

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



*Sunday, November 5, 2017*  
*The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation*

## **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: #203** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" ©Concordia Publishing House, all rights reserved.

*Please sing the hymn text as indicated.*

**Choir:** Psalm 119:5-6

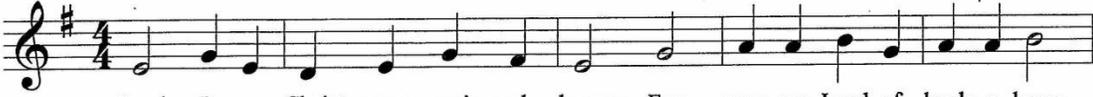
Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!  
Then I shall not be put to shame. Lord, keep us steadfast in  
your Word.

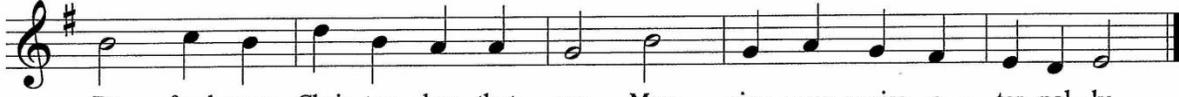
**All:**   
Lord, keep us stead-fast in your Word; Curb those who by de -

  
ceit or sword Would seek to o-ver-throw your Son And to de-stroy what he has done.

**Choir:** John 8:31

And Jesus said, "If you abide in my Word, you are truly my  
disciples. Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

**All:**   
Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are Lord of lords a-lone;

  
De - fend your Chris-ten - dom that we May sing your praise e - ter-nal - ly.

## Choir: Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body, there is one Spirit, there is one hope for which we live: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all. Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

**All:**   
O Com-fort - er of price-less worth, Send peace and u - ni - ty on earth.



Sup - port us in our fi - nal strife And lead us out of death to life.

**Choir:** Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word.

**STAND**

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



**C:** A - men.

## 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, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere, to the glory of your holy name; 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:** Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

<sup>10</sup> When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup> Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. <sup>12</sup> Then they came near and said before the king,

concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” <sup>17</sup> And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

<sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup> Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup> As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” <sup>21</sup> Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” <sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

**PSALM 46:** The choir and congregation will sing as shown.

# God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Psalm 46, paraphrased JAB

John A. Behnke (ASCAP)

**Choir: Antiphon**

God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

**Choir and congregation:**

**Antiphon**

God is our re - fuge and our strength, our  
on - ly help in trou - ble.

**Choir:** We will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells. **Antiphon**

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
He lifts His voice, the earth melts.  
The Lord Almighty is with us,  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

He makes wars cease  
He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire.  
Be still, be still, be still and know that I am God.  
The Lord Almighty is with us,  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

God is our refuge and our strength,  
our only help in trouble.

## **SECOND LESSON: Galatians 5:1-6**

5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

<sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

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

Alleluia! If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia! (John 8:31-32 cf.)

#### **STAND**

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



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

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:16-23**

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

<sup>17</sup> Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.

<sup>20</sup> For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.



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: "In Christ Alone"** ©2002 Thankyou Music, all rights reserved.

