

**SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
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**9:00 A.M. Sundays: Alternating with Traditional &
Contemporary Services (Communion - all Services)
10:15-11:00 A.M. Sunday School; 10:30-11:00 A.M. Adult
Bible Class (September-May)
6:30 P.M. Wednesdays: Devotional Service with Communion**

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 2018

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MONDAY: 6:30 Board of Education
TUESDAY: 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
WEDNESDAY: 6:30 Devotional Service with Communion
FRIDAY: 12:30-3:00 CATALYST (5th-12th Graders)
1:30-3:30 Work @ Second Harvest Heartland
NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Traditional Service with Communion
10:30 Elders' Meeting

ACOLYTE: Izaak Schmidt **READER:** Joan Riemer

BIRTHDAYS: TODAY: Stacy Payne, Jon Peterson, Jake Voss, Zack Voss
MON: Paul Meyer, Joan Riemer, Karen Stoltzmann TUES: Carol Nelson,
Robert Polinske

BAPTISMAL DATES: TODAY: Hannah Nelson FRI: Susan Clare, David
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**HEARING ASSISTANCE RADIOS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
NARTHEX.** Please see an usher. Turn to 97.8 or 98.0 for the
best reception.

CUSHIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. You may leave
them in the pews after the worship service.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 97.

Contemporary Service with Communion

July 8, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

AS WE GATHER - God's power, grace, and mercy stands in contrast to our weakness. The psalmist urges us to lift up our eyes to God, especially in times of distress. In the Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel is sent to rebellious Israel to speak the Word of the Lord. Likewise, in the Gospel, Jesus comes to His hometown to teach, but He is rejected. And in the Epistle, we find the theme in its clearest depiction as Paul boasts and rejoices in his weakness, because when he is weak, then he is strong, and God most clearly showcases His power, grace, and mercy.

WELCOME (*Worshippers greet one another.*)(*Stand.*)

OPENING SONG: "Your Grace Is Sufficient" (*See screen.*) **BOB 246**

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Lift up your eyes to the Lord!

People: For He is filled with mercy.

Pastor: Plead with Him for what you need.

People: For He is filled with power.

Pastor: Be content with His ways.

People: For His grace is sufficient.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, each of us has rebelled against God and rejected His will, His ways, and His commands. We were born in sin and weakness. We cannot escape our rebellious condition on our own. Let us then confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father. Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have rejected Your ways and sought our own. We have rebelled against Your almighty rule, trying to be the masters of our own lives. We have failed to love You with all our heart. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to love our enemies as You commanded. Forgive us by Your power, mercy, and grace.

Pastor: In the power, mercy, and grace of almighty God, Jesus Christ died and was raised for you. On account of Christ and His all-sufficient grace, God forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. His grace is sufficient for us. His power is made perfect in weakness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your grace is sufficient for us. When we are weak and suffering, point us back to You, our source of strength and comfort, that we rejoice in Your power, mercy, and grace, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated.)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1–5 (ESV)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:1–10 (ESV)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:1–13 (ESV)

(Before the reading)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be seated.)

SERMON SONG: “You Are My Hiding Place”

BOB 244

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Why No Honor?” Mark 6:4

SERMON: “Content with Hardships” Text: 2 Corinthians 12:10

(Stand.)

NICENE CREED

Pastor: God has given us many gifts. (*See screen.*)

People: He has given us clothing and shoes, house and home, food and drink, money and possessions.

Pastor: He richly and daily provides us with all that we need to support this body and life.

People: With thanksgiving, we offer back to Him the firstfruits of His good gifts.

(Be seated.)

OFFERING

(Note to our visitors: You are our guests this morning! Please do not feel the need to make a contribution to our Offering. We would ask all visitors and members to sign the Register Pad as the Offering is being collected. Also, Prayer Cards are available in the pew racks for special intercessions during the time of congregational prayer.)

