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Sola scriptura:

Sola fide:

Sola gratia:

Solo Christo:

Soli Deo gloria:

"Scripture alone"

"faith alone"

"grace alone"

"Christ alone"

"to the glory of God alone"

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THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

HYMN: #200 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" STAND

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



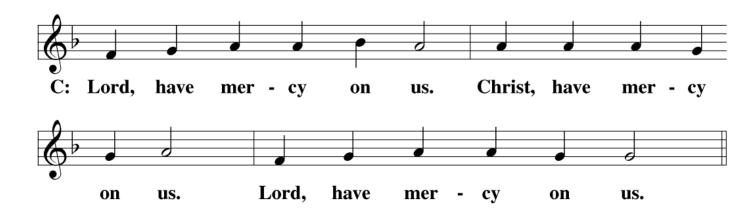
CONFESSION OF SINS

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)



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD



FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make

with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 46 The choir sings "Be Still and Know That I Am God"

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Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth. Be still and know that I am God.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and

the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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: "O Lord, Look Down from Heaven" (sung by choir)
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1. O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, And let Thy pity waken:
How few are we within Thy Fold,
Thy saints by men forsaken!
True faith seems quenched on every hand,
Men suffer not Thy Word to stand;
Dark times have us o'ertaken.

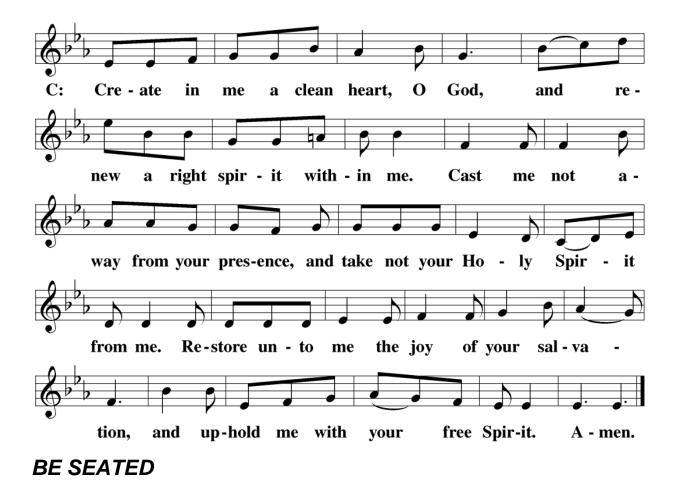
- 2. With fraud which they themselves invent Thy truth they have confounded; Their hearts are not with one consent On Thy pure doctrine grounded. While they parade with outward show, They lead the people to and fro, In error's maze astounded.
- 6. Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay This evil generation; And from the error of its way Keep Thine own congregation. The wicked everywhere abound And would Thy little flock confound; But Thou art our Salvation.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #390 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

SERMON

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



OFFERING

Offering Music – "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Handbells)

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church

C: Lord, to you alone be glory

M: God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness and despair

C: For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

C: For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

C: For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

C: For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.

- **M:** Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.
- C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- M: As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and Sacrament.
- C: For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.
- **M:** We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.
- C: For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord.

Special prayers and intercession may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

C: Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. Amen.

