

Announcements

Weekly Schedule:

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

Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays (B), & Anniversaries:

12/25: Michelle Sorenson (B)

12/26: David Losey

12/27: Lucy Sorenson (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	Kayla Forbes

Stewardship:

Weekly Budget: \$3266	12/21 Synodical Fund: \$100
12/21 Offerings: \$2809	12/21 Building Fund: \$300

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Elder Election: At our January voters' meeting (1/11), we will have an election for an elder position. If any man is interested in letting his name stand for this position, please speak to an elder or to pastor.

Poinsettias given in memory of:

Preston & Nina Acree – by the Acree family

Tim Acree – by the Acree family

Charles & Betty Acton – by Alan and Beverly Acton

Thornton & Verna Acton – by Curt, Jenni, Rayleigh, & Abe Acton

Kyra Groves – by Jenni Acton

Alvin & Betty Hoene – by Curt, Jenni, Rayleigh, & Abe Acton

Kevin Jeffries – by Camden Jeffries

Joe & Helen Loesch – by the Acree family

Abe & Becky Marshall – by Curt, Jenni, Rayleigh, & Abe Acton

Rick May – by Lynnette May

Robert & Laura Pekar – by Camden Jeffries

Betty Schaefer – by Danny & Judy Strasser

Lois Seward – by Camden Jeffries

Carla Strasser – by Danny & Judy Strasser

John Eric Turner – by Brenda Turner

Kristie Wessel – by Jenni Acton

Poinsettias given in honor of:

Mike Ahlbrand – by Alan & Beverly Acton

Ron Cox – by Hannah Cox

Tony Cox – by Hannah Cox

The Bible Study group on Wednesday & Sunday – by Mike & Verna Vandercar

The Saints of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church – by the Sorenson family

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 98:1-4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!**
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C **For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;**
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual

Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a

P To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things

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O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

Upcoming Acolytes:

12/28: Abe Acton

12/31: John Nye

1/4: Noah Nye

1/6: 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. 12/22: 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.
- Tue. 12/23: 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 12/22)
- Wed. 12/24: 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 12/22)
- Thur. 12/25: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 63:7-14 – Praise the Lord because, in our Savior Jesus Christ, He leads us all of our days and makes us His people.
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. 12/26: Read the Epistle lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 – Through His Son, born of the virgin Mary, God has redeemed us and made us His sons and heirs.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/25)
- Sat. 12/27: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 2:13-23 – Even from the day of His birth the world has sought to kill Jesus, but they would not succeed because Jesus had come to lay down His life on the cross.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 389 – Let All Together Praise Our God
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 12/25)

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Nativity of Our Lord
Pastor Erik Sorenson



December 25, 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)