FOR ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We believe that Christ's Body and Blood is present in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. In this sacred meal Jesus gives Himself in love to His Church to build us up in faith, hope and love. Since Christ is truly present, the Sacrament is not to be received in a careless or indifferent manner. St. Paul writes: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.**" (1 Corinthians 11.27-28)*

We believe that such self-examination necessarily includes the following points: 1) Do I believe that the only true God is the Triune God, Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, within One Divine Being? 2) Do I humbly acknowledge before God that I am indeed a sinner in need of His grace? 3) Do I believe that Jesus Christ the Son of God is my personal Lord and Savior? 4) Do I believe that in this Sacrament Christ is truly present for me for the forgiveness of my sins? 5) Do I have a sincere desire, with God's help, to live a life that is pleasing to Him?

For those who can answer these questions in the affirmative, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's Table. For those who have a different religious understanding, or are unclear as to the points listed above, we ask that you talk to the pastor before receiving the Sacrament.

(Stand.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For children and infants, that they be raised by faithful parents and guardians, and grow in strength and in knowledge of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those in power, especially elected officials, that they would treat those under their power with justice and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the elderly and homebound, that God would strengthen them through His Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the leaders of this congregation, that God would send His guidance and wisdom for the benefit of this congregation and community, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who mourn the death of loved ones, that they find hope in the resurrection and return of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who celebrate special occasions and answered prayers, that their joy be a witness to the goodness of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are sick and recovering, that they rely on the all-sufficient grace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your power, mercy, and grace.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have shown grace to Your weak and sinful creatures and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (*Revelation 22:20*)

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS:

"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

"Commune with Me"

"You Are My All in All"

"Give Thanks"

BOB 46

PW 167

PW 220

PW 170

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Assistant: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “Shout to the North”

BOB 197

(Be seated.)

PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

July 8, 2018

*(*Added this week)*

Patrick Love, grandson of Kathy Bauer, for strength & spiritual guidance

Ken Pechuman, recovery from pneumonia and Congestive Heart Failure

Janice Goebel, sister of Phyllis Richert, recovery from foot surgery

Angie Graves, family friend of Jay & Autumn Zahn, recovering from open heart surgery (She needs a heart transplant to survive long term and is on the waiting list. Pray for complete recovery and long life.)

Deb Zwickey, friend of Gayle Schneider, for relief of pain & healing after surgery

Kathy Hatanpaa, cousin of Lois Fritsche, A.L.S.

Cole Wegner, son of Jenny Veith's cousin, Cystic Fibrosis

Jeff Riemenschneider, brother of Autumn Zahn, Parkinson's

Kellen Giddings, friend of Maverick Schiltgen, recovery from a brain tumor

Grace Hedtke, Melissa Oberdeck's Godchild, bone tumor

Breck Fewer, son of Joe & Lindsey Fewer, recovering from heart surgery

LaDonna Freitag, daughter of Faye Freitag-Schiell, for health & healing

Laurel Bonine, for health and healing

Holly Bonine, for health and healing

Jamie Grenier, husband of Cyndi Grenier, for health & healing

Loren Richert, for health & healing

Melissa Oberdeck, for health & healing

Jessica Polinske, for health and healing (cancer free at this time)

Alicia Cleveland, daughter of Betty Richert, Muscular Dystrophy & Leukemia

Sandy Bushinger, daughter of Hubert Schiell, cancer

Barbie Erickson, friend of the Swanson family, cancer

Loretta Freitag, sister of Faye Freitag-Schiell, cancer

Karen Carter, niece of Cheryl Richert, kidney cancer

John Schmidt, treatment for cancer

Greg Rubenstein, husband of Marlys Albrecht, good health & healing (cancer free)

Carl Benning (requested by Alicia Benning), cancer

Nancy Wesley, friend of Gayle Schneider, treatment for recurrence of cancer

Mike Morley, friend of Bruce Albrecht, good health after cancer treatment

Anita Bruch, lymphoma cancer

Richard Miller, Viola Miller's grandson, treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Teresa Kopps, spiritual blessings and successful treatment of Stage 4 cancer

Tim Sachi, friend of Steve & Sharon Wellner, cancer

Don Goodwin, son-in-law of Stan Simkins, cancer

Jerry Mueller, son of Evie Mueller, health & healing (cancer free at this time)

