

Announcements

Weekly Schedule:

Sun. 12/14: Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School @ 10:15 AM
Youth Catechesis @ 11:30 AM
Book of Concord Study @ 5:00 PM

Wed. 12/17: Advent Supper @ 6:00 PM
Advent Midweek Service @ 7:00 PM

Sat. 12/20: Gift Wrapping @ 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*Altar
flowers
given by
Curt &
Jenni
Acton*

Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays (B), & Anniversaries:

12/14: Allen Acton (B)
12/16: Donna Losey
12/17: Michelle Sorenson
12/18: Phil Trimpe (B)
12/19: Amy Nagel

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 12/7 Synodical Fund: \$
12/7 Offerings: \$ 12/7 Building Fund: \$

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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>.



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 71:14-18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

P Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

C **I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.**

P My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation
all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

C **With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**

P O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

C **So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to
all those to come.**

P Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.

Collect of the Day

P 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.

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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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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✠ Service of the Word ✠

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Old Testament *Isaiah 35:1-10*
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Epistle *James 5:7-11*
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Alleluia & Verse **p. 190**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:2-15*
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Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Upcoming Acolytes:

12/17: Noah Nye

12/21: Abe Acton

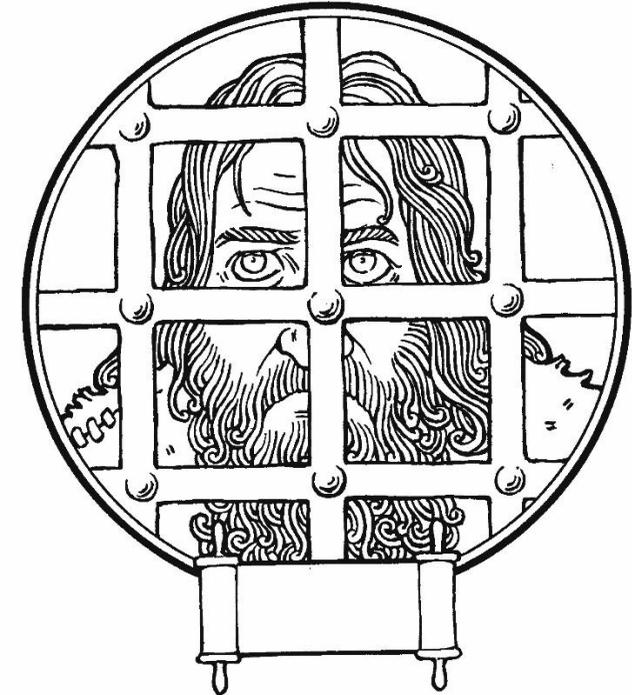
12/24: John Nye

12/25: Noah 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. 12/15: 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.
- Tues. 12/16: 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 12/15)
- Wed. 12/17: 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 12/15)
- Thur. 12/18: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 7:10-17 – The virgin birth is the sign that Immanuel has come and God is now with us in the flesh.
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.
- Fri. 12/19: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 1:1-7 – As Jesus is truly descended from David according to the flesh, so too are we truly born of God according to the Spirit through Christ's resurrection.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/18)
- Sat. 12/20: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 – The virgin did indeed bear a Son, just as God promised, and He came in the flesh to save His people from their sins.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/18)

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



December 14, 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)