

Announcements

Weekly Schedule:

Sun. 12/22: Cookie Exchange, Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School @ 10:15 AM

Tues. 12/24: Children's Christmas Program @ 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Candlelight @ 11:00 PM

Wed. 12/25: Christmas Divine Service @ 9:00 AM

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

12/22: Cheryl Yearsley

12/26: David Losey

Prayer list:

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

Stewardship:

Weekly Budget: \$3152

12/15 Synodical Fund: \$0

12/15 Offerings: \$2034

12/15 Building Fund: \$200

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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>.

Poinsettias: Order forms available in Narthex. Please return them by as soon as possible. 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.

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.

Elder Election: At our January voters' meeting, we will have an election for the elder position. If any man is interested in letting his name stand for this position, please speak to an elder or to pastor.

Sign-Up Sheets: Available for ushers, communion set-up, and church and parish hall cleaning. If you would like to serve in any of these ways, please see the bulletin board in the parish hall for those sheets. Also, be on the lookout in the weeks ahead for a training day for all of these positions in the new year.



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

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
- C** My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.
- P** There is none holy like the Lord;
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
- C** The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
- P** The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
- C** The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.
- 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** My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Collect of the Day

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father 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.

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The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Upcoming Acolytes:

12/24 (11 PM): John Nye

12/25: Noah Nye

12/29: Abe Acton

12/31: John Nye

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. 12/23: Read the Old Testament lesson: Micah 5:2-5a – The One born in Bethlehem would be the Shepherd of Israel and their peace.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Pray the Collect of the Day: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Tues. 12/24: Read the Epistle lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10 – Christ came in a human body in order to do the will of God by offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice so we would be sanctified.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/23)

Wed. 12/25: Read the Gospel lesson: Luke 1:39-45 (46-56) – John the Baptist leapt in the womb at the presence of God, who was in the womb of Mary.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/23)

Thur. 12/26: Read the Old Testament lesson: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 – Israel was called to consecrate their firstborn as a foreshadowing of Christ, the firstborn of Mary, who would bring us all out of slavery to sin.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God

Pray the Collect of the Day: O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Fri. 12/27: Read the Epistle lesson: Colossians 3:12-17 – Do everything in the name of God as the love and peace of Christ now dwell within us forever.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God

Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/26)

Sat. 12/28: Read the Gospel lesson: Luke 2:22-40 – Even as an infant, Christ was coming to bring salvation to His people. His birth brings peace and joy to all who believe.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God

Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/26)

[2024 Advent & Christmas Schedule](#)

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

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

Sun. 12/29 – First Sunday after Christmas @ 9 AM

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



December 22, 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.