



Persistent Prayer

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Service Notes

The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64) 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 Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Paul Schaefer
Organist	Mrs. Jan Jacobi
Choir	Senior Choir
Soloist	Lois Bude
Communion Assistants	Dan Lanning and Mark Castellese

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Service of Word and Sacrament

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Opening Hymn

O Lord, You Have in Your Pure Grace

Christian Worship — 407

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

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.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: **O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in**



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Be seated.

The Word

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First Lesson

Genesis 32:22-30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

The choir will sing “Pilgrim’s Song”

Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the One who has made the heavens and the earth, the Maker of heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved. God who keeps you will not slumber; the One who keeps Israel never slumbers, never sleeps.

(Refrain)

God will be the one who keeps you, as a shade at your right hand, so the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon in the night.

(Refrain)

God will keep you from all evil. God will always guard your life, guard your comings, and your goings, from now and evermore.

(Refrain)

Second Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Verse of the Day

Galatians 4:6

Sung by the choir

Alleluia! Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Alleluia!

Stand

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8a

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶ And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Gospel Response

Hear Us, Lord

Hear us, Lord. We are more music when we pray, than spheres,
or angels singing alleluia.

Hear us, Lord, for till you hear us, we know not what to say.
Your ear to our sighs, our thoughts, and tears give voice and word.
Hear yourself, for you in us do pray.

Hear us, Lord. We are more music when we pray, than spheres,
or angels singing alleluia.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed (page 31)

**C: 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.

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God



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



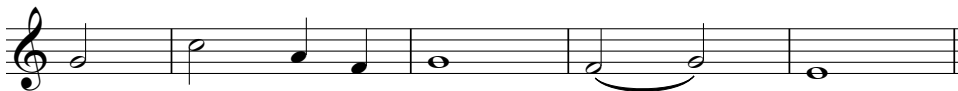
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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

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Stand

Thank the Lord (page 36)

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.



C: A - men.

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.



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

Pastoral Care & Mercy

Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those who needs have been reported.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 2:00 PM HVL Conference of Congregations
- Monday - 4:00 PM Youth Catechism
-7:00 PM Divine Service
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM Bible Class (in the school)
- Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Saturday - 5:00 PM Oktoberfest at Winkler residence
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 1:00 – 2:30 PM Trunk or Treat
- Monday - 4:00 PM Youth Catechism
- 7:00 PM Divine Service

SERVING NEXT WEEK - Altar Guild: Gretchen Castellese Ushering: Team #4

As you may know, our synod is working on a new hymnal, tentatively scheduled for release in 2023. The Technology Committee of the **WELS Hymnal Project** has asked St. Peter's congregation to evaluate possible designs for the new hymnal, using our full service bulletins. Please look over the bulletins for October 2, 9, 16, and 23, and keep them at home for future reference. We hope you will fill out a brief survey after October 23; it will be available in online and paper form. Please ask Pastor Schaefer or Jan Jacobi if you have any questions.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - St. Peter's is currently renting out gym time to a few organizations. On Tuesdays, 5pm-9pm, a cheerleading organization uses the facility. We'd like to know if there is a St. Peter's teenager that would like to earn some money (\$5/hr) and be on site at St. Peter's while that group is in the building. This person would simply be a contact for the group; no real interaction is necessary. We'd provide a list of Trustee contact numbers for the monitor to use should an issue arise. If you're interested and want more details, please contact Howard Alaniva [734-612-4480](tel:734-612-4480) (voice or text) or ha2431@att.com.

There will be a meeting of the **Huron Valley Lutheran High School Conference of Congregations** today, October 16, beginning at 2:00 PM at the high school. At this first meeting of the 2016-2017 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!

OKTOBERFEST – The Oktoberfest location will be at the home of Bruce and Nancy Winkler, 48055 Basswood Court, Plymouth. The festivities will occur on **October 22, at 6 PM**. The Bude and Beckerman families will provide the food (beer, brats, dessert, and much more). The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please sign up by today, October 16. There is a signup sheet in the church narthex.

Please come to **TRUNK OR TREAT** on Sunday, October 23, from 1:00pm to 2:30 PM in the church parking lot. We invite people to decorate their trunks and pass out treats. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Rebecca Lohrmann at 734-417-0428. We could also use additional donations of candy if you are not able to participate. Thanks!

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