

## IN OUR PRAYERS

✠ Ill/Hospitalized: Dorothy Ickes

✠ Birthday: Lois Frederick – 95 on Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
St. Peter Golf Outing 12:00 p.m.

Monday: Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:30 a.m.  
Ladies Aid 12:00 a.m.  
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Building Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.  
Trustees' Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Quilter 10:00 a.m.  
Handbells 6:30 p.m.  
Mixed Choir 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.  
-Cherub Choir

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Dr. William L. Morris  
Liturgist: Rev. Martin J. Hagenow  
Organist: Mr. Brian Heinlein  
Choir: Seraphim Choir  
Acolyte: Sadie Cowling (5:00); Charlie Hyatt (9:30)  
Videographer: Landon Sherry

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## Our Communion Practice

*We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

# St. Peter Lutheran Church

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“Forgiveness Flows”

September 16 & 17, 2023

# † Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost †

**Introit** *Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9*

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\***

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!**

**Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\***

**for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!\*

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## Collect of the Day

☞ Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

## Old Testament Reading *Genesis 50:15-21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

## Gradual *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

## Epistle *Romans 14:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for

God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

## Holy Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

## DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 3

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☞ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING

☞ Thanks be to God.

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HOLY GOSPEL

☞ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

☞ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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SERMON

Text: Matthew 16:21-35

Theme: "Forgiveness Flows"

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMISSIONING OF MR. NEUMEYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

☞ Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

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