

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, October 22, 2017
The Twentieth 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: Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary #215,

“O Father, May Thy Word Prevail” (Public Domain)

See next page.

O Father, May Thy Word Prevail

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Ak, Fader, lad dit Ord, din Aand
H. A. Brorson, 1694-1764
Tr. G. A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942, *alt.*

AK, FADER, LAD DIT ORD
L. M. Lindeman, 1812-87

1. O Fa-ther, may Thy Word pre-vail A - gainst the gates of hell!
2. Come, Je - sus, come and con - tem - plate Thy vine - yard's sad es - tate:
3. O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee, our light, We cry by day, by night:

Be - hold the vine - yard Thou hast tilled With thorns and this - tles filled.
Bap - tized are mil - lions in Thy name, But where is faith's pure flame?
Come, grant us of the light and pow'r Our fa - thers had of yore;

'Tis true, Thy plants are there; But, ah, how weak and rare!
Of what a - vail that we Know of Thine ag - o - ny
When Thy dear Church did stand A tree, deep - root - ed, grand;

How slight the pow'r in ev - i - dence Of Word and Sac - ra - ments!
So long as we do not o'er - throw In faith the wick - ed foe?
Full - crowned with blos - soms white as snow, With pur - ple fruits a - glow!

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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of 12 staves of music. The first five staves are in common time (C). The sixth staff begins with a key signature change to one flat (Bb). The seventh staff returns to common time. The eighth staff changes to two flats (Bb and Eb). The ninth staff changes to one sharp (F#) and common time. The tenth and eleventh staves are in common time with a key signature of two sharps. The twelfth staff is in common time with a key signature of two sharps and ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

5 Let me sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard,
that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and briars and thorns shall grow up;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the men of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

and he looked for justice,
but behold, bloodshed;

for righteousness,
but behold, an outcry!

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
joyce and be glad! This is the day the
Lord has made, let us re-joyce and be glad!

Psalm tone

The LORD is my strength and my song;*
he has become my salvation.

The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,*
and will proclaim what the LORD has done. **Refrain**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;*
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:12-21

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia! (2 Timothy 4:18 cf.)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:33-43

³³ “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servant to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

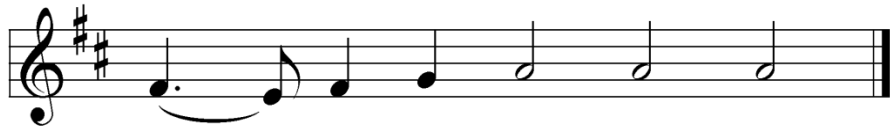
⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #203 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC: (Handbells and Organ) "Spirit of God,
Unseen as the Wind"

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.

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



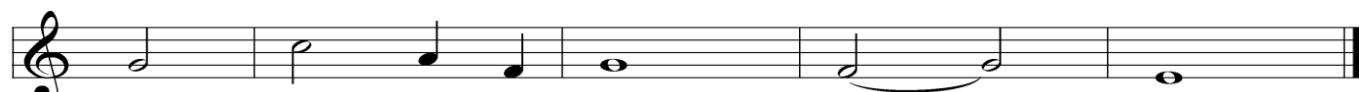
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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 HYMN:

#312 “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND



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.



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OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Mark Smith

Communion Assistants: Ron Bude, Larry Roller

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Handbell Choir

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 1:00 PM Trunk or Treat (See bulletin insert)
- 5:00 PM Reformation Rally Choir practice at Huron Valley Lutheran High School
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM Call Meeting
- Wednesday – 9:00 AM Bible Class
- Thursday - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
-7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday - Noon Lutherfest 500 (See bulletin insert)
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- 4:00 PM Area Reformation Rally at Huron Valley Lutheran High School

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Barbara Cutler

Ushering – Team 2

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 today, 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 lohmannr@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!

AN AREA REFORMATION RALLY to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation will be held at Huron Valley Lutheran High School (33740 Cowan Road, Westland) on Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 PM. Featured will be a mass choir, children's choir, the HVL Hawk Singers, and instrumentalists. The preacher will be Rev. Guy Purdue of Our Saviour, Westland; the liturgist will be Rev. Thomas Schroeder of Good Shepherd, Novi.

THANKS TO PASTOR MARK SMITH of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Saline, for serving us with Word and Sacrament this morning. He will also be leading the adult Bible class after the divine service.

A Joint Reformation Service hosted by all Michigan Congregations of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod will be held on November 5 at 4:00 PM at the Dow Event Center in Saginaw. Highlights include participation by the choirs of all three WELS high school in Michigan; a mass choir and children's choir; numerous

instrumentalists; worship with hundreds of fellow WELS members. More details and directions can be found on the narthex table and on Facebook: *500th Anniversary of the Reformation Michigan District WELS*.

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

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