Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 3, 2014

SERVICE NOTES:

- Please note the Psalm of the day is Psalm 65. The soloist will sing "Thou Visitest the Earth".
- 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.

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.

THE DIVINE SERVICE (p. 26) Service of Word and Sacrament

THE HYMN - #544 Preach You the Word"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (hymnal, p. 26)

PRAYER AND PRAISE (hymnal, p. 27)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (hymnal, p. 29)

The Service of the Word

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:10,11

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 65 - The soloist will sing "Thou Visitest the Earth" ©1957 Concordia Publishing House, all rights reserved.

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it, and crownest the year with thy goodness.

SECOND READING – Romans 8:18-25

VERSE OF THE DAY – Alleluia! My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

HYMN OF THE DAY - #574 "May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

THE SERMON

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NICENE CREED (hymnal, p. 31)

OFFERING

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (hymnal, p. 32)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (hymnal, p. 32)

The Service of Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT (hymnal, p. 33)

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM & HYMNS – "When Seed Falls on Good Soil"

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When seed falls on good soil, it's born through quiet toil.

Where soil receives, the earth conceives the blade, the stem, the fruit, the leaves.

Good soil, O mother earth, the womb where seed takes birth.

God's Word in Christ is seed, good soil its urgent need,

And it would work in humankind the fertile soil in heart and mind.

Good soil, a human field, a hundred-fold to yield.

Lord, plow the trodden way, and clear the stone away.

Tear out the weed and sow the seed. Prepare our hearts your Word to heed

That we good soil may be. Begin, O Lord, with me!

#279 "O Word of God Incarnate"
#324 "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

BENEDICTION (hymnal, p. 37)

OFFICIANTS:

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer Communion Assistants: Jim Cutler and Bruce Winkler

> Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi Soloist: Julie Webber

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	- 7:00 PM	Divine Service
Tuesday	- 5:30 PM	Safety Night
	- 7:00 PM	Bd. of Trustees
	- 7:30 PM	Bd. of Stewardship
	- 8:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday	- 9:00 AM	Midweek Bible Class
	- 7:00 PM	Family Vacation Bible School
Thursday	- 5:00 PM	Stobbe-Shmyr Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	- 4:30 PM	Stobbe-Shmyr Wedding
Sunday	- 9:30 AM	Divine Service
	 After Church 	Ladies Pre-Voters Meeting

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

BACK PEWS – Please keep the back two pews for parents with young children.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE- Sunday: 100 Monday: 38

ADULT BIBLE CLASS (EVENING) - August 6 & August 13.

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

August 6 Philemon August 13 2 Peter August 20 2 & 3 John Each class is a self-contained, so feel free to join us at 9:00 AM in the church basement for as many as you are able to attend. We will have opportunity to dig into each of these biblical books thoroughly. Please join us!

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY & PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE – The Bylaws change will be discussed and voted on at the August 12th Voters' Assembly Meeting. All male voters 18 and over are invited to attend. *Ladies Meeting will be after church next Sunday, August 10th.*

ROSTER – We are currently trying to update contact information for our members. A preliminary roster is located at the communion registry. Please review and make changes to your family information, including adult children who may not live in the area.

SAVE THE DATE – The annual church picnic will be Sunday, September 14 at the Waterford Bend Picnic area (17387 Northville Rd.). More details will follow.

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN -

- ✓ We invite you to help us prepare our building for the coming school year. We will have a school clean-up day **next** Saturday, August 9th at 9:00 AM. If you cannot make it on Saturday, but could help us on a different date, please email us at mail@hvlhs.org and we'll work out another time for you. Thank you.
- ✓ HVL has a school bus and a full schedule of athletic events and field trips throughout the school year, but they don't have enough bus drivers. Maybe you or someone you know would like to help out by driving now and then. This would involve getting a Commercial Driver's License and attending a Bus Driver Training class. HVL will cover the costs of the training. For more information, contact the school office at 734-525-0160 or mail@hvlhs.org.
- ✓ The Hawk Singers will be traveling to Michigan Lutheran High School in November to attend the WELS High School Regional Choral Festival. To help defray expenses for this trip, the Hawk Singers will be holding a car wash at St. John's Lutheran School on Sunday, August 10, from 12:00 until 4:00. Your support would be appreciated. Members of the Hawk Singers are: Nikki Alcini, Evan Prieskorn, Katie Ramp, Emily Wheeler, Ethan Beerbower, Justin Curis, Ally Graves, Jacob Haines, Jared Kennedy, Jenna Lovell, Jordan Runstadler, Ashley Setian, Joe Schultz, Zach Villanueva, Zach Wheeler, Andrew Blackwood, Ben Engel, Andrea LeFevre, Sammy Engle, Rosie Runstadler, and Cameron Chrispen.
- ✓ Please reserve your seats by **tomorrow** August 4th. On August 9 (6:30 PM) St. John's Lutheran Church will be hosting a Benefit Dinner for HVL. Join us for an evening of fellowship & entertainment. *Free-Will Offering*
- ✓ HVL is excited to begin another school year under the theme "Drawn to the Cross." Please note the upcoming school events:
 - Welcome BBQ on Saturday, August 23 starting at 4:30 PM with orientation for new parents and students in the gym at 5:00 PM, there will be an All Sports Orientation at 6:00 PM.
 - First day of school for 9th graders only will be Monday, August 25 (8:10 to 12 noon).
 - First day of school for all students will be Tuesday, August 26 (8:10 to 3:05).
 - Opening service will be on Tuesday from 8:20-8:40 to which all families are invited.

- **SAFETY NIGHT** Bring your family to Safety Night **this** Tuesday, August 5th (5:30 8:00). Free food and fun for everyone. If you wish to help, we have a sign up sheet located at the communion registry in the narthex.
- **DAY SCHOOL PARENTS –** Make sure you check your narthex mailbox for information regarding the 2014-2015 school year.