

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 14, 2018

Service of the Word

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

123 South Seventh Street

St. Clair, Michigan

810-329-2174

Rev. Ken Staib, Pastor
586-648-6955 home
stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net
Chris Ritter LLM, Presiding Minister

October 14, 2018
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Marilyn Tackaberry, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING SONG *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* **ELW 632**

GREETING

KYRIE **ELW p. 213**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE **ELW p. 213**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

- ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
- ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
- ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
- ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
- ¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
- ¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

- ¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**
- ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
- ¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.
- ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 216

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom

of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *What Wondrous Love Is This*

ELW 666

CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for God’s will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Almighty God, holy and righteous, cut our hearts open by your living word. Break down our pride, our self-assurance, and transform us by your gentle mercy. Help us find the one thing in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless workers who clear fields to prepare for the barren season to come. Bring the harvest of your creation to completion, as the lands prepare for a winter rest. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Exercise and establish your true justice in courtrooms, in prisons, and in neighborhoods across the world and in our nation. Guide those who manage great wealth to do so with generosity and compassion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pour out favor this day upon those who are affected by natural disasters in Indonesia, Haiti, and our own southeast as well as those afflicted by illness. We especially ask your favor upon those on our prayer list and those we mention silently in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Build up relationships among people of different beliefs, political affiliation, and backgrounds. Give us the wisdom to listen to other views with an open mind. Use the cooperation between this congregation and others in our community to reveal your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather us with all the saints whom you have made righteous in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through him give us all the gifts of your kingdom and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 219

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

ELW 536

DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

Our annual meeting will be held on November 4 after the 9:30 am worship service. All committee reports to be included in the annual report should be turned into the office by Monday, October 15.

The November newsletter deadline is October 15.

Harvest Home weekend will be October 27 & 28. Please bring in nonperishable food before the 27th for our display and our contribution to the Ecumenical Food Party.

Secret Pals: Please join us after the service on October 21, where we will reveal our identities to our pals and sign up for next year. If you would like to join secret pals but haven't been in the past, please have your info sheet to Katy Emerich before the 21st. Sheets can be found in the lobby.

Middle school and high school youth will be going to the Corn Fun Corn Maze on Sunday, October 28, immediately after worship. Lunch will be provided before we leave. While we are there we will explore the corn maze and take a hay ride. If you would like to go, please sign up on the bulletin board between Pastor Ken's office and the nursery. Parents, please sign up if you are able to drive. Cost is \$6 per person.

The worship services on November 10 and 11 will feature the Service of Oils and Healing. As a part of this service, the Oils of Healing are placed on the foreheads of worshippers as a reminder that all healing, physical, spiritual and emotional, comes from God. Please invite family and friends who may welcome the healing power of God.

Pastor Ken will be offering a 2-week class for those interested in becoming members of St. Peter's on Sundays, November 11 and 18. Please let Pastor Ken know if you are interested. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Ken's office.

St. Clair area churches will join in a Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, November 20 at 7 pm. This year the community will gather at First Congregational UCC. Participating congregations include St. Peter's, First United Methodist Church, and Holy Family Episcopal.

Coming Soon! Digital giving will soon be available. We have signed up with a company and are working to make sure everything is set up and ready to go by mid-November. Should you choose, you will be able to make your offering donations via a computer or hand-held device. Regular envelopes will still be available for those who want to go the paper route. The congregation will be notified once the program is ready for use.

St. Peter's will be helping with the laundry for MCREST on Wednesday, October 24th. This year Trinity Lutheran Church in Richmond will be the host church. We will be meeting to wash the clothes at the Village Clean Laundromat in Marysville at 11:30 AM on the 24th. Anyone interested in helping please contact Nancy Green (810) 329-6423. Thank you!

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Jon Jones; Ushers: Dick Eisen & Carl Eisen; Acolytes: Courtney Green & Chloe Furtah; Scripture Reader: Shannon Furtah; Projectionist: Janet Allington.

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 48, Sunday 78

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/14	Janae & Brad Trombley	7 years
10/17	Tracey & Lance Mathews	20 years
10/18	Pastor Ken & Joyce Staib	4 years
10/20	Chris & John Jebrael	28 years

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Suzanne Morris, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Patty Armstrong, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Don Schroeder, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Ed Myers, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand. (Please call or email the office at stpetereelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Mallard's Landing 11am	Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	Choir 7 pm	Pastor's day off	Worship, communion 5 pm	Sunday School, Worship, Communion 9:30 am Secret Pals 10:30 am