



Festival of St. James of Jerusalem, Martyr

Sunday, October 23, 2016

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

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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
Soloist	Lois Bude
Communion Assistants	Ron Bude and Mark Castellese

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Service of Word and Sacrament

(page 26)

Opening Hymn

Around the Throne, a Glorious Band
Christian Worship — 549

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.

Grant, O God, that following the example of your servant James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself to fervent prayer and to the healing of strife and discord; through 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

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First Lesson

Acts 15:12-22a

The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. ¹³ When they finished, James spoke up.

“Brothers,” he said, “listen to me. ¹⁴ Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles. ¹⁵ The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:

- ¹⁶ “After this I will return
and rebuild David’s fallen tent.
Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,
¹⁷ that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,
even all the Gentiles who bear my name,
says the Lord, who does these things’—
¹⁸ things known from long ago.

¹⁹ “It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. ²⁰ Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. ²¹ For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

²² Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 1

The soloist will sing “Blessed is the Man”

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked.
His delight is the Word of the Lord;
On his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water;
Whatever he does prospers.
Not so are the wicked; they are like chaff that the wind blows away.
Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked.
His delight is the Word of the Lord;
On his law he meditates day and night.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners with the righteous.
For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.
Blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to God, the Father, Son and Spirit.
As it was, is now, and shall be forever and ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

James 1:1-12

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because

the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

⁹ Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹ For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business.

¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Verse of the Day

Revelation 7:15a

Sung by the soloist

Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia!

Stand

Gospel

Matthew 13:54-58

Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. ⁵⁵ “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”

⁵⁸ And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Gospel Response

Behold the Lamb of God

See him reading from Isaiah, guest in his hometown;
Nazareth, attentive, listening, many with a frown;
Friends refusing to hear more, neighbors showing him the door.
Agnus Dei! Gloria! Behold the Lamb of God!

Hymn of the Day

By All Your Saints Still Striving
Christian Worship — 552 (verses 1, 20, 3)

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

The Rite of Adult Confirmation

Nicholas Zupancic

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.

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

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Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

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:

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



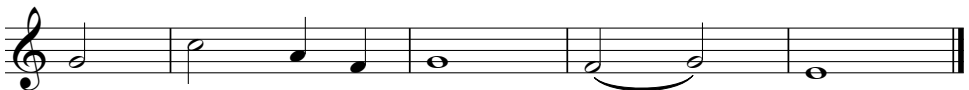
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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

For All Your Saints, O Lord
Christian Worship — 555

Sent Forth by God's Blessing
Christian Worship — 318

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!

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice 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!" The score ends with a double bar line.

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
- 1:00 to 2:30 PM Trunk or Treat (in church parking lot)
- Monday - 4:00 PM Youth Catechism
-7:00 PM Divine Service (last Monday service for this fall)
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board of Elders meeting
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM Bible Class (in the school)
- Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
-7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service (Festival of the Lutheran Reformation)
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 4:00 PM Area Reformation Rally at St. John's Westland

SERVING NEXT WEEK - Altar Guild: Barbara Cutler
Ushering: Team #1

Thanks to Bruce and Nancy Winkler for hosting the **Oktoberfest** celebration at their home last night. Thanks to Scott and Karen Beckerman, and Lois and Ron Bude for providing food and desserts.

Please come to **TRUNK OR TREAT** today, 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!

Paul and Kim Pappenfuss, our former school principal and his wife, have found a permanent home in Arizona, where both are teaching at Cross of Glory Lutheran School, Peoria. Here is their address:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pappenfuss

18416 N. 97th Drive

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LUTHERFEST

In order for our Lutherfest 500 celebration to happen on October 28, 2017, we are already assembling committees to promote, and to operate the Lutherfest 500 celebration. To get done, **there will be a meeting on Sunday, November 6 at 7:00 Huron Valley Lutheran High School (33740 Cowan Westland)**. We will be formalizing the following

- co • Logistics & Facilities
 - Publicity & Evangelism
 - Food & Beverage
 - Entertainment &

We will distribute details as to what each committee will oversee what needs to be done in the immediate future. For more if you are unable to attend but want to be included, you can Pastor Tom Schroeder at

Not only will this be an opportunity for Lutherans to celebrate, we hope it might be an opportunity for Lutherans to welcome celebrate with us and, God willing, learn more about our confession. It will also be an opportunity for our congregations to together and work together for a great festival. And quite frankly, **will need your help** to do this!

The WELS Hymnal Committee format test has ended for St. Peter's, with this bulletin. The survey to document your impressions of the layout of October's bulletins will be forthcoming as soon as it is ready. The full service bulletin text you have used will potentially be used in the new hymnal.

AREA REFORMATION RALLY Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 pm to join the Ann Arbor / Metro West Detroit area churches in celebrating the Lutheran Reformation at St. John's Lutheran Church (35320 Glenwood Road, Westland 48186). This special service will have historical introductions to three quotes from the Lutheran Confessions contained in the Book of Concord of 1580 followed by related Scripture Lessons under the theme: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone. The sermon will be delivered by Pastor Kieta of Peace Lutheran, Livonia. The HVL Choir will sing three songs: *O Church Arise; By Faith;* and *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*. A Joint School Choir, Grades K-8, will sing *Be Thou My Vision*. Congregational hymns will feature those written by Martin Luther, including **201**, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*; **305**, *From Depths of Woe I Cry to You*; **262**, *All Glory Be to God Alone*; **410**, *Our Father, Who from Heaven Above*; **205**, *O Lord, Look Down from Heaven*. Organist: Kirsten Kasten. Brass Instrumentalists also will volunteer their talents to accompany us in praising the Lord for preserving the Gospel and *God's Word as Our Great Heritage*. The surplus offering will benefit Huron Valley Lutheran High School.

POST-RALLY SUPPER Please sign up if you plan to remain after the October 30th Reformation Rally for a complete supper with pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, desserts and drinks. Help St. John's members prepare just enough food by signing up TODAY! If you do not know if you can attend until later, call St. John's office at 734-721-5377.

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