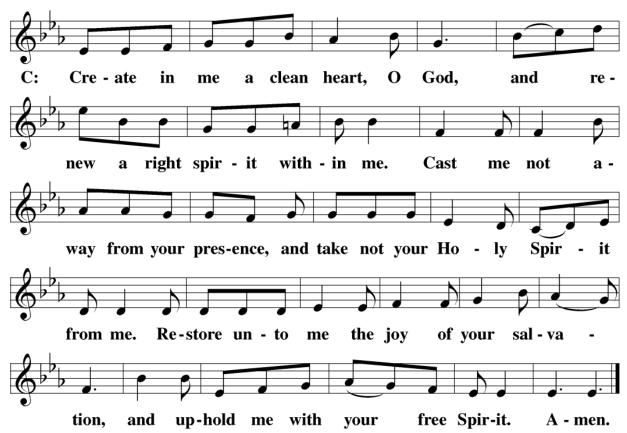
BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #209 "Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning"

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



OFFERING

OFFERING ANTHEM: "Be Patient, God's People"

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(Refrain) Be patient, God's people, the day of the Lord is near.

See how the farmer awaits his crop, the precious yield of the soil.

He waits patiently, while the soil receives the winter and the spring rains. (Refrain)

Steady your hearts, for the Lord is near. Those who endure shall be blessed.

We who call God's name know the mercy and compassion of the Lord. (Refrain)

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF END TIME: LAST JUDGMENT

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let your ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption.

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son's return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose

names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us.

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 (Page 21)

PREFACE

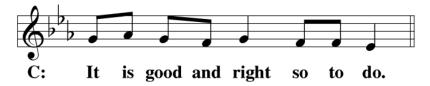
M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

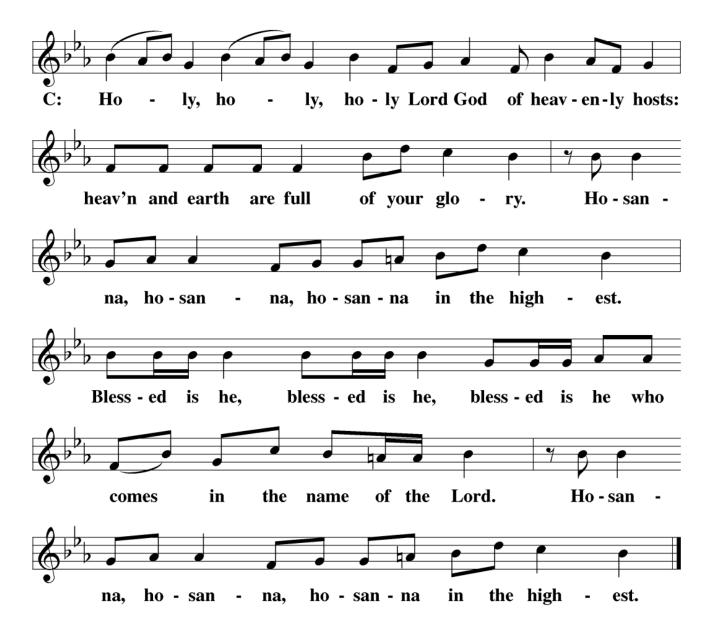


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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)



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)



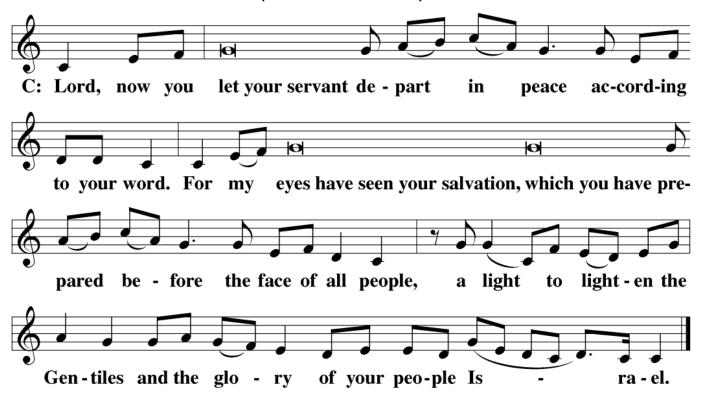
DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#524 "O Fount of God, for All Your Love" **#220** "O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"

THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (Nunc dimittis)



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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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Wednesday – 9:00 AM Bible Class

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

- 6:00 PM Luther Lecture Series at Good Shepherd, Novi

Serving next week: Altar Guild - Wendi LeManna; Ushering - Team 1

ATTENTION INSTRUMENTALISTS The WELS Band of Southeast Michigan is beginning its ninth season. Instrumentalists from eighth grade through adult are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 at HVL High School, **beginning November 12.** We will be rehearsing music for the Christmas Concert on December 17. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Steve Grosinske (sgrosinske@hvlhs.org).

CALL MEETING REPORT: St. Peter's congregation through its Voters' Assembly called the Reverend David J. Meyer to be our associate pastor. Pastor Meyer currently is serving Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in South Attleboro, Massachusetts. He is married to Anna and the Lord has blessed them with three children. Please keep Pastor Meyer in your prayers as he considers where the Lord of the Church would have him continue serving.

ADULT BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS--Pastor Schaefer will be starting a new Bible Information Class. This special course on Christian beliefs begins on December 4. It prepares for membership at St. Peter's, but is also valuable as a 'refresher' course for members. If you know of anyone who would possibly be interested, please let Pastor Schaefer know so that an invitation can be made. Need more information? Contact Pastor Schaefer (by phone or text) at 734-658-5735.

November is our LWMS Befriend a Mission Month. Our World Mission assignment is Stephanie Ivan, a teacher in Peridot, AZ. Our Home Missions pastors are Rev. Timothy Spiegelberg in Firestone, CO and Rev. Nathaniel Walther in Minot, ND. Please check out the display in the narthex. There are cards to sign and a collection plate to make a free will offering to our missionaries. We hope to send them gift cards.

The Luther Lecture Series at Good Shepherd, Novi, has been extended for three months. This month's meeting was originally scheduled for today, November 12; it has been moved to next Sunday, November 19, because of a scheduling conflict.

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

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