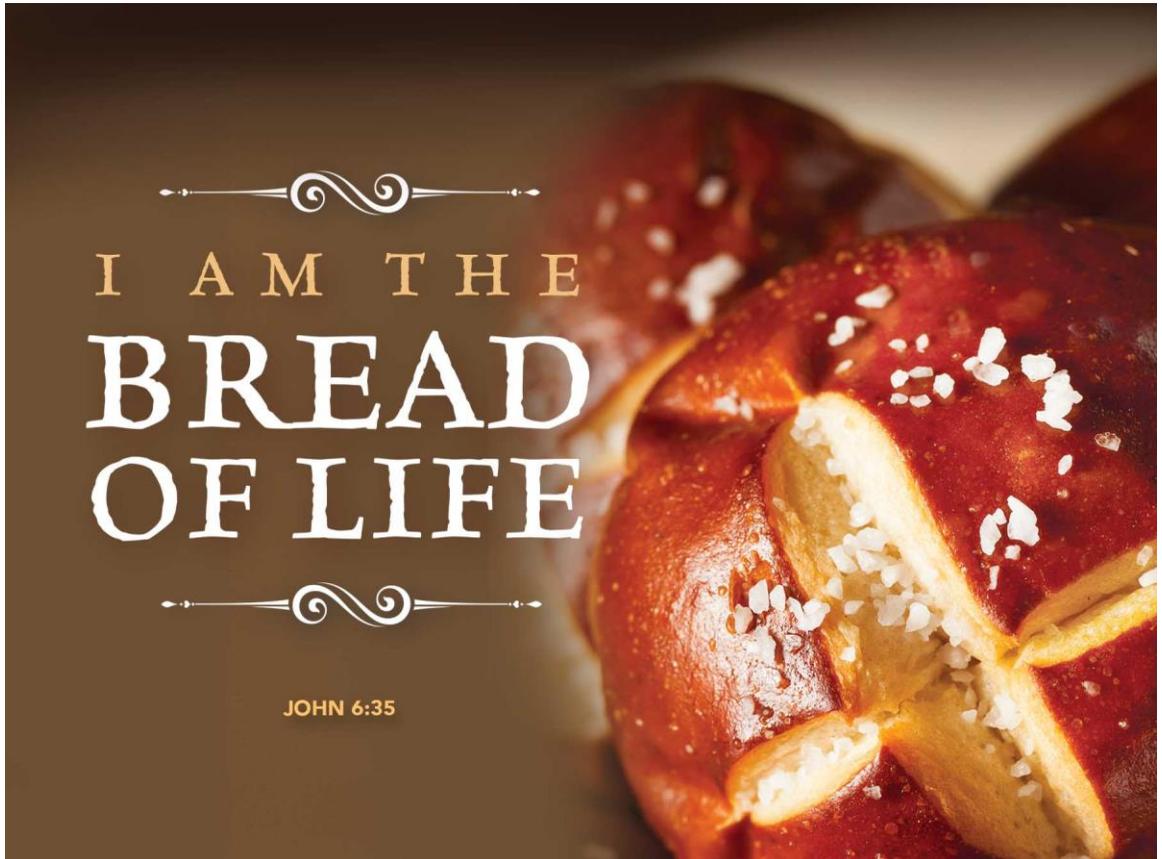


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 12, 2018

Holy Communion

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *What Is This Place*

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GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-8

- ¹I will bless the LORD| at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
- ²**I will glory | in the LORD;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**
- ³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
- ⁴**I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.**
- ⁵Look upon the LORD| and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- ⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.**
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
- ⁸**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make ²⁸room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

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Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord God, we pray for the whole church. Sustain all who have tasted the bread of heaven and found solace in the promise of eternal life. Teach us to forgive one another in love and build each other up. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, save and protect your creation. Feed, nourish, and encourage all living creatures, and teach us to practice faithful stewardship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, you rule the nations. Lead all people to speak truth and kindness to one another, walking in the paths of justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we pray for those in need. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and quench the thirst of those who lack water. Provide resources to churches, ministries, and organizations that assist those in need especially ELCA World Hunger, the St. Clair Ecumenical Food Pantry, Kids in Distress, and Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we pray for those who are hurting. Comfort those who mourn, encourage the fearful, and tend the sick, especially those affected by wildfire, flooding and other natural disasters, those on our prayer list, and those we name before you in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we pray for those gathered here today. Feed us well so that the difficult journey of life may not be too much, and sustain us through times of trial. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord God, we bless you for the lives of those faithful ones who have gone before us. Raise all at the last day, that we may exalt your name together. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

