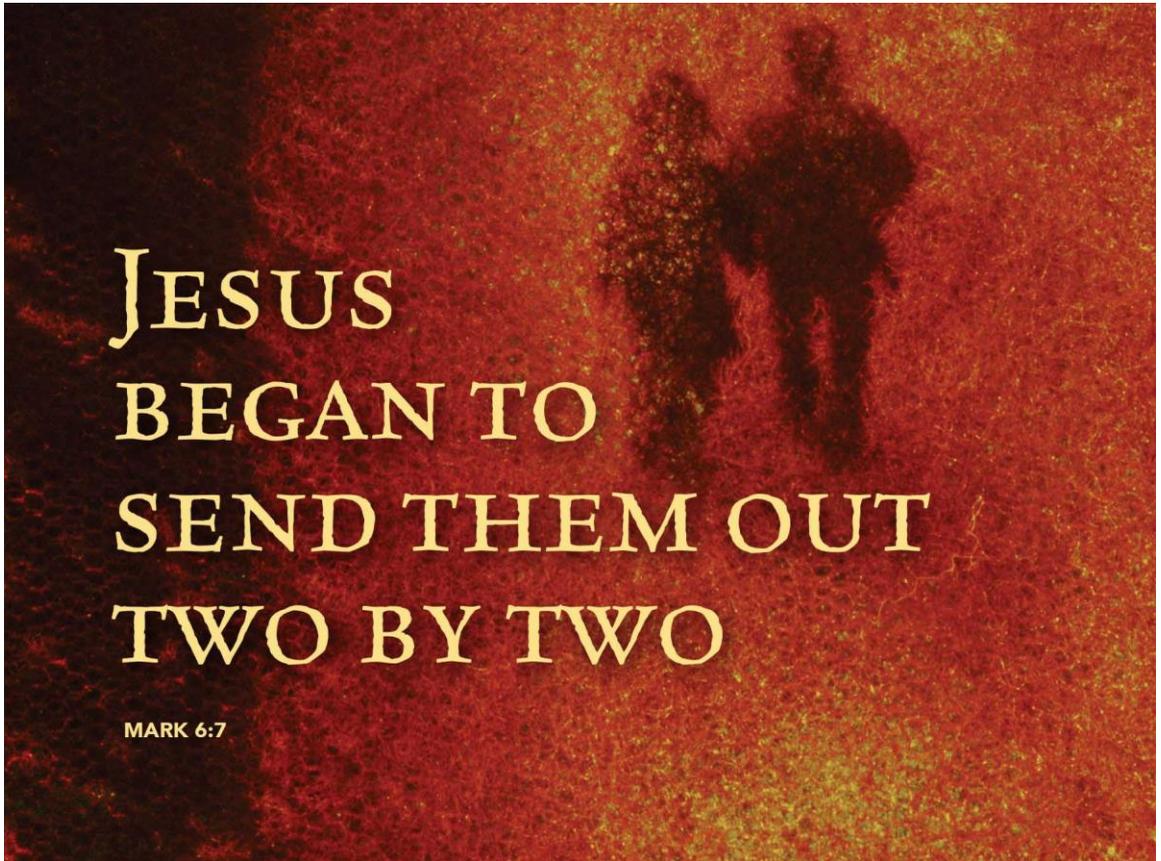


# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 8, 2018

Service of the Word

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG** *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

**ELW 669**

**GREETING**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."<sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 123

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift | up my eyes,  
to you enthroned | in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a  
maid to the hand | of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,  
and of the derision | of the proud.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## **GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."<sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**ELW 742**

## **CREED**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Lord God, equip all your faithful people for the work of mission. When we are empty-handed, give us partners in ministry. Help us to speak boldly of your promises without reservation or fear. Help us to support one another in prayer. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you breathe life into the dust of the earth. Bless the land and all who work it. Bring relief to areas of drought and famine. Send healing rains and cooling breezes to places scorched by sun and heat. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, when the nations are rebellious, raise up prophets and leaders to proclaim your way of justice. Provide for the needs of refugees, immigrants, asylum seekers, and exiles. Protect all who live in areas of war and conflict. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, your grace is sufficient to bring wholeness to human weakness. Restore hope to those suffering hardships, persecutions, and calamities. Strengthen all who are fragile in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, renew our commitment to the work of hospitality. Help us to offer a caring welcome to visitors and to those returning to the church. Help us to be living examples of your grace and your generosity. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you equip disciples throughout the ages to proclaim your kingdom. Lead us by faith until every weakness of this world has been made perfect in the power of your everlasting glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

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**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**FAREWELL AND GODSPEED**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG *We All Are One in Mission***

**ELW 576**

**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.

The Ladies Outreach Luncheon for July will be on Wednesday, July 11, travelling to *Catch 22 Bistro* in Algonac. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:15 am. Sign up in the lobby if you would like to attend.

The Attic Angels committee has begun the annual clothing drive. Clothing can be brought to the church basement 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.

Have you noticed the prayer loom near the organ? People have been writing their prayer concern on a strip of card stock and then weaving it into the loom. Please feel moved to come forward and write a concern on a strip available by the loom.

Pastor Ken will be offering three opportunities to gather together for prayer. No need to sign up ahead of time. Just come as you are. Rain site for outdoor prayer gatherings will be St. Peter's:

July 25 at 10:00 am	Nature Prayer (meet at Grieg Park, weather permitting)
August 1 at 6:30 pm	Coloring Prayer (St. Peter's, fellowship hall)
August 15 at 10:00 am	Centering Prayer (meet at Palmer Park, weather permitting)

**SERVING TODAY:** Greeter: Mary Beaudua; Ushers: Sue Daniels & Chuck Butler; Scripture Reader: Mary Alice Schlegel; Projectionist: Mike Morenko.

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 18, Sunday 40

**BIRTHDAY:** 7/12 Muriel Silvas 84 years

**ANNIVERSARIES:** 7/11 Karen & John Johnson 48 years  
7/12 Elizabeth & Ralph Gizowski 32 years

**IN NEED OF PRAYER** Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Dick Guyott, 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, Marlene Eisen, Don Schroeder, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

<p><u>Monday- Wednesday</u></p> <p>VBS 6- 8:30 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Pastor's day off</p>	<p><u>Saturday</u></p> <p>Worship, Communion 5 pm</p>	<p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>Worship, Communion 9:30 am</p>
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**Vacation Bible School July 9-11, 6:00 pm -8:30 pm**

We're planning an exciting VBS adventure at St. Peter's. "Ocean Commotion" VBS is for everyone between the ages of 4 up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. (Children under age 4 are welcome but will need to be accompanied by a parent.) As we welcome kids to "Ocean Commotion" they will learn how to trust, obey, and stand for God with exciting lessons from the life of Noah and the Flood. There will be cool crafts, fun games, and yummy snacks. For more information or to register, visit the church office or call Tamara Howes at 810-278-0995.