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

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



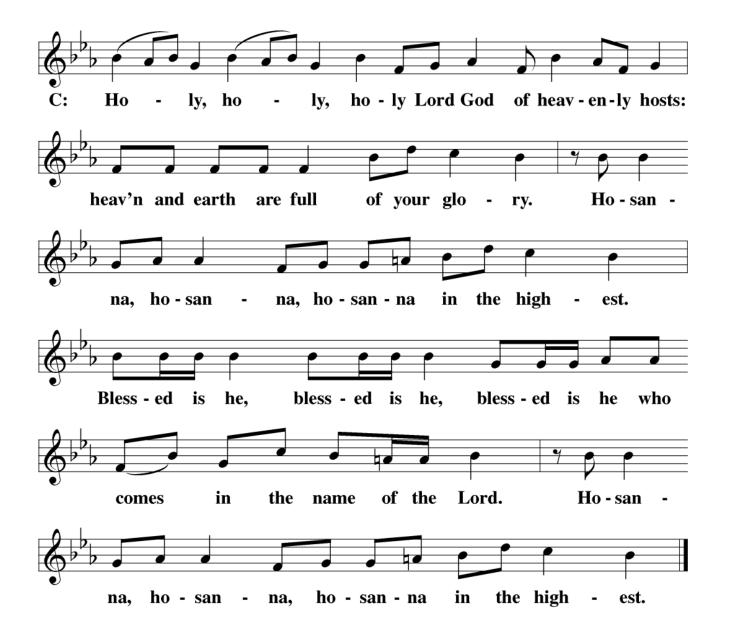
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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



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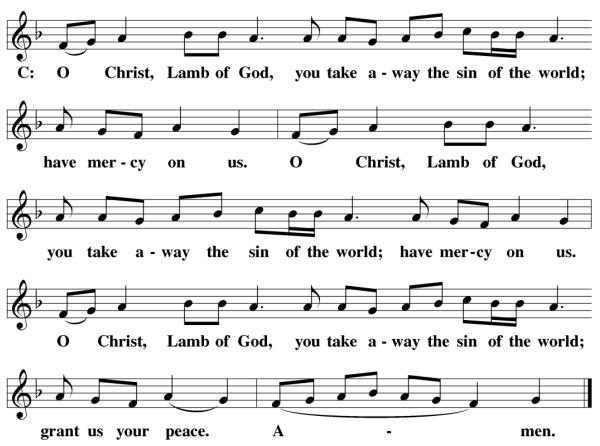
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)



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#202 "If God Had Not Been On Our Side" #204 "O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word"

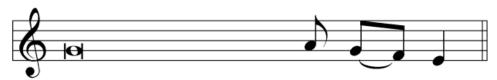
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (Nunc Dimittis)



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.



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.



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Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer Communion Assistants: Larry Roller and Bruce Winkler

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choirs: Senior Choir and Handbells

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

- 4:00 PM Area Reformation Rally at St. John's, Westland

Monday - 4:00 PM Youth Catechism

Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board meetings: Board of

Education/Stewardship and Board of Trustees

- 8:00 PM Church Council 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

Daylight Savings Time ends.

SERVING NEXT WEEK - Altar Guild: Kim Harris;

Ushering: Team #2

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Sunday a.m.!!

The WELS Hymnal Committee typeface test has ended for St. Peter's with last week's bulletin. The survey to document your impressions of the layout of October's bulletins is available at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/typefacefeedback. Paper copies are included in today's bulletin; if you use a paper copy, please return the completed survey to Pastor Schaefer, Jan Jacobi, or one of the elders. The full service bulletin text you have used will potentially be used in the new hymnal. This is your chance to influence the appearance of our new hymnals (scheduled for completion in 2023).

AREA REFORMATION RALLY

Mark your calendars for this 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 and a Joint School Choir, Grades K-8, will sing. The surplus offering will benefit Huron Valley Lutheran High School. A POST-RALLY SUPPER with pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, chips, desserts and drinks is available for those who signed up. For more information, call St. John's office at 734-721-5377.

LUTHERFEST 500

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

Publicity & Evangelism; Food & Beverage; Entertainment & Decoration. We will distribute details as to what each committee will oversee and what needs to be done in the immediate future. For more information, or if you are unable to attend but want to be included, you can contact Pastor Tom Schroeder at welsnovi@aol.com. Not only will this be an opportunity for Lutherans to celebrate, we also hope it might be an opportunity for Lutherans to welcome others to celebrate with us and, God willing, learn more about our Lutheran confession. It will also be an opportunity for our congregations to join together and work together for a great festival. We will need your help to do this!

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

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