COMMUNION SONG *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *O Living Bread from Heaven*

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DISMISSAL

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Norene Stoecker; Ushers: Sue Daniels & Chuck Butler; Scripture Reader: Dawn Lambrecht; Communion Assistant: Del Vogel; Projectionist: Janet Allington.

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 24, Sunday 48

ANNIVERSARIES:

8/11	Sandra & James Shafran	45 years
8/11	David & JoAnn Uppleger	46 years
8/16	Patricia & Edward Yax	43 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, Carole Stiefvater, Ed Myers.

(Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

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.

Eucharistic ministers are individuals who take Communion to members who are homebound. Training will be provided on Monday, August 20 from 10 am-noon for those who are interested in serving. Please contact Pastor Ken if you will be attending. If you are interested in serving and you are unable to attend this class, please also contact Pastor Ken and another class will be scheduled.

Pastor Ken is offering another opportunity to gather together for prayer on August 15 at 10:00 am. Meet at Palmer Park for Centering Prayer, weather permitting. Rain site will be St. Peter's.

We are scheduling worship assistants for the next year through August 2019. Names will be taken from last year's list, but we have lost many volunteers in the past year and need more people to serve as ushers, communion assistants and projectionists. If you are willing to serve in any of these positions, please inform Pastor Ken or the office. Current volunteers, if you have special requests for days or months that you do not want to be scheduled, please inform the office by August 15. Thank you to all our volunteers for your faithful service.

We are still in need of Sunday School teachers this fall. If you can volunteer to teach on a rotating basis, call Keri Stevens 810-326-0885.

On Sunday, August 19, congregations of the Bluewater Conference will gather for an afternoon of worship and fellowship at the pavilion at Columbus County Park. (east of Richmond, 2 miles north of Gratiot, on Bauman Road.) Plans include fun and games at 3 pm, followed by a potluck picnic (hot dogs/buns provided). We'll gather to worship using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy at 5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for all of us in the conference to gather to worship and grow in our fellowship, using the combined talents/gifts of our congregations.

Sunday School and Youth are invited to a pool party to celebrate Tamara's retirement on Sunday, August 19 at 1 pm at the Jones' residence, 965 N. Sixth St. in St. Clair. Please bring a dish to share and RSVP to Jessica 810-334-3327.

Kids Against Hunger will hold a fundraising event on August 22 at Blake's Cider House and Winery in Armada. See the bulletin board for details.

On Sunday, August 26 at the 9:30 am service, we will celebrate with Tamara Howes as she retires from her position as director of Youth and Family Life Ministries. We hope everyone will come and thank Tamara for her work and dedication to our youth. We wish Tamara happiness and success in her new adventures.

We are looking for some new singers for the choir this fall. Youth, young adults and not-so-young adults are welcomed. Rehearsals are about one hour per week and we can adjust the rehearsal schedule to accommodate the majority of members. Contact Renee Evans 810-824-2171 or any choir member if you have questions. Rehearsals will begin Thursday, September 13 at 7 pm.

The Attic Angels will continue to collect clean and wearable clothes until August 26. They will meet on Monday, August 27 at 9 am to sort the clothes and prepare them for donation to Kids in Distress and Samaritas. Thanks to all who generously donated.

The St. Clair Community Singers are looking for you! Their Christmas concert will be held at 4pm on December 2 at St. Clair First Methodist Church in St Clair. The group is always eager to welcome new members: all who love to sing are invited. Practices are held on Monday evenings at 7pm (beginning September 10) at St Peter Lutheran Church in St Clair: stop in! For more information, call President Barbara Persyn at 810.650.9149.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Council Meeting 7 pm	Centering Prayer at Palmer Park 10 am	Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship, Communion 9:30 am Sunday School and Youth Pool Party 1 pm Conference picnic/worship 3 pm