

Children's Sermon

Sermon Hymn: 742 What Is This Bread?

Sermon: Wanted: Wisdom

Offering: *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

3rd Hymn: 616 Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 496 Glorious In Majesty

Ushers: This Week – Zack & Mike Walsh
Next Week – Tanner Latsch & Justin Cusack

Greeters: This Week – Rose Henning & Arlene Borchardt
Next Week – Frank & Sue Kramer

Junk Parade

We are collecting items for the junk parade float. Please bring costume jewelry, flower pots, buckets and any other junk you'd like. Our theme is "Treasure in jars of clay." Please bring donations to church or school so we can get the float put together.

Hot Lunch Helpers

As school quickly approaches we are looking for hot lunch helpers for this school year. Help is needed from 10:15 am – till 12:45 pm. Even 1 day a month would be helpful. Please contact Kelly Vogel for more information at 920-650-2202.

Volunteers Needed

St. Peter's has offered to volunteer at the Lighthouse on August 30th. This is a center for Milwaukee youth to safely gather and enjoy positive Christian influence. We need around 8 youth ages 10 – 18 to go in on the 30th. Plans are to leave as soon after school as possible. Volunteers on arrival will play games with youth. At 5:45 there will be a devotion followed by a supper that we will have prepared and we will serve. Activities end around 7:15 and we will head home. Let Pastor or Linda Haberman know if you can help as a youth or as a driver. Thanks!

Alpha Life Position Available

The Alpha Life Resource Center is **urgently** looking for a part-time office assistant/manager to take care of the office duties at the Center. It would require about 15 hours per week and the person should be able to start immediately. If interested, please call Reuben Schmitz at (920) 253-8985 or Mark Wendland at (920) 344-1711.

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost – August 19th & 20th, 2018



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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: Pg. 38

Opening Hymn: 283 Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

Prayer of the Day:

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is personified. Christ is that wisdom. Wisdom is much more than mere knowledge or skill. Wisdom is that attribute of God which is Christ and which is revealed in Christ and which Christ imparts as we eat his flesh by faith and live. The wise of the world despise the simple. And the simple do not understand the wise. But he who is wisdom knows that we are all simple, too simple to understand the way of salvation or the meaning of life or the point of death. He does not despise and spurn us in our simplicity; he calls; he invites; he lures and entices (as Luther says so often) with a banquet of understanding for this life and for the life to come. He is the host, and he is the banquet. An understanding of him, of ourselves, of life and death—it is all there for those who come and eat, inspired and moved by his invitation. ¹Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. ²She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. ⁴“Let all who are simple come in here!” she says to those who lack judgment. ⁵“Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. ⁶Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 1, p. 64

Second Lesson - Ephesians 5:15-20

It is when we fail to grasp that the living Bread from heaven is everything and are deceived into thinking that the temporal is more important, it is then that we become bitter, frustrated, angry, greedy and grasping. For we never have enough of the visible and always see someone else who has more and deserves it less. But when we have

everything because we have Christ and his grace, Christ and his forgiveness, Christ and his providential care, then we can afford and will eagerly strive to imitate him. It's all a matter of perspective, of seeing the importance of the temporal chiefly in this that it is a reminder of the eternal.

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. ¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)

Gospel - John 6:51-58

The Jews only wanted a bread king. They despised the lowly Jesus whose humility veiled his deity. They rejected the ultimate bread from heaven whose person, whose coming, whose dying, whose rising again is the only nourishment that matters. At table may we sigh, Jesus, only Jesus! He is my food eternal, my life and my salvation! Even if I starved to death, I would be full with him for all eternity! Remembering that elemental truth as we fight against the materialism that attacks us from our own sinful nature and from the world around us.

⁵¹ “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”