

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 7, 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 *God Is Here!*

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GREETING

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *We Are Singing For the Lord Is Our Light*

Chris Ritter, drum

trad. Zulu arr. Hopson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a

deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants
and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and
avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the

exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.
⁶But someone has testified somewhere,
"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,¹² saying,
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Holy God, send your blessing out into the world through missionaries, evangelists, and servants of your church. Through them spread good news to all who need it. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We praise you for the animals of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all the works of your hands. Let our care for all you have made reflect your desire for the health of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rule the nations of this world with the same grace you employ to align planets, stars, and moons. Where there is disorder, move us toward righteousness and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Deliver your care to your children who feel unworthy of care. Bend down low to lift up people who struggle to find others who will embrace them in time of need. Give healing and strength to all who are vulnerable, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring reconciliation to families, congregations and communities that are divided. Heal relationships that are broken. When we face division, open our eyes to signs of new life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Be with all the baptized, especially Cole Coventry. Take us up into your arms and assure us of your unconditional love for us. Empower us to live out our baptismal calling. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Along with all the saints, form us into a holy and loving community in which people can find abundant compassion and peace. Through us bring others into your unbreakable covenant. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of 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

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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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.

Altar flowers today are given by Mike and Sabra Morenko in honor of the baptism of their grandson, Benjamin Frederick Morenko.

Cole Michael Coventry is being baptized at Saturday's service. Cole is the son of Nic and Crystal Coventry, and his sponsors are Danielle Erndt and Jaime O'Neil. We welcome Cole into the fellowship of Christ.

The Youth Committee will meet on Sunday after worship to discuss and plan future youth activities. All parents and youth are invited to come and share ideas.

Our annual meeting will be held on November 4 after the 9:30 am worship service. All committee reports to be included in the annual report should be turned into the office by **next Monday, October 15.**

The November newsletter deadline is October 15.

We are looking for Oktoberfest sponsor donations at these levels: Platinum, \$500; Gold, \$250; Silver, \$100, Bronze, \$50. Of course, donations of any amount would be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Lutheran Church and can be provided to Marty Green, Tom Duemling or Mark Fisher. Contact Cindy Duemling to donate baskets for the basket raffle and items for the silent auction.

Harvest Home weekend will be October 27 & 28. Please bring in nonperishable food before the 27th for our display and our contribution to the Ecumenical Food Panty.

Secret Pals: Please join us after the service on October 21, where we will reveal our identities to our pals and sign up for next year. If you would like to join secret pals but haven't been in the past, please have your info sheet to Katy Emerich before the 21st. Sheets can be found in the lobby.

The Outreach Ladies Luncheon is Wednesday, October 10. Meet at 11:30 at the church to carpool to Club Capri, 6343 Dyke Road, Algonac. We should be returning about 2:00. Cost of lunch is on your own. See Joanne Niederhauser (810-329-4953) or Lou Wegmeyer (810-765-0248) if you have any questions.

SERVING TODAY: Greeter: Mary Beaudua; Ushers: Dick Eisen & Carl Eisen; Acolytes: David Alley & Isabelle Furtah; Scripture Reader: Marty Green; Communion Assistant: Sue Daniels; Projectionist: Chris Ritter.

ATTENDANCE: Saturday 26, Sunday NA

BIRTHDAY: 10/8 Eleanor Schroeder 86 years

IN NEED OF PRAYER Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, 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, Don Schroeder, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Ed Myers, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand. (Please call or email the office at stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net to update information.)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	Choir 7 pm	Pastor's day off Oktoberfest Cornhole 6 pm	Oktoberfest 3-11 pm No service	Sunday School, Worship, 9:30 am



Eighth Annual Oktoberfest

Cornhole Tournament: Friday, October 12, registration in the Big Tent 6 pm; Games begin 7 pm. Return for the main event Saturday, October 13, 3-11pm

Ted Pavlik & the Melody Makers Polka Band 3- 7pm
Branden Pavlov & Todd Armstrong - The Revivors 7:30-10:30 pm

Home-made Knackwurst, Hot dogs, Sauerkraut, Potato salad, German Strudel, pretzels, chips, soft drinks and water, Beer Tent

Fun Family Activities 3- 6 pm: Kid's inflatable, games, contests and more!
Silent Auction & Basket Raffles, 3-7pm