

Announcements

Weekly Schedule:

Sun. 1/4: Pastor's Bible Study & Sunday School @ 10:15 AM

Tues. 1/6: Epiphany Supper @ 6:00 PM

Joint Epiphany Divine Service @ 7:00 PM

Thur. 1/8: Elders Meeting @ 10:00 AM

Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM

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

Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays (B), & Anniversaries:

1/7: Tom Rebber

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: \$3385

12/21 Synodical Fund: \$100

12/21 Offerings: \$2809

12/21 Building Fund: \$300

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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>.



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. Current nominees: Doug Ahlemeyer

Quarterly Voters' Meeting: After Divine Service on January 11th.

January Newsletter: Emailed out, on website, and available in the narthex.

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 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: John 1:14

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

C Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

C But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

P Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

C The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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!

✠ Divine Service ✠

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✠ Service of the Word ✠

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Once in Royal David's City

Upcoming Acolytes:

1/6: Abe Acton

1/11: John Nye

1/18: Noah Nye

1/25: 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. 1/5: Read the Old Testament lesson: 1 Kings 3:4-15 – The Lord alone is wise, able to discern between good and evil. The Lord and His Word are the source of wisdom.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 410 – Within the Father’s House
Pray the Collect of the Day: Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Tues. 1/6: Read the Epistle lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 – In Christ we have been predestined for salvation and adoption as sons of God. When we hear the Word of God, the gospel of salvation, salvation is given to us with God alone receiving the glory.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 410 – Within the Father’s House
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/5)
- Wed. 1/7: Read the Gospel lesson: Luke 2:40-52 – As a young boy, Jesus honored His heavenly Father, by being in His house and gladly hearing His Word, and His earthly parents, by being submissive to them and growing in wisdom and stature.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 410 – Within the Father’s House
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/5)
- Thur. 1/8: Read the Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9 – Jesus Christ, the Lord’s Servant, has come to bring forth the new things of forgiveness and life to us, His people.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 406 – To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
Pray the Collect of the Day: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 1/9: Read the Epistle lesson: Romans 6:1-11 – Through Baptism, we have died with Christ and been raised with Christ to new life, where we no longer live in sin.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 406 – To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/8)
- Sat. 1/10: Read the Gospel lesson: Matthew 3:13-17 – In His Baptism, Christ fulfills all righteousness by taking our sins upon Himself so He may put them to death on the cross.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 406 – To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 1/8)

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Second Sunday after Christmas
Pastor Erik Sorenson



January 4, 2026

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)