

Announcements

Weekly Schedule:

Sun. 12/8: Pastor’s Bible Study & Sunday School @ 10:15 AM
 Youth Catechesis @ 11:30 AM
 Book of Concord Study @ 5:00 PM
Tues. 12/10: Pastor @ Circuit Meeting 10 AM – 2 PM
Wed. 12/11: Advent Supper @ 6:00 PM
 Advent Midweek Service @ 7:00 PM
Thur. 12/12: Council meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sat. 12/14: Sunday School Movie Night @ 6:00 PM

*Altar
flowers
given to the
praise and
glory of God*

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

12/9: Amanda Finke

Prayer list:

Teresa Lucas	Deborah Trimpe	Cathy Tays
Ron Cox	Debbie Schroer	Ervin Newkirk
Luella Holle	Kathe Borgman	Kyra Groves
Thomas Turner	Haylana Pifer	Stephanie Hildebrandt
Laura Moorman	Mary Pifer	Mindy Cronwall
John Dobrinski	Julia Baxter	Vaden Hanley
Steve Wieneke	Chris Heilers	Cole Benton

Stewardship:

Weekly Budget: \$3152	12/1 Synodical Fund: \$50
12/1 Offerings: \$2642.71	12/1 Building Fund: \$200

Vanco: A new, online offering method is now available. You can find more information by scanning the QR code in the bulletin or by going to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZMRA>.



Advent Suppers: Sign-up sheet on the conference room door.

Poinsettias: Order forms available in Narthex. Please return them by Sunday, December 15. Thank you!

Christmas Program Practice: Continues today after the Divine Service. All youth are welcome to join us as we prepare for the Christmas Program on Christmas Eve.

Sunday School Movie Night: Join us this Saturday (12/14) beginning at 6 PM for a movie night. We will also have crafts and dinner provided.

Gift Wrapping: The Youth Group will be doing a gift-wrapping fundraiser on Sunday, 12/15 from 3-5 PM. All supplies will be provided by the youth group, but you may also bring your own paper/bags if desired. There is no set charge, just a freewill donation. Refreshments will be available while you wait. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and check off gift wrapping from their list!

Cookie Exchange: We will be having a cookie exchange on Sunday, December 22nd. If you have cookies that you’d like to share, please plan on bringing two dozen. We will enjoy some cookies during fellowship and Bible study and you will also be able to take a dozen (or more!) home to enjoy in the days leading up to Christmas.

Communion Statement - The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

Introit

Psalm 81:8, 10-11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

C **Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!**
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

P I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

C **But my people did not listen to my voice;**
Israel would not submit to me.

P Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Collect of the Day

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

✠ Divine Service ✠

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Hymn of Invocation **354**

Arise, O Christian People

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✠ Service of the Word ✠

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Gloria Patri **p. 186**

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Gloria in Excelsis *omitted in Advent*

Salutation & Collect **p. 189**

Old Testament *Malachi 3:1-7b*

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Epistle *Philippians 1:2-11*

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Alleluia & Verse **p. 190**

Holy Gospel *Luke 3:1-14*

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Apostles’ Creed **p. 192**

Hymn of the Day **344**

On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

Sermon *Prepare to Turn*

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Offering

Prayer of the Church

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

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Distribution Hymns

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence **621**

The Night Will Soon Be Ending **337**

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O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee **632**

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Closing Hymn **511**

Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

Upcoming Acolytes:

12/11: Abe Acton

12/15: John Nye

12/18: Noah Nye

12/22: Abe Acton

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 12/9: Read the Old Testament lesson: Malachi 3:1-7b – John the Baptist is the messenger whom the Lord sent to prepare the way for the Christ.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry
Pray the Collect of the Day: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 12/10: Read the Epistle lesson: Philippians 1:2-11 – God has begun a good work in us and He brings it to completion in Christ as He fills us with the fruits of righteousness.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/9)
- Wed. 12/11: Read the Gospel lesson: Luke 3:1-14 (15-20) – John came to prepare the way of Christ by calling people to repentance and encouraging them to holy living.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/9)
- Thur. 12/12: Read the Old Testament lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 – Sing aloud and rejoice! The Lord, who has taken away your sin and judgment, is in your midst to save you.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Pray the Collect of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 12/13: Read the Epistle lesson: Philippians 4:4-7 – Rejoice always in the Lord! For He is with you and hears all of your prayers.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/12)
- Sat. 12/14: Read the Gospel lesson: Luke 7:18-28 (29-35) – The miracles of Jesus prove He is the One for whom John the Baptist prepared the way.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/12)

2024 Advent & Christmas Schedule

Wed. 12/11 & 18 – Midweek Services @ 7 PM (Meal at 6 PM)

Tues. 12/24 – Children’s Christmas Program @ 7 PM

Tues. 12/24 – Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service @ 11 PM

Wed. 12/25 – Christmas Day Divine Service @ 9 AM

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Second Sunday in Advent
Pastor Erik Sorenson



December 8, 2024

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this morning.

If you are partaking of the Lord’s Supper, please read and fill out one of the registration cards on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.