

Seventh Sunday of Easter



May they
be one,
as we
are one

JOHN 17:22

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2, 2019

Holy Communion

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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Marilyn Tackaberry, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

EASTER GREETING

GATHERING SONG *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

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GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When

they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 97

¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**

³Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴**Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,
and all the peoples | see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the | LORD, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and**

rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Come with Joy*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Bless diversity in worship and ministry across all nations and cultures. Unite us in Christ and keep us faithful in our calling to show your love to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out over all the earth the water of life as a gift. Wash the wounds of creation and restore all living things to wholeness. Protect ocean habitats, river ecosystems, and wetlands. Rescue those whose homes and farms have been damaged by floods. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give a spirit of collaboration to leaders of the nations, so that all people know safety, security, and dignity. Heal victims of torture and liberate those who are wrongfully imprisoned or detained. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Come quickly to the aid of your people. Give wisdom and the gift of calm to military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains who stand as signs of your abiding presence. Refresh all who thirst for love, hope, or healing, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Let your word fill our hearts and our homes. Bless all who teach us the faith: pastors and deacons, Sunday school and confirmation teachers, public theologians, mentors, curriculum writers, and publishers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the source of all knowledge and wisdom. Guide all graduates, especially Ian Boden, Ben Miller, and Noah Simone, as they prepare for the next phase of their lives. Help them to discern how you are calling them to use their gifts, and give them the strength and courage to do so. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hold all the saints in the grace of the Lord Jesus. Sustain weary souls with the promise that the morning star is coming soon to lead us into light. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING OF COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG - *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Sabra Morenko, Ushers: Marty Green, Bryan Neiman, Reader: Nancy Green, Communion Assistant: Patty Yax, Projectionist: Mike Morenko

MONEY COUNTERS: Mark and Anna Fisher

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 or Pastor Joyce. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

Today the Community Education Scholarship committee acknowledges the scholarship

recipients for 2018. We also congratulate our graduates; Ian Boden, Ben Miller and Noah Simone. God's blessings on them all!

Renee Evans has been faithfully serving as our church secretary, but the time has come for her to retire. On Sunday, June 16, we will be giving thanks for her faithful service and offer her our blessing on her retirement.

The Attic and Bake Sale Committee will meet on Monday, June 3rd at 9 AM in the Fireside Room.

In the month of June you will find a prayer calendar at the church for the days St. Peter students are at camp. There will be three slots open for each day. Please see Pastor Joyce if you have any questions.

Notes to our campers- Pastor Joyce would like to collect notes to hand out at camp from the congregation. Campers are: Isabelle Furtah, Chloe Furtah, Rex Neiman, Eliza Neiman, Lauren Kramp, and Ruby Neiman. There will be a basket in the lobby to place them in!

On June 28 (it's a Friday) the plan is to go to the Hi-Way Drive In theater in Carsonville, MI to see Toy Story 4. However, this is tricky because they do not release the movie schedule until the week before. So please be aware that plans may have to change. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children under 12.

There are several art camps coming in July that are open to those ages 5-105. Please see Pastor Joyce if you have any questions on any of these. July 8-11 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM is Ukulele Camp! All that is asked is that you purchase your ukulele before camp begins. Participants will begin to learn how to play and may get an opportunity to help write music. To register for this event please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/qZ7VQHus5idzUAcd9>.

July 22-24 from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM is Art Camp! The cost for this camp is \$10 per participant to help cover costs. Each participant will choose a program for the three days. The three options are:

1) Theater Camp- Staff from the Riverbank Theater are coming to St. Peters! Each participant will learn a poem, story, or monologue to present at the conclusion of the camp. We will explore how to use our voice, body, and our own personalities to enhance our storytelling abilities, in order to make it more engaging for the audience. This is a great way to encourage public speaking, performing skills, and personal confidence.

2.) Joe Cilluffo is the artist that painted the pictures in the lobby at St. Peters! He is a gifted painter and is coming to share his talents to teach participants!

3.) Card Making- Katy Emerich is gifted in many crafts. She is teaching a class on card making. Over the course of the three days, each participant will make 9 cards (Thinking of you cards, birthday cards, and cards for the four seasons).

On Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 am we will meet at Grieg Park for worship, with music led by the Bluegrass group. Following worship we will have a blessing of bicycles, a bicycle safety lesson from a St. Clair police officer, and a potluck lunch. After lunch we will take a ride to play a game of kickball. Chicken will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dish to pass. Please also bring your own chairs, table service and drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing. This promises to be a fun day for all as we kick off the summer. (In case of inclement weather, worship and lunch will be at St. Peter's).

June 13, students in grades 6-12 are invited to the church to celebrate the end of finals and the end of the school year from 6:30-7:45! There will be an ice cream sundae bar and games to play!

Thank you to Eliza Neiman and members of St. Clair High School National Honor Society for planting flowers on the east side of the building.

The Attic Angels committee will have the annual clothing drive again. The items can be brought to the church basement beginning June 1 and placed on the tables. All items must be clean and in wearable condition. The clothing will be distributed to both Lutheran Social Services (Samaritas) and Kids in Distress

IN NEED OF PRAYER: Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen, Alan Freed, Jack & Char Boulier, Dennis Angus, Marlene Eisen, Bill Mau. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 18 Sunday 49

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Mutual Ministry 7:30 pm	Council Meeting 7 pm	Pastors' day off	Evening Worship, Communion 5 pm	Greig Park Worship 9:30 am Picnic, Bike Blessing