

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 5, 2018

Holy Communion

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

*Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**GATHERING SONG** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

**ELW 461**

**GREETING**

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

*A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of

the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the | clouds above  
and opened the | doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon | them to eat  
and giving them | grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the | bread of angels;  
God provided for them | food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens  
and powerfully led out | the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon | them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst | of the camp  
and round a- | bout the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and | were well filled,  
for God gave them | what they craved.

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16**

*Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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### **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.*

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Bread of Life from Heaven*

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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.

Holy God, you give gifts and talents to every member of the church. Strengthen all your children and bring them to a full understanding and maturity in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, our complex and wonderful world is a sure sign of your abundance and care. Provide for every creature, and rain down the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Peaceful God, draw the nations of the world to harmony and mutual understanding. Bind all of humanity in the unity of love and peace that comes through the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, give wisdom and discernment to candidates for elected office, and to those who vote next week. Guide those elected to public office that they would work for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for those who are hungry or homeless, those who are ill, and those who have lost family or friends. Lead them to places of safety, food, healing and rest. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you have brought us all together in this time and place. Bless this congregation, including those who are absent, and draw us into closer communion with you, each other, and our community. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Infinite God, we praise you for the lives of those who have died in Christ. Keep our hearts in hope, for we have all received the food that endures to eternal life. 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**

**SONG AFTER COMMUNION**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer***

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**DISMISSAL**

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**SERVING TODAY:** Greeter: Margaret Danneels; Ushers: Chris Jebrael & Mike Morenko; Scripture Reader: Nancy Green; Communion Assistant: Nancy Green; Projectionist: Marty Green.

## 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.

Special thanks go out to the following people that have been working to keep the church grounds looking so nice: Jennifer and John MacDonald, Theresa and Dick Eisen, Nancy and Marty Green, Nancy Black, Janice Benson-Peters, Ron Meiselbaugh, Mike Morenko and Gary Eisen.

All ladies are invited to travel to the *Lake FX Grill* in Port Huron on Wednesday, August 8 for the Outreach Ladies' Luncheon. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am. There is a signup sheet in the lobby.

In August we will be 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.

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 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 last day for the drive will be August 26.

*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.

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.

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.

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.

St. Clair County Community Mental Health will hold free Mental Health First Aid Training on Friday, August 10 at their office, 3111 Electric Ave. in Port Huron. This training will teach skills to help someone who is showing signs of a mental health condition and will give people tools to identify and support people in a crisis. See the poster on the bulletin board for details.

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 23, Sunday 62

**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.

(Please call or email the office at [speterelca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:speterelca@sbcglobal.net) to update information.)

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

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