

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Matthew, Apostle

Sunday, September 21, 2014

SERVICE NOTES:

- Please note the Psalm of the day is Psalm 1. The congregation will sing hymn #475 "The Man is Ever Blest."

- 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.

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

THE HYMN – #567 "Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (hymnal, p. 26)

PRAYER AND PRAISE (hymnal, p. 27)

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

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The Service of the Word

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 1 – The congregation will sing hymn #475 "The Man is Ever Blest"

SECOND READING – Ephesians 2:4-10

VERSE OF THE DAY – 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!

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 9:9-13

GOSPEL RESPONSE – “Come, Follow Me”

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(Refrain) Come, follow me and live; do not be afraid.

Believe and trust in me and I will give you strength.

Leave all your fears behind you; let your heart be free,

For I will be your guide. Oh, come and follow me.

Come, follow in these footsteps; I’ll lead you gently home.

No shelter, food nor money will you need upon this road. (Refrain)

Come, walk across the water; place all your faith in me.

Cast all your doubts behind you to the wind and raging sea. (Refrain)

If you remain within me, my words remain in you.

Whatever you may ask of me, that is what I will do. (Refrain)

HYMN OF THE DAY – #552 (vs. 1, 18, 3) “By All Your Saints Still Striving”

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)

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The Service of Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT (hymnal, p. 33)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS –

#558 “Christ High-Ascended”

#549 “Around the Throne, a Glorious Band”

TLH #304 “An Awe-full Mystery is Here” (printed on next page)

BENEDICTION

(hymnal, p. 37)

OFFICIANTS:

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Bruce Winkler

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi

Choir: Senior Choir

Soloist: Mark Castellese

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	- 7:00 PM	Divine Service
	- 7:30 PM	Board of Education
Tuesday	- 6:30 PM	Making of Baptismal Banners
Wednesday	- 8:05 AM	Chapel
	- 9:30 AM	Bible Study (<i>Genesis</i>)
		Mite Box Money Due
	- 7:00 PM	Board of Elders
Thursday	- 6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	- 7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Sunday	- 8:30 AM	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
	- 9:30 AM	Divine Service

SERVING NEXT WEEK – Ushering: Team #4 Altar Guild: Chris Ward

CHURCH ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK – Sunday: 116 Monday: 8

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class began last week. In adult Bible Class we are reviewing the new 'pew pamphlet' *The Divine Service*. This will help deepen your understanding of the gem and treasure of liturgical worship and its value for your lives Sunday morning and throughout the week. Please prioritize this time for Christian learning and deepening of your faith.

BAPTISMAL BANNERS NEEDED – Please lend a hand in making banners **this** Tuesday, September 23 @ 6:30 in the church basement. Call Shenal Smith (248)444-7145 for more information.

PLAN AHEAD – Trunk or Treat is back again this year. We will host this event in the afternoon of Sunday, October 19.

MITE BOXES – Mite Box money is due **this** Wednesday, September 24th. If you choose to write a check, it should be made out to “St. Peter’s Ladies Guild”. Please deposit all donations in the large wooden Mite Box located in the narthex.

ROSTER – A preliminary roster is still located at the communion registry. Please review and make changes to your family information, including adult children who may not live in the area. **Parents of College Students: Please give us addresses for any children who may be away at college.**

TWO DAYS / ONE EVENT - Please join us on **October 4th & 5th** for the Self-Assessment & Adjustment (SAA) program with Pastor Hein, our WELS Congregational Counselor. This is a great opportunity for members to come together, as the "Body of Christ", to strengthen our ministry at St. Peter's. Please plan to attend this vital step in the life of our church! Lunch and childcare provided both days. Details and online sign-up available at SignUpGenius.com: Click on “Find a Sign-Up” (in the top right corner), then type “volunteeratstpeter@gmail.com” under “Search by Email”. There are two sign-ups, one for each day. There is also a sign-up sheet (with full details) in the church narthex. **Please respond by Tuesday, September 30th.** Hope to see you there!

DOOR OFFERING – We will be receiving a door offering **today and next Sunday** to aid Laura Schroeder with extraordinary medical bills. As you may know, Laura Schroeder, our Kindergarten/First Grade teacher, has been hospitalized sporadically and undergoing extensive testing and treatment for almost a year. The medical bills are straining the family budget. Please, if you are able, consider a generous gift to help this family. You can make the check payable to St. Peter’s and the money will be forwarded by the church.