

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 21st & 22nd, 2019

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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: Limited Liturgy

Opening Hymn: “Alleluia” & “God is so Great” – ECC-2nd Grade

Please Stand

The Invocation

M: In the name of the Father, who cares for us as His children, And of the Son, who died for us to make us God’s children and of the Holy Spirit who brought us to faith as God’s children.

C: Amen

M: Let us now go before God’s throne of grace and confess our sins together:

Confession of Sins

C: Loving God, Searcher of Hearts, you know the longings we have for a community of love and trust. Yet we confess that we sabotage our own best interests: a silent sulk when our needs aren’t guessed, a truth about ourselves held back for fear of non-acceptance, a resentment that festers into isolation, a persistent doubting of our gifts and of your plan, a constant questioning of our worth to you and your goodness to us. We do not understand why you keep loving us. We hurt our loved ones. We turn our backs on the needy. We seek revenge for petty wrongs in petty ways. We are sorry, O God, for we know that sins against one another are sins against you. We know what we deserve and humbly ask for the opposite. Father, forgive us.

M: In the name of Jesus, God’s Son, who lived a perfect life and wrote your name upon it, who died your death, who lives again that you also will live, who still breaths out His Holy Spirit upon you, your sins are all forgiven. Amen.

Please be seated

God’s Word for Today:

1st Lesson Genesis 1: 1-6

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning-the first day.

2nd Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Projector note: The Children's song and devotion will only be for the Sunday Service. For Saturday please go directly to the Hymn of the day.

Children's Devotion (At this time the children are invited to the front for the devotion. Parents are welcome to accompany their small children. Children's Devotion will be Sunday 9 am only)

Hymn of the Day: 524 “O Fount of Good, for All Your Love”

1. O Fount of good, for all your love
Our true thanks should be paid.
What can we render, Lord, to you,
When you own all that's made?
2. But you have needy brothers here,
Partakers of your grace,
Whose names you will yourself confess
Before the Father's face.

3. In their sad accents of distress
Your pleading voice is heard;
You may in them be clothed and fed
And visited and cheered.
4. Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear
And gladly do your will,
Each other's daily burdens share,
The law of love fulfill.
5. Your face with rev'rence and with love
We in the poor will view,
And, while we minister to them,
We do it as to you.

Sermon Lesson

⁷But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Sermon **Eye on the Prize**

Offering: (You wouldn't feel the need to pay for someone else's mortgage just cause you stopped by for a visit. The offering gathered today is a chance for those who are part of the ministry family here at St. Peter's to support that ministry. If you are a guest or visitor, this service is our gift to you. Please know there is no obligation to give. There will also be an opportunity to contribute to hurricane relief efforts through a collection near the entrance.)

Prayer of the Church

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our country sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

[C] 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.

3rd Hymn: 462 “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!
2. Order my footsteps by your Word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.
3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way,
Restore your wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in your commands -
'Tis a delightful road -
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: 332 “Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.

2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.

Ushers: This Week – Jesse Horta & John Hinz
Next Week – Richard Engelhart & Mark Genz

Greeters: This Week – Frank & Sue Kramer
Next Week – Richard & Elaine Engelhart