

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*Sunday, September 3, 2017*  
*The Thirteenth 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: #108 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"**

**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.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

### **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.

**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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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.



## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:1,6-8**

56 Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

<sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,

“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

## **PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 133-134

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How good and pleasant it is for God’s people to dwell in  
unity.

The gift of concord and of love are surely sent by God  
above.

May Christ, in wisdom, grant us grace and bless our families  
with peace.

How good and pleasant it is for God’s people to dwell in  
unity.

## **SECOND LESSON:** Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I  
am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in  
order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus  
save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the  
reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean  
but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup> As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But  
as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their  
forefathers. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are  
irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> For just as you were at one time disobedient  
to God but now have received mercy because of their  
disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now been disobedient in

order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

Alleluia! Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia! (Hebrews 11:1)

**STAND**

## **GOSPEL LESSON:** Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.





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**HYMN OF THE DAY: #413** “When in the Hour of Utmost Need”

**SERMON**

***STAND***

**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.**

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**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.**

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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.**



**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.

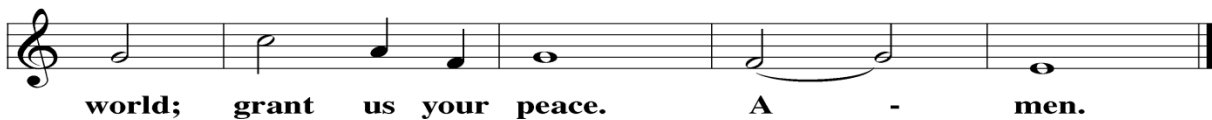
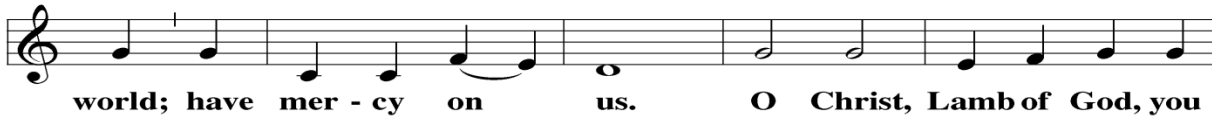
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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**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.



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Only through faith can our hearts be made pure;  
only through faith is our hope made secure.  
Faith in God's promises, faith in God's Son,  
faith in the cross where redemption is won.

Only by grace are we wrapped in God's love:  
undeserved favor from heaven above.  
Only by grace did God send us his own:  
Word became flesh that God's love be made known.

Only the Word can our weary souls feed.  
God's Word provides us with all that we need.  
Daily we're strengthened, uplifted, sustained.  
All things will pass, but the Word shall remain.

Forward in faith shall our motto now be:  
death to all death on that life-giving tree!  
Let us lift high our bold anthems of praise,  
fed by faith's wellspring through all of our days.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

**#405** "Oh, For a Faith That Will Not Shrink"

### **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.



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
- 10:45 Lemonade on the Lawn
- Tuesday – 9:00 AM First day of Preschool  
- 7:00 PM Board meetings: Education/Stewardship, 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 –Diane Wendland;  
Ushering – Team 3

### **Lessons From Luther Yesterday and Today** **Bible Study**

In 1530 the Reformation of the Christian church was in full swing. Martin Luther's popularity had pushed his writings to the top of the best-seller list. What if you had a chance to hear him speak? What if you could sit at the feet of this scholar of Scripture who taught crowds of not just princes but also peasants? Well, you can. In our upcoming Bible study, *Lessons from Luther Yesterday and Today*, you will engage with this master teacher in the study of topics such as prayer, marriage, the Lord's Supper, and teaching children—topics still at the heart of your Christian faith today. Join us at the feet of Luther!

**Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School,**  
**starting September 10, 10:45 AM!!**

## **CASTING CALL**

**At Huron Valley Lutheran High School**

**September 6, 7:00 PM**

Lutherfest 500 is our WELS celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation. We will have an Octoberfest type celebration at HVL on Saturday, October 28, noon until 5:00 PM. As part of the celebration, we are assembling a Reformation Walk, a living-history walking tour of some of the significant places and people of the Lutheran Reformation. In order to make this living history, we are calling for members of our congregations to play the role of about a dozen characters.

The characters we need include: Hans and Margaretha Luther; a school teacher; John Tetzel (a monk who sold indulgences); a merchant (or his wife); Frederick the Wise; Martin and Katie Luther; a musician or two; a printer or two; and a tour guide or two.

The tour guide will lead tours from Luther's birthplace, to school, to the Castle Church, to the study in the Wartburg Castle, etc. At each stop, a character in costume will describe what happened at each place. Scripts will also be given to each character. This living history event promises to be fun and educational for all tourists.

We will need several characters to make this happen, and we need you to be selected so that costumes can be fitted appropriately.

If you want to get an idea of what the Reformation Walk will look like, please go to <https://www.cph.org/reformationwalk/>.

The casting call for characters will be in the multipurpose room at HVL on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM. If you are interested but are unable to make this particular casting call, please contact Pastor Guy Purdue at (734) 834-0139.

**MITE BOXES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 24.** If you have any questions, please ask Lois Bude at [Loheotbu@hotmail.com](mailto:Loheotbu@hotmail.com).

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

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