



St. Peter's Church

Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin

*Providing opportunities for all people to
grow in Faith, Hope, and Love*

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 26, 2018 | 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. John Throop, Celebrant

The Rev. Gregory Schultz, Deacon

Kara Vincent, Music Minister

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(8 am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Song of Praise (10 am)

"Glorify Your Name"

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the First Book of the Kings (8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43)

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which

you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name — for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (6:10-20)

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Song:

“Ye Servants of God”

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:56-69)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

“A Seasoning of Steadfastness”

The Rev. Dr. John Throop

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world, especially for Randy our Mayor, Scott our Governor, and Donald our President. We pray for the members of the armed forces, especially Ethan, Robert, Amanda, Ryan, Kelsey and Justin.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew our Bishop, and for Bishop Godfrey of the diocese of Masvingo, our companion diocese, for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(Silence)*

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(Silence)*

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

The People may add names of the departed.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them,

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Proclamation of Forgiveness

The Peace

Holy Communion

The Offertory Song

“Better is One Day”

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Priest adds a Proper Preface for Sunday.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel, sit or remain standing.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness

of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Communion Hymn

“The Stand”

After Communion

Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Song

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

The Dismissal: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ministries	Sunday	Greeter/Usher	Reader	Chalice	Acolyte	Audio-Visual
	8/26	Gordie Pribek Louise Bennin	Joanne Strassburger	Laurel Cizauskis	Barb Schultz	Jenny Buelow
	9/02	Raylyn Krauter Heather Schneider	Barb Zirwes-Nysee	Nancy Simenz	Linda Palmer	Jenny Buelow
	9/09	Roger Dulmes Sharon Dulmes	Roger Dulmes	Barb Schultz	Becky Ciha	Jenny Buelow
	9/16	Gordie Pribek Louise Bennin	Joanne Strassburger	Barb Schultz	Fleli Hakizimana	Jenny Buelow

Greeters: Please remember to wear your Greeter Badge

Acolytes: Please remember to wear your Acolyte Pendant

Announcements

Altar Flowers today are given in thanksgiving to God for the ministry of St. Peter's Falls.

Bank Change: This week we made a big move and transferred all church assets to another bank here in town. With that move, we are trying to track down the night deposit box keys for Wells Fargo. PLEASE return any and all keys to George Palmer or to Barb Nysse.

Newsletter Deadline: was August 20th for the September newsletter. For inclusion, please send your articles, photos, and announcements to Sharon Hanson at sharon@stpetersfalls.org. Grace period ends after TODAY.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Service only this week. Study resumes Wednesday, September 5th with Jesus' 7 "I Am" statements. 9am Eucharist, 10am Study.

Community Good Shepherd Meal: Be a part of the St. Peter's team serving the Community Good Shepherd Meal **this Tuesday, August 28th at First Reformed Church in Sheboygan Falls.** See this week's e-News for full information.

Family Fun Night will be at the Bulitz Pumpkin Farm on Saturday, September 8th, from 5-8:00pm. More information in this week's e-News.

9th Annual Ministry Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, September 15th, in the Breaking Bread Banquet Hall, 6451 S. Business Dr., Sheboygan. 5:00pm Social hour with a cash bar, and buffet dinner served at 6:00pm. See our flyer in this week's e-News. Your response is requested by September 10th.

19th Annual Kiwanis Pig Roast September 23rd at the Village. Tickets \$15. See the POSTER in this week's e-News. Fr. John will have tickets to sell after both services. (This will be the case through September 23rd. Checks are payable to Kiwanis of Sheboygan Falls. Second, profits from this event support the programs of Kiwanis, including provision of iPads to autistic elementary and middle school students, support of assistance programs for many needs in the community, and equipment for city parks.

September Book Club: Trevor Noah's compelling memoir, "**Born A Crime.**" Please join St. Peter's Book Club in reading this inspirational and comical New York Times Bestseller. We'll discuss it after a **potluck luncheon at noon Monday, September 24th** in the Church House. Please join us for great food and lively discussion!

Spiritual Formation: St. Peter's Episcopal Church offers the chance to "brush up" and "polish up" our relationship with God. Here are some ways of making that connection with God stronger: 1) educational; programs like EfM (Education for Ministry) which is full this fall, (2) Wednesday Bible Study which follows the 9:00am Eucharist, (3) Children's Ministry and Adult Forums resuming this fall, an opportunity to discuss your "God concerns" with trained staff members at church. See the full announcement in the e-News and the Newsletter for September.

Helping Kids would like to thank St. Peter's congregation for all the amazing school supplies. I would also like to thank Father Throop & Heather Schneider for everything they have done for Helping Kids. This year's school supply drive has truly been humbling. The support from St. Peter's and all the other churches & Pine Haven that participated in the Helping Kids school supply drive was unbelievable. With the growing need all your generous donations will be put to good use. Each backpack not only has school supplies in it, but also hygiene products such as toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, & deodorant for the older kids. There is no better feeling than seeing a child's face light up with excitement when you hand them their backpack. Your willingness to serve the Lord & your love for others was shown either thru your prayers or your generous donations. I pray God will bless each of you as you have blessed Helping Kids. From the bottom of my heart I thank you. God's Richest Blessings, Kathy Rowe – Helping Kids

Prayer Requests

New and Immediate Prayer Requests: Judy, Helen, Joanne, Geoffrey, Chuck, Betty, Julie, Ann, Sarah, Mary R., Zakary, Lisa, Peter, Sandra, Keith, Jan, Terry, Fr. Marcus Cunningham, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Deacon Bruce McCallum, Alicia & her son Anthony, Ed, Jamie & Eric

Long-term and Ongoing Prayer Requests: Bob P., Mary P., Michael, Dave A., Leah, Bill, Andrew, Heather, Larry, Kris, Arlyne, Francine, Jackie, Pat, Nikki, Lyla, Sadie, Kristian, Pastor Susan

Our Shut-ins: Pam, Gertrude, Sue, Carol, Joan

The Church: Atonement, Fish Creek

In the Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Companion Diocese: Diocese of Masvingo, Bishop Godfrey Tawonezvi and the clergy and people

For Missionaries and persecuted Christians throughout the world

Peace where there is turmoil; that true and lasting peace will be realized

Members of the Armed Forces: Ethan, Robert, Amanda, Ryan, Justin, Kelsey

Vestry

Fr. John Throop & Deacon Greg Schultz

George Palmer, Sr. Warden (2018)

Eline Muhire (2020)

Rick LeMahieu, Jr. Warden (2018)

Joanne Strassburger (2020)

Paul Bartelt, Clerk (2019)

Barbara Zirwes-Nyssa (2021)

Mike Lindsay (2019)

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