

# Travels, Trips, and Journeys



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 10, 2018

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

*Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ELW 618**

**GREETING**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us when we travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**PSALM: Psalm 139:1-12** (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>**O LORD, you have searched me and known me.**

<sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"

**<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

## **PLANS AND PREPARATIONS**

**READING: Ephesians 6:10-17**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **DIALOGUE AND PRAYER**

**HYMN *O Word of God Incarnate***

**ELW 514**

## **SETTING OUT**

**READING: Genesis 12:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the

LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **DIALOGUE AND PRAYER**

**HYMN *Baptized and Set Free***

**ELW 453**

### ***ON THE ROAD***

**READING: Mark 1:35-39**

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **DIALOGUE AND PRAYER**

**HYMN *How Small Our Span of Life***

**ELW 636**

### ***WHEN THE WAY BECOMES HARD***

**READING: 1 Kings 19:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup>But he himself 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." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."

<sup>6</sup>He 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. <sup>7</sup>The 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."  
<sup>8</sup>He 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.**

## **DIALOGUE AND PRAYER**

**HYMN** *Jesus, Still Lead On*

**ELW 624**

## **JOYFUL HOMECOMINGS**

**READING: Philippians 3:12--4:1**

**Chapter 3** <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

<sup>17</sup>Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

**Chapter 4** <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **DIALOGUE AND PRAYER**

**HYMN** *Lord of All Hopefulness*

**ELW 765**

## **REFLECTION**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

O God, we give you thanks for those who have traveled the path of faith: for Abraham and Sarah, who trusted in your promise; for Mary and Joseph, who acted according to your word; for Paul, who spread the good news of Christ. Lead us also in your way, your truth, and your life. God of the journey,  
**hear our prayer.**

Watch over all who travel. Grant rest and joy for their spirits. Be with bus drivers, flight attendants, pilots, train engineers, road crews, law enforcement and emergency personnel, and all who strive to make our travels safe and our homecomings joyful. God of the journey,  
**hear our prayer.**

You created the earth and everything in it. Be with us as we enjoy the beauty and wonder of your creation during these summer months. Help us also to care for your creation so that its beauty will endure for generations yet to come. God of the journey,  
**hear our prayer.**

You sent your Son into the messiness of our world. Smooth the pathways between people and nations, that together we will move toward your justice and peace. Bring peace to Syria, and North and South Korea. Protect those who journey from danger to safety. God of the journey,  
**hear our prayer.**

You walk with us on all the paths of life. Be with those facing hardship this day: the grieving, the poor, the lost, and the sick. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Hold them in the palm of your hand. God of the journey,  
**hear our prayer.**

You empower your people for ministry. Guide the ministries of this congregation during the summer months, especially the clothing drive, camp, the ELCA Youth Gathering, and Vacation Bible School. God of the journey,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those whose earthly journey has ended and are now in your care. Encourage us by their example on our own earthly journeys until, at the last, we gather with them in your eternal presence. God of the journey,  
**hear our prayer.**

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**HYMN** *Eternal Father, Strong To Save* v. 4 only

**ELW 756**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

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**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG** *This Is My Father's World*

**ELW 824**

**DISMISSAL**

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**SERVING TODAY:** Katy Emerich, greeter; Bryan Neiman & Marty Green, ushers; Marty Green, lay reader; Nancy Latowski, projector.

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday 23, Sunday 95

**BIRTHDAY:** 6/11 Janice Golder 80 years

**ANNIVERSARY:** 6/10 Jana & Jeremy Donaldson 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, Tom Bodany, Don Schroeder, Fred & Wendy Morris, Patricia Jones, Janice Benson-Peters, Tom Peters, Marc Dease, Mary Lowe.

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### **Vacation Bible School July 9-11, 6:00 pm -8:30 pm**

Summer is just around the corner and 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.) 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.

## 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 Marty and Nancy Green in memory of Cyril, Nellie, and David Skrllec.

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.

This weekend, to help us get ready for summer, the theme of our worship service is “Travels, Trips, and Journeys.” At the end of worship on Sunday, we will have a “Blessing of Bicycles.” After the blessing, Pastor Ken will lead riders of all ages on a bicycle ride around the neighborhood.

The Ladies Luncheon for June will be at Junction Buoy on River Road in Marysville on Wednesday, June 13. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 am to carpool. Sign up in the lobby if you plan to attend.

On June 16 from 5-8 pm, adults 18 and over have the opportunity to paint a sign to hang in your home. Some options for the design include a welcome sign, a family name design and a bottle opener with choice of sayings. See the bulletin board in the hallway for all the options. If you would like to enjoy an evening of fellowship and craftiness, choose your design and submit it to Katy Emerich (810-824-0495). Then come and create your masterpiece!

The Community Foundation of Saint Clair County is hosting **The BIG Give**, a 24 hour online fund raiser, on June 12th from 12 am – 12 pm. You can go online to support St. Mary's Vincent de Paul and the St. Clair Ecumenical Food Pantry. All donor contributions will be amplified depending on how much is raised for each organization during the 24 hour period. Visit the website [stclairfoundation.org](http://stclairfoundation.org) to make your donation to the food pantry on June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to give but do not have internet access, call 810-300-6603.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Pastor's day off	Worship, Communion 5 pm Sign Painting 5-8 pm	Worship, Communion 9:30 am Campers leave