

Announcements

Weekly Schedule:

- Sun. 12/7:** Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School @ 10:15 AM
Youth Catechesis @ 11:30 AM
- Tues. 12/9:** Pastor @ Circuit Meeting, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Wed. 12/10:** Advent Supper @ 6:00 PM
Advent Midweek Service @ 7:00 PM
- Thur. 12/11:** Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- Sat. 12/13:** Sunday School Movie Night @ 6:00 PM

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

Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays (B), & Anniversaries:

- 12/9: Amanda Finke
- 12/11: Ruth Woodard (B)

Prayer list:

Teresa Lucas	Haylana Pifer	Cole Benton	Glen Schurman
Luella Holle	Mary Pifer	Don Acton	Chris Elser
Laura Moorman	Cathy Tays	Melissa Otte	Beckett Loesch
John Dobrinski	Stephanie Hildebrandt	Tammy Bean	Doug Ahlemeyer
Debbie Schroer	Vaden Hanley	Cindy May	

Stewardship:

Weekly Budget: \$3266	11/30 Synodical Fund: \$0
11/30 Offerings: \$1625	11/30 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>.



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

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

Poinsettias: Order forms available in Narthex. Please return them by Sunday, December 21st. Thank you!

Cookie Exchange: We will be having a cookie exchange on Sunday, December 21st. 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.

Christmas Present Wrapping: The youth group is doing a Christmas present wrapping fundraiser on Saturday, December 20th from 10 AM – 12 PM. Let us help you check off this last step on your list!

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 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

- P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- C** **Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- C** **O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**
- P** He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
- C** **He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**
- P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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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Upcoming Acolytes:

12/10: Abe Acton

12/14: John Nye

12/17: Noah Nye

12/21: 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. 12/8: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 – Jesus Christ, the Branch of Jesse, is righteous and gives His righteousness to us.

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. 12/9: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 15:4-13 – Christ became a servant in order to welcome us into God’s joy, hope, and peace through His death and resurrection, and for that we rejoice and give Him praise and glory.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/8)

Wed. 12/10: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 3:1-12 – Christ, who is mightier than John the Baptist, comes to gather His faithful people into His barn by bringing us to repentance.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 344 – On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/8)

Thur. 12/11: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10 – Everlasting joy is ours because God has come to save us from sin, disease, and death.

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. 12/12: Read the Epistle lesson: James 5:7-11 – Be patient and steadfast because we know Jesus is coming again soon to raise us death and bring us into the new creation.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/11)

Sat. 12/13: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 11:2-15 – As Jesus healed the sick and preached the good news to the poor in the days of John the Baptist, so too does He bring healing and salvation to us through His Word and His Sacraments.

Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 345 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/11)

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



December 7, 2025

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

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. Please also see the communion statement on the inside of the bulletin.

Families and Children:

We are glad you are here to receive the Lord’s gifts together. Your presence is a gift from God and a reminder of Christ’s words: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14)