Jason Bauer, nephew of Kathy Bauer, cancer

Sue Dickey, friend of Kathy Bauer, cancer

Marilyn Stalhiem, aunt of Linda Veith, cancer

If you would like to include the needs of a sick relative or friend in our weekly Prayer Page, call the church office at (651) 436-3357, or submit the request via E-mail: stpeter@stpeterafton.org by Wednesday afternoon. Prayer requests will be kept on our list for two months unless otherwise directed. To request a prayer for our "Prayer Chain" that you would like us to send out via E-mail, call the church office. If anyone would like to be added to this list, call the church office with your E-mail.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S 9:00 A.M. SERVICE:
COFFEE HOST: Alvina Schmidt; USHERS: Doug Stoltzmann, Elder; Grant Fritsche; Laura Fritsche; Gary Anderson; Loiry Anderson; ACOLYTE: Ryan Bernath; READER: Laura Bauer; GREETERS: Lorraine Hansen.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND - We will work a shift on Friday, July 13th at 1:30-3:30 P.M. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions, call Cheryl Schmidt at (651) 482-1963.

"SPLASH CANYON" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held July 16th-20th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At "Splash Canyon VBS" your kids will discover that, on life's wild ride, Jesus is by our side! Come join us at St. Peter for a week of awesome fun where we will learn that God saves us through Jesus and gives us life and hope every day and forever! All Pre-K through 4th grade students are welcome!
Register online at VBSmate.com/stpeterafton.

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! VBS will be held from July 16th-20th, and we need lots of volunteers to make this another great experience for the youth of our church and surrounding community! Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

AV TEAM NEEDS REGULAR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST DURING WORSHIP SERVICES. This is not high tech. Basic PC knowledge is all you need. Please see or call Jay Zahn, (651) 235-1381.

VALLEY ACCESS CABLE CHANNEL #18 will air our worship service on Fridays, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 1:00 a.m. & 6:00 a.m. **WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE DVD'S** for shut-ins if requested. They can be picked up by a family member or friend, or mailed. Call the church office.

ATTENTION 5TH-12TH GRADERS!! CATALYST (Monthly Youth Night) will be held on **FRIDAY, JULY 13TH, 12:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.** We will be going to Lake Elmo Beach (weather permitting). Snacks & refreshments will be provided. As always, please bring friends!

THE YOUTH GROUP IS COLLECTING "ALUMINUM CANS" for a Fundraiser. Please leave them by the garage door. Please just bring aluminum cans. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!! Newsletter articles for August are due in the church office no later than Thursday, July 12th.

GET TO KNOW our new Pastor David Domanski & his wife Ann on Sunday, July 22, 2018, after the 9:00 a.m. service as part of the coffee hour.

“EMMA NORTON” IS THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR JULY AND AUGUST. See the mission board in the narthex for more information. If you would like to support this Mission-of-the-Month, there are special Mission envelopes in your offering envelope box, in the pews, or on the Mission Board.

“FOSTERING LOVE”, a non-profit organization that serves in Washington County, provides backpacks filled with essentials and items to kids being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Please Help! Items needed are: Money to purchase backpacks and we will apply for a \$250.00 Thrivent Action Grant; deodorant (trial or reg. size); toothbrushes (individually wrapped); toothpaste (trial or reg. size); stickers; coloring books; crayons (12 or 24 packs); decks of cards; pens; journals or small notebooks. Buy items and bring them to church to place in the Collection Box OR write a check to St. Peter, memo “Fostering Love”. Outreach will use it to purchase backpacks in bulk on Amazon. Our goal is 100 of each item listed! Let’s make a difference in these kids’ lives!

GET READY FOR WHAM WEEK 2018!!! - WHAM week will take place from Monday August 6th through Friday the 10th, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. All those going into 5th grade through 12th grade students are welcome!! See Tony Engen if you have any questions.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO MEET DURING THE SUMMER. They meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is on July 10th. Join us if you like to knit or crochet or would like to learn. If you have questions, Contact Gayle Schneider or Linda Craig.

To the saints of God at St. Peter,

Thank you so much for your warm and generous welcome into the congregation at the installation service and reception last Sunday! Ann and I were truly blessed to be received so kindly and with such love. Your labor and your fellowship are valuable to us, and we hope that we will grow together in faith and in mutual support over the time to come!

To God alone be the glory,
David and Ann Domanski