

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, November 19, 2017

The Third Sunday of End Times - Saints Triumphant

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: #551 "For All the Saints"

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.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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: Isaiah 52:1-6

52 Awake, awake,
put on your strength, O Zion;
put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for there shall no more come into you
the uncircumcised and the unclean.
² Shake yourself from the dust and arise;
be seated, O Jerusalem;
loose the bonds from your neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.

³ For thus says the LORD: “You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money.” ⁴ For thus says the Lord GOD: “My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them for nothing. ⁵ Now therefore what have I here,” declares the LORD, “seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Their rulers wail,” declares the LORD, “and continually all the day my name is despised. ⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 84 – The choir will sing “How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place” ©2001 Concordia Publishing House, all rights reserved.

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be.
My very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest.
How happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest,
And happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.

They who go through the desert vale will find it filled with springs,
And they shall climb from height to height till Zion's temple rings
With praise to thee, in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.

One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent away;
How happy they who keep thy laws nor from thy precepts stray,
For thou shalt surely bless all those who live the words they pray.

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be.
My very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia! (Revelation 7:15a)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:1-13

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



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: #206 “Wake, Awake, for Night is
Flying”**

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 SAINTS TRIUMPHANT SUNDAY**

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

RESPONSIVE READING: SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

On the Saints Triumphant Sunday, we commemorate with the Word of God the members and friends of St. Peter's who died with the sign of faith since the Last Saints Triumphant Sunday.

M: I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.
(John 11:25-26)

M: Be faithful, even to the point of death.

C: And I will give you the crown of life. (*Revelation 2:10*)

Irene Peters (101)

June 15, 2017

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.



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 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.



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 AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#213 “Forever with the Lord”

#7 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

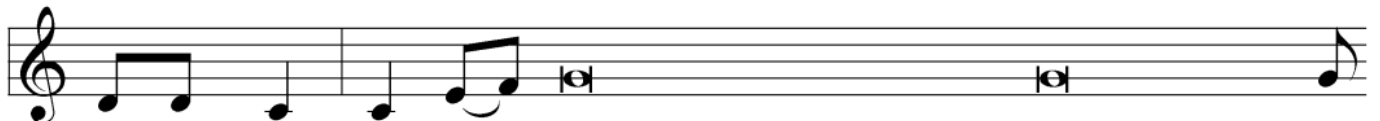
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

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-

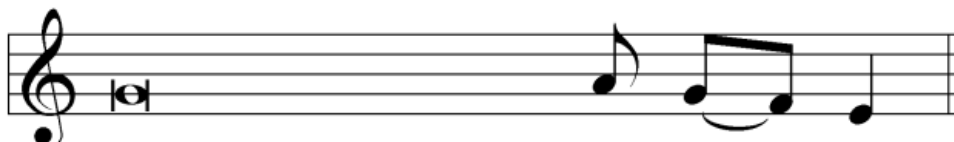


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Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Larry Roller and Scott Beckerman

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| 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 |
| Wednesday | - NO Bible Class
- 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service |
| Wednesday through Friday | - No preschool (Thanksgiving vacation) |
| Saturday | - 9:00 AM Church Decorating |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Lois Lanning;

Ushering – Thanksgiving Eve: Team 2; November 26: Team 3

HELP NEEDED: This Saturday, November 25, 9:00 AM we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. Everyone is invited and encouraged to help make this project happen. If possible, please help beautify the Lord's house as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior!

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.

Greetings to grades 7-8 families! Huron Valley Lutheran High School (33740 Cowan Rd., Westland) would like to invite grades 7-8 students and their families to learn about our high school through the various events listed below. In addition, our online registration process and tuition assistance link is open for students entering grade 9 and you may enroll your child by visiting HVLHS.org and under the "Admissions" tab, select "[Apply Now](#)." **Open House Presentations** for parents of students in grades 7-8 will be held Tuesday, November 28 and Tuesday, January 23 from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the chapel. A 45 minute presentation will explain new programs including 1:1 computing, free college dual enrollment, ACT/SAT Prep Courses, AP classes, online electives, and more. Information will also be shared about the enrollment process and tuition assistance. **A Registration Night** for grade 8 families will take place in the Music Room on Friday, February 23, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. This night is for those who may have questions regarding the online enrollment process, course choices, or tuition assistance. It is not necessary to attend if you have already enrolled online. **An early registration fee discount** is available to those who enroll online by April 1, 2018. **A Spring Fling Dance** for students in grades 7-8 will be held March 16, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. We hope to see you at these events! For further information, call 734-525-0160.

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

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