

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Founded 1856

1343 Penniman Avenue

Plymouth, ME 48170

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Sunday, October 15, 2017

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Hymnal page 26)

OPENING HYMN: #342 "Amid the World's Bleak
Wilderness"

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

Baptism of
Quinn Alexander Ziolkowski
Son of David and Lauren Ziolkowski

REMAIN SEATED

The baptismal party gathers at the font.

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

C: Amen.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ’s almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The Apostle Peter declares, “Baptism now saves you.” Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

M: In bringing *this child* to Baptism, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on each of those present for Baptism, saying:

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on *Quinn* through this water of Baptism, drown in *him* all sin inherited from Adam and any other evil *he* may do. Set *him* apart from the unbelieving world and hold *him* safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep *him* always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that *he* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which *this child* will be baptized, the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life (+) everlasting. Amen.**

The minister says to the parents or guardians of each infant or young child presented for baptism:

M: Do you desire to have your child baptized into this
Christian faith?

R: Yes.

The minister applies water to the one being baptized as he says:

M: *Quinn Alexander Ziolkowski*, I baptize you in the name of
the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The minister, laying his hand on the one baptized, says:

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace (+) be with you.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS

M: Dear parents, our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting Baptism, not only commanded that children should be baptized, but that they should be taught to obey everything he has commanded us. I therefore ask you: Do you sincerely intend to bring up *Quinn* in the way of the Lord and to instruct *him* in the truths of God's saving Word so that *he* may grow in faith, serve God with a Christian life, and remain in *his* baptismal grace unto the end? If so, answer: Yes, and we ask God to help *us*.

R: Yes, and we ask God to help *us*.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that all who are baptized may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us

C: Yes, and we ask God to help *us*.

BAPTISMAL GARMENT

M: This white garment shows that Christ has taken away your sin and put on you his perfect robe of righteousness.

BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A baptismal candle may be lit from the paschal or altar candle and be given to the baptized (or to the parent or sponsor of a child) by the minister who says:

M: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Receive this burning light. Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for his coming, that you may meet him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which shall have no end.

Light this candle again and again in years to come on anniversaries of this day, and recall what God has done for *Quinn* through the gift of his Son and through Baptism which unites *him* with Jesus in his death to sin and resurrection to new life.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

M: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on *Quinn* that *he* may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized, so that all may finally

come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister dismisses the baptismal party, saying:

M: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings.

Go in peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

18 The word of the LORD came to me: ² “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge’? ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰ “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and

turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 25 – The choir will sing “All the Day Long”

©1996 Concordia Publishing House, all rights reserved. OneLicense.net Licenses A-722670 and R-101103.

(Refrain) Show me your ways; teach me your paths.
Guide me in truth; instruct my heart.
You are my God and Savior strong; for you my soul waits all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your lovingkindness and tender mercies, for they are ever of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.
According to your mercy, Lord, remember me. (Refrain)

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1-11

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be

grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

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

Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:28-32

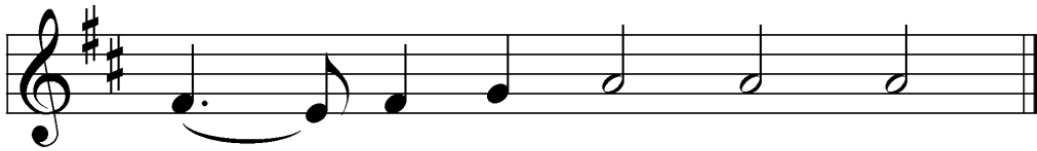
²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same.

And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.

³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

GOSPEL RESPONSE: *“Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day”* (Public Domain – Joseph H. Greener)

Savior, teach me, day by day, love’s sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be, loving him who first loved me.
With a childlike heart of love, at thy bidding may I move:
Prompt to serve and follow thee, loving him who first loved me.

Teach me all thy steps to trace, strong to follow, in thy grace.
Learning how to love from thee, loving him who first loved me.

Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all her joy.
Ever new that joy will be, loving him who first loved me.