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

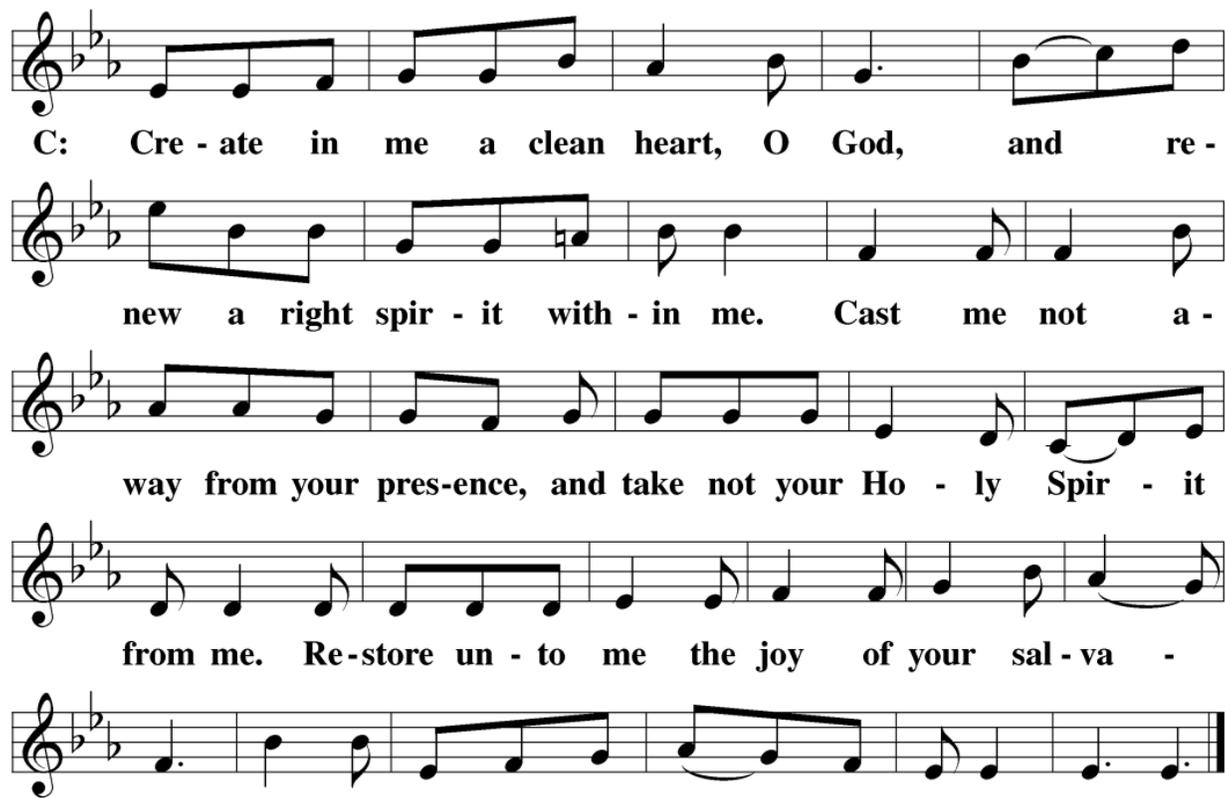
On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #200** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**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 (Handbell Choir) "How Firm a Foundation"

## STAND

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

**M:** Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For

our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

**C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

**M:** When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

**C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

**M:** When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

**C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

**M:** When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

**C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

**M:** Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

**C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

**M:** May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

**C: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

**M:** Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

**C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**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.



**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 in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. 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:

**#204** “O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word”

**#202** “If God Had Not Been On Our Side”

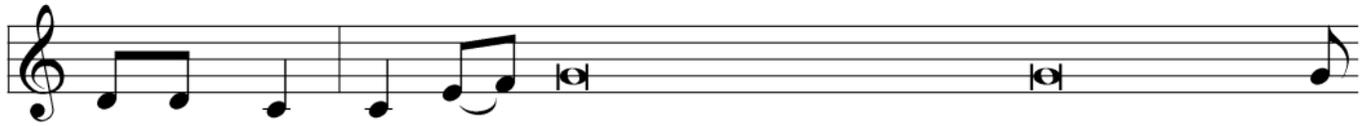
# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

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-

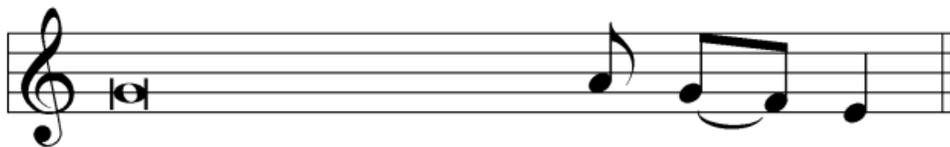


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



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.



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: Ron Bude and Larry Roller

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choirs: Senior Choir, Handbell Choir

#### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service: 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation  
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
- 4:00 PM Michigan District Reformation Service (see bulletin insert)
- Tuesday -7:00 PM Board Meetings: Education/Stewardship and Trustees  
- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- 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

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Barb Helmke  
Ushering – Team 4

**Altar flowers** were donated to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son, Logan, by the Richard Cording family.

**Thanks to all** who participated in the October 28 Lutherfest 500 celebration and in the October 29 area Reformation service. Many attended both events.

**A Joint Reformation Service hosted by all Michigan Congregations** of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod will be held today, November 5 at 4:00 PM at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw. Highlights include participation by the choirs of all three WELS high school in Michigan; a mass choir and children's choir; numerous instrumentalists; worship with hundreds of fellow WELS members.

**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](mailto: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.

**Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Food Drive**--please leave donated items in the church basement by November 5 for pickup by a Lola Park Lutheran Church representative. See the bulletin insert.

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

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