

Family Sunday & New Member Welcome

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Rooted and Growing

We Welcome You!

Children's Song: *(Please feel free to record or take pictures during the Children's Song and Devotion.)*

Order of Worship: Please Follow Along on the Screen

Opening Hymn: 735 Speak, O Lord

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:

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.

God's Word for Today:

First Lesson: Isaiah 53:3-6

³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Second Lesson: Luke 24:44-48

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Children's Devotion: (At this time the children are invited to the front for the devotion. Parents are welcome to accompany their small children.)

Hymn of the Day: 752 "In Christ Alone"

Sermon Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-19

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.

Sermon: **Now there is Peace**

Offering: (You wouldn't feel the need to pay for someone else's mortgage just because 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.)

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

Hymn: 379 "Amazing Grace"

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

Closing Hymn: 332 Go, My Children, with My Blessing
4th Verse Sung by the ensemble.

Ushers:

This Week – Tyler Danielson & Timothy Walsh

Next Week – Volunteers Needed

Greeters:

This Week – Dave & Andrea Stewart

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PENCIL BAGS

Several people have approached me and want to help. We also have several people who have the directions and are making cases on their own. Let me know if some of you want to get together and work on it at my house or if you would like a set of directions to work on it at home. Some people have called and offered scraps if you want to sew and don't have any. Another way people can help is to buy supplies to put in the cases. The project coordinator has suggested that we can put pencils, pens, erasers, colored pencils or crayons in them. My thought was to have the school children fill them. What a wonderful way to share Jesus' love!