

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, June 18, 2023
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN: #560 "I Hear the Savior Calling"

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560

I Hear the Savior Calling



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to
 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to
 3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to
 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for
 5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened
 me, A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing
 me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the
 me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my
 cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To
 to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is
 call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who
 Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No
 ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This



live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did
 Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -
 share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel
 word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple
 is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my



save me, And now he calls for me!
 giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!
 mis - sion For you are call - ing me!

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 Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
 all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
 you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6

¹⁵ I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

6 “Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

- ² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³ Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”
- ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119c

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Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Oh, how I love your law!*

I meditate on it all day long.

I have more insight than all my teachers,*

for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders,*

for I obey your precepts. ***Refrain***

I have kept my feet from every evil path*

so that I might obey your Word.

I have not departed from your laws,*

for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,*

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:18-25

¹⁸ In hope [Abraham] believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia!
(Isaiah 55:11b)

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and

learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #596 "Let Me Be Yours Forever"



1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, My faith - ful
 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my
 3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort -



God and Lord; Let me for - sake you nev - er
 life di - vine, My on - ly con - so - la - tion,
 er and guide, Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it



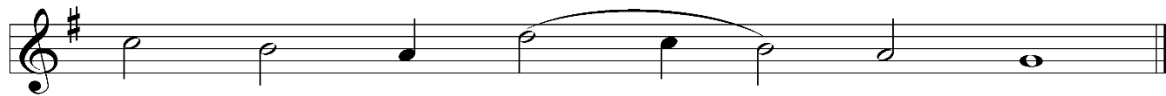
Nor wan - der from your Word. Lord, do not
 To you I all re - sign, For you have
 I al - ways may con - fide, Him to the



let me wa - ver But give me stead -
 dear - ly bought me With blood and bit -
 end con - fess - ing Whom I have known



fast - ness, And for such grace and fa - vor
 ter pain. Let me, since you have sought me,
 by faith. Give me your con - stant bless - ing



Your ho - ly name I'll bless.
 E - ter - nal life ob - tain.
 And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532–92, st. 1; *Gesangbuch*, Rudolstadt, 1688, st. 2-3; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
 Tune: ICH DANKE DIR, LIEBER HERRE (76 76 D) *Musika Teutsch*, Nürnberg, 1532, alt.

SERMON

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: O Lord, You strike down and You heal. Though we justly deserve Your wrath for our sin, revive us and raise us up, that we may live before You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Almighty God, You desire steadfast love and that Your people would know You. Bless pastors, teachers and all church workers, that Your Word would sound forth in abundance. Open the ears of all who hear to acknowledge Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Father in heaven, by Your grace Abraham did not weaken in faith but trusted Your promises. Strengthen

parents to persist in their callings and train their children in Your Word and ways. Defend them from discouragement and apathy, and convince them that You are able to do what You have promised. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Creator of all things, You call into existence what does not exist and govern it for good. Remember those You have given authority among the nations, that the laws they administer might reflect Your order and maintain peace.

Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, Your Son came to heal the sick and forgive sinners. Hear our prayers for those who suffer in any way. Restore them according to Your gracious will, and strengthen their faith in Your faithfulness and love. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Father in heaven, You made childless Abraham the father of many nations when his body was as good as dead, giving him faith to trust in the promised Christ. Strengthen our faith also to trust Your promises despite our weaknesses and troubles. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

M: Almighty God, Your Son ate with sinners to call them into righteousness and now feeds us in His Supper, that we might be forgiven. Prepare our hearts to partake of the Sacrament of the Altar with penitence and faith, and so depart in righteousness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Holy Father, receive our thanks for Your kindness to Abraham, Sarah and all the saints who have gone before us. Preserve us in faith and in righteousness, that we, too, may give You glory now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from (+) evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

STAND



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



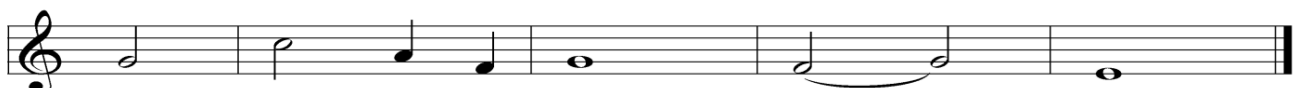
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: "The Savior Calls, Let Every Ear"

1 The Savior calls; let every ear attend the heavenly sound.
O doubting souls, dismiss your fear; hope smiles reviving round.

2 For every thirsty, longing heart here streams of bounty flow
And life and health and bliss impart to banish mortal woe.

3 Here springs of sacred pleasures rise to ease your every pain,
Immortal fountain, full supplies: nor shall you thirst in vain.

4 O sinners, come, hear mercy's voice; the gracious call obey;
Mercy invites to heavenly joys, and can you yet delay?

5 Dear Savior, draw reluctant hearts; to you let sinners fly
And take the bliss your love imparts, revive, and never die.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

#572 "Send Forth, O Lord, to Every Place" Text: Mary C. Gates (1842-1905)



1 Send forth, O Lord, to ev - 'ry place Swift mes - sen -
2 Send men whose eyes have seen the King, Men in whose
3 To bring good news to souls in sin, The bruised and
4 Since you have died, your vic - t'ry claim; As - sert, O
5 Arm each one with the Spir - it's sword, The sword of



gers be - fore your face, The her - alds of your
ears his sweet words ring; Send them your lost ones
bro - ken hearts to win, In ev - 'ry place to
Christ, your glo - ry's name; And far to lands of
your own death - less Word, And make them con - qu'rors,



won - drous grace, Where you your - self will come.
home to bring; Send them where you will come—
bring them in Where you your - self will come.
pa - gan shame Send men where you will come.
con - qu'ring Lord, Where you your - self will come.

THANKSGIVING (page 36)

STAND

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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Communion Assistant: Ron Bude

Organist and Soloist: Julie Webber

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service 10:45 Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Wednesday – 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service 10:45 Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Joy Schaefer; Ushering - Team 4

Altar Flowers are donated to the glory of God.

Hope Christian Academy News (formerly HVL)

Welcome our New Teachers - Megan and Lucas Martin

Megan will be teaching grades 6-8; and Lucas will be teaching Spanish and coordinating our Crossing Bridges program. The two will be installed in our opening service on August 13 (3 PM). We are super excited to welcome them to our area and the ministry at Hope Christian Academy.

Carnival - July 1 (12pm-4pm)

Everyone is invited to this fun community event. Please consider bringing friends, family, neighbors, and anyone who might be interested in learning more about Hope Christian Academy. This free event is for all ages and will have games, food, and fun activities. We want more people in our community to know who we are and what we have to offer, so please help us by spreading the word.

Summer Community Events

Throughout the summer, we will be at several community events and festivals sharing information about Hope Christian Academy. If you can give an hour or two to staff our booth or help in any way, please fill out the form below and we will contact you with details. Please help us spread the word about the innovative education, extraordinary connection and life-changing Hope offered at HCA.

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