Thus may I rejoice to show that I feel the love I owe.
Singing, till thy face I see, of his love, who first loved me.
Savior, teach me day by day, love’s sweet lesson to obey.
Sweeter lesson cannot be: loving him who first loved me.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #306 “Before You, God, the Judge of All”

SERMON

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST (Hymnal Page 127)

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

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.

© 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted by permission.

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 33)

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.”

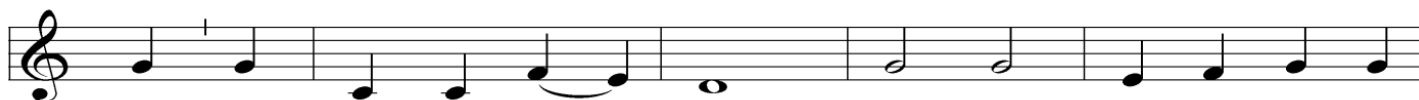
M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



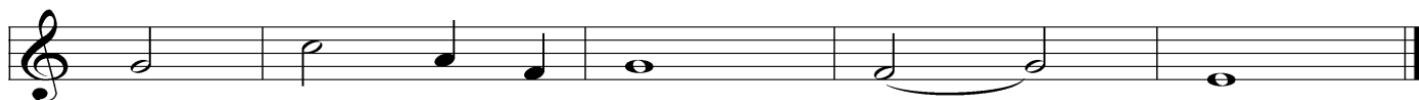
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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:

#337 "Delay Not! Delay Not"

#316 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee"

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Service of Word and Sacrament © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House.
All rights reserved.

"Thank the Lord" Tune: Richard Hillert. © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*.
All rights reserved. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress.

OneLicense.net License A-722670.

The Holy Bible, English Standard Version Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.

OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Ron Bude and Dan Lanning

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 2:00 PM Huron Valley Lutheran High School Conference
of Congregations meeting

Wednesday – NO 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

-1:00 – 2:30 PM Trunk or Treat

- 5:00 PM Reformation Rally choir practice at HVL

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Gretchen Castellese

Ushering – Team 1

CALL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7:00 PM

The consensus from our congregational meeting on August 24 was to continue the call process. In coordination with our circuit pastor's and district president's schedule and to allow the congregational members ample lead time to adjust their schedules (if possible) a Divine Call Meeting to issue a call for an associate pastor has been scheduled for 7:00 PM on October 24.

TRUNK OR TREAT It's time for this annual St. Peter's event, which will take place in the church parking lot on October 22 from 1 to 2:30 PM. Please sign up to decorate a car and/or donate extra candy by contacting Rebecca Lohrmann at 734.417.0428 or lohrmannr@yahoo.com; or by using the signup sheet in the narthex. Any and all help is greatly appreciated! This event is for our church, preschool and the community. Please come and invite your friends and family, too!

There will be a meeting of the Huron Valley Lutheran High School **Conference of Congregations** today, October 15, beginning at 2:00 PM. At this first meeting of the 2017-2018 school year, representatives from the Board of Regents will present their plans for the coming school year. Area delegates, pastors and male teachers are asked to attend. Thank you.

The Reformation Rally mass choir will rehearse Sunday, Oct. 22, at 5 p.m. at Huron Valley Lutheran High School and before the

service on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m. Singers will be expected to know their parts before then.

PASTORAL EMERGENCY -- Pastor Schaefer will be on vacation from October 15 afternoon through October 22. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613.

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

The Pastoral Staff
Church Office: 734-453-3393
www.splp.org
stpeterlutheran@hotmail.com
Pastor: Rev. Paul Schaefer
Pastor's Cellphone: 734-658-5735
Pastor's email:
Peschaef5@gmail.com
Music Director: Jan Jacobi
Church Secretary:
Carol Schwartz

St. Peter's Preschool
Rebecca Lohrmann, Director

Michigan Lutheran Seminary
(Saginaw) 989-793-1041

Huron Valley Lutheran High School (Westland) 734-525-0160

Congregation Chairman:
Scott Beckerman
Vice Chairman: Bruce Winkler
Secretary: open
Treasurer: Seth Anderson
Financial Secretary: Steve Jacobi,
Curtis Krallman
Board Chairmen:
Elders: Jim Cutler
Trustees: Howard Alaniva
Stewardship/Education:
Richard Cording