

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Founded 1856*  
*1343 Penniman Avenue*  
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*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*



*Sunday, August 6, 2023*  
*The Tenth 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: #254 "The Day Full of Grace"**

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The Day Full of Grace



1 The day full of grace, which we be - hold Now  
 2 How blest was that gra - cious mid - night hour When  
 3 The day - light grew dim on Cal - va - ry When  
 4 With joy we draw near our fa - ther - land, Our



gent - ly to view as - cend - ing As God's gra - cious  
 God in our flesh was giv - en. The Day - spring ap -  
 Christ for the world was giv - en, But on Eas - ter  
 heav - en - ly Fa - ther's dwell - ing, Where read - y for



prom - is - es un - fold, Good cheer to the  
 peared in light and pow'r And spread o'er the  
 morn our Lord broke free To give us new  
 us his man - sions stand, Where heav'n with his



saints is lend - ing, And chil - dren of light in  
 dark - ened heav - en. Then rose o'er the world that  
 life from heav - en. His Spir - it now tes - ti -  
 saints is swell - ing, And there we shall walk in



ev - 'ry land Re - joice that the night is end - ing.  
 Sun di - vine Who gloom from our hearts has driv - en.  
 fies in us That we are the Fa - ther's chil - dren.  
 end - less light, For - ev - er his prais - es tell - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn, 15th century, abr., st. 1-2, 4; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 3; tr. composite, st. 1-2, 4.  
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 Tune: DEN SIGNEDE DAG (98 98 98) Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842.

**STAND**

**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.

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 Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


  
**C:**    A    -    men.

**BE SEATED**



**THE WORD**

## **FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119b** Refrain Tune: Richard Proulx. © 1986 GIA

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*Refrain*

Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

*Psalm tone*

\*

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;\*  
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law\*  
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,\*  
for there I find delight. **Refrain**

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;\*  
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,\*  
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!\*  
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**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 8:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia! (Jeremiah 15:16)

**STAND**

## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:44-52**

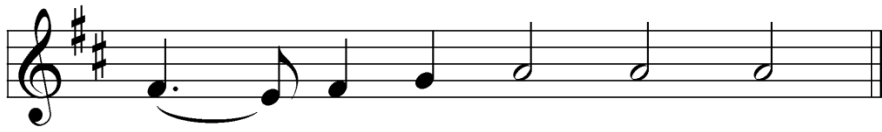
<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been

trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

***BE SEATED***

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: #418 “My God Will Never Leave Me”**

Text: Ludwig Helmhold (1532-1598)

## My God Will Never Leave Me



1 My God will nev - er leave me, And I will  
 2 When hu - man thought and ac - tion Shall un - a -  
 3 God shall be my re - li - ance In sor - row's  
 4 Oh, praise him for he nev - er For - gets our  
 5 And when the world will per - ish With all its



not leave him; A light my God will give me In  
 vail - ing prove, God grants me his pro - tec - tion And  
 dark - est night; Its dread I bid de - fi - ance When  
 dai - ly need; Oh, blest the hour when - ev - er To  
 pride and pow'r, All that the world may cher - ish Will



path - ways dark and grim. He reach - es out his hand,  
 shows his pow'r and love. He helps in ev - 'ry need,  
 he is at my right. I un - to him com - mend  
 him our thoughts can speed, For all the time we spend  
 van - ish in that hour. But though in death they make



His might - y pow - er shar - ing, My bur - dens  
 From sin and shame re - deems me, From chains and  
 My bod - y, soul, and spir - it— They are his  
 With - out him is but wast - ed, Till we his  
 The deep - est grave our cov - er, When there our



ev - er bear - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
 bonds re - claims me; From death I, too, am freed.  
 own by mer - it— All's well, then, at the end.  
 joy have tast - ed, The joy that has no end.  
 sleep is o - ver, Our God will us a - wake.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 4-5, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2-3, alt.

Tune: VON GOTT WILL ICH NICHT LASSEN (76 76 67 76) *Recueil de plusieurs chansons*, Lyons, 1557, alt.

