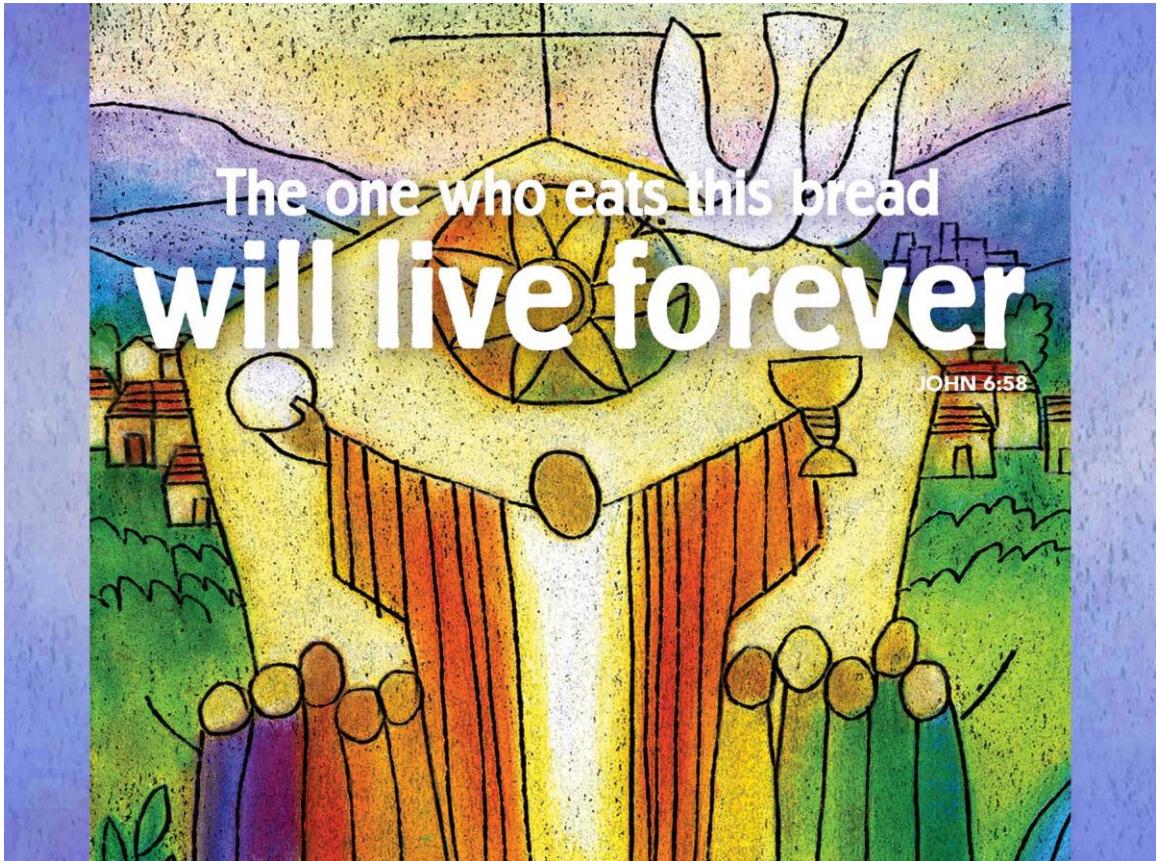


Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 19, 2018

Holy Communion

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Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *As We Gather at Your Table*

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GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I 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."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, all the earth is yours. Give us wisdom to be stewards of your creation. Give refuge to those who suffer because of our neglect and misuse of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Empower us to welcome all to know and love Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

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COMMUNION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Blessed Assurance*

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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.

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.

Today 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.

McLaren Hospice is having a fundraiser at Pot Belly Sandwich shop in Fort Gratiot on August 31 from 11 am-2 pm. Mention the fundraiser to the cashier and 25% of the proceeds will be donated to McLaren Hospice.

The newsletter will be printed this week. If you have any information or announcements about September events, turn them into the office as soon as possible.

The worship assistant schedule for the next year is completed and in your mailbox today. Please note the days you are scheduled and put them on your calendar. If you have a conflict, try to switch with someone and let the office know so we can put the update in the bulletin. Thank you to all who are willing to serve.

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Sabra Morenko; Ushers: Marty Green & Ron Meiselbaugh; Scripture Reader: Kathy Nummer; Communion Assistant: Katy Emerich; Projectionist: Mike Morenko.

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 19, Sunday 65

ANNIVERSARIES:

8/19	Ron & Gale Meiselbaugh	46 years
8/19	Sabra & Mike Morenko	46 years
8/22	Carol & Delbert Vogel	49 years
8/26	Amy & Gary Wiegand	18 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, Jeremy Bryan.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Eucharist training 10 am Mallard's Landing 11 am	Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm	Worship, Communion 9:30 am