## **SERMON**

**Text: 1 Peter 2:19-25; Theme: "Following Christ's Footsteps"**

<sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

***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 TENTH 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:** Heavenly Father, You have redeemed us out of Your steadfast love. Grant that the Gospel may go forth unhindered and Your Spirit bring many into this fellowship of the redeemed. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, You have revealed to us the true treasure of Christ's cross and resurrection. Grant that we may pursue Your kingdom with all our hearts, souls, minds and bodies. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Father, You justify us for the sake of Christ. Comfort any who are troubled by the memory of past sins or visited by the temptation to believe they cannot be forgiven. Give them confidence in Christ, that He died for them and still intercedes for them. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, You have given us various offices in our lives. Grant us faithfulness in these callings, that we may see them as gifts through which we serve You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, grant wisdom to all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may seek what is best for all in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, bestow Your comfort upon all who are burdened by sickness and affliction. Grant that they may await healing and deliverance in the firm conviction that

nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus.  
Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, grant that all who partake in Holy Communion today do so rejoicing that the Christ they receive in this Sacrament also intercedes for them at Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

**M:** Lord God, heavenly Father, it is not for the sake of our numbers or strength or birth that You preserve us, but for the sake of Your faithfulness and steadfast love. As You preserved Your ancient people of Israel for the sake of Your promises, keep Your Holy Church on earth, and also preserve our Synod. We pray in the name of Christ, the crucified, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

*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.

**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.

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### **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 (Page 33)**

**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.



## 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: "Jesus is Our Joy, Our Treasure"

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Jesus is our Joy, our Treasure;  
Jesus is our Truth, our Light.  
Jesus is our Love, our Pleasure;  
Jesus is our Hope, our Might.  
Oh, how blessed is thy name,  
Son of God, we thee acclaim.  
Others oft our spirit sadden;  
Jesus grieving hearts doth gladden.

Jesus health to souls restoreth;  
Jesus is their strong Support.  
Jesus mercies rich outpoureth;  
Jesus doth all guilt deport.  
Though grim death will close our eyes,  
Christ is risen, will bid us rise.  
He death's cruel shackle breaketh,  
Us to life eternal waketh.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

### **#346 “In You is Gladness”**

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1 In you is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness,  
2 If he is ours, We fear no pow - ers,



Je - sus, Sun - shine of my heart. By you are  
Not of earth or sin or death. He sees and



giv - en The gifts of heav - en; You the true  
bless - es In worst dis - tress - es; He can change



Re - deem - er are. Our souls are wak - ing; Our bonds  
them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry Tell of



are break - ing. Who trusts you sure - ly Has built se -  
his glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly And stands for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -  
joic - es In him for - ev - er. Al - le - lu -



ia! Our hearts are pin - ing To see your shin - ing,  
ia! We shout for glad - ness, Win o - ver sad - ness,



Dy - ing or liv - ing To you are cling - ing  
Love him and praise him And still shall raise him



Now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

# 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-joice 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: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Lois Bude

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER’S**

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service; 10:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn  
- 3:00 PM Ordination and installation service for the new pastor,  
Paul Ritter, at Crown of Life, 32725 Ryan Road, Warren,  
Michigan 48092.

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Wednesday – 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

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

Monday - 7:00 PM Divine Service

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Nancy Winkler; Ushering – Team 3

Flowers are donated to the glory of God.



**Pastor vacation** – Pastor Schaefer will be on vacation from August 3 through August 7. If a pastoral emergency should occur, please contact Rev. Tom Schroeder, Good Shepherd, Novi (248)348-2613. Pastor Emeritus Rodney Schwab, is officiating for today, Sunday, August 6 Divine Service. Rev. John Gierach of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor will officiate for the Monday, August 7 Divine Service.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards, and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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## **New Name - Same Mission for Hope Christian Academy**

Huron Valley Lutheran HS is now Hope Christian Academy offering Christ-centered education for grades 6-12. For quite some time, however, we will be utilizing both names as we transition to the new name. Please continue to use the name HVL when writing checks or sending donations. Once all the legal documents have been switched to the new name, we will make an announcement to begin using HCA for all purposes. Please let us know if you have any questions.

### **HCA Upcoming School Year**

As we make preparations for the upcoming school year, we are looking for individuals interested in coaching or being assistant coaches at both the High School and Middle School levels. If you or someone you know is interested in helping with soccer, volleyball, or cross country, please have them contact the school office at 734-525-0160 and speak with our athletic director, Kris Ruth. We are also looking for a part-time teacher for music (both vocal and instrumental) at the middle school level. If interested, contact Principal Matt Foley.

### **HCA Opening Service - Aug 13 (3pm)**

Join us at 3pm on Sunday, August 13, for the opening service for Hope Christian Academy. We will be installing our two new teachers, Megan Martin and Lucas Martin during the opening Service.

**HCA International Student Hosting** - We are always on the lookout for potential host families. If you or someone you know is interested in more information about hosting an international student, please contact the school office at 734-525-0160.

### **HCA Enrollment Update**

For the first year of our middle school program, it appears we will reach our enrollment cap of 18 students and start a waiting list. Most of our families are completely new to us, so we are excited about the opportunity to connect with more families in our community and share the love of Jesus. We are still enrolling for grades 9-12, so if you know of anyone interested in a high-quality, Christ-centered high school education, please let us know.