



WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

“Connecting Souls to Christ at the Crossroads of Our Community”

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4th, 2016

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

Sunday-8:00 am-Tim Zindl
Sunday-10:30 am-Ted Frank

Acolyte

Sunday-8:00 am-Zachary Kuehl
Sunday-10:30 am-Kelsey Ewert

Musician

Ricki Budewitz

Altar Guild

Connie Holz & Sherry Hackbarth

AS WE GATHER

“Say you’re sorry!” Such words are often said by a parent to a child when a wrong has occurred, usually intended to be a lesson for the child in teaching that actions have consequences. As we hear the Word of God today from Matthew 3, we also come to realize that our actions have consequences. Yet it is not just actions, but also thoughts and inactions, and the consequences of our sinful nature. The Lord doesn’t tell us to just, “Say you’re sorry!” Through His Word and through His servants like John the Baptist, He calls us to repent—to not just speak an apology, but to turn away from sin and turn to Him. In this Advent season of preparation to receive our Savior born for us, we also prepare like the people of John the Baptist’s time through this ongoing and continuing action of repentance. Moved to repentance by faith, we are then able to live as His people, bear fruit in His name, and continue to be united as one and “together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”, Romans 15:6.

For Our Guests:

Hymnal Key-LSB is the Maroon Hymnal, WOV is the smaller Blue Hymnal

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 344 “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist Cry” vss. 1-3

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: As we continue in this season of Advent, we begin this time of worship and recall our baptismal grace.

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: To the Father, Who made us,

People: **Make us one.**

Pastor: To the Son, Who came to us,

People: **Come to us now, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: To the Holy Spirit, Who unites us,

People: **Make us one. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, this wreath and the candles progressively lit each week remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. In this season of preparing our hearts and minds to receive the promised Savior given and born for us, we hear today John the Baptist fulfilling Scripture as He prepared the people, called many to repentance, and pointed to the Word of God made flesh.

People: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. . . . ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’ ”

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus, Savior and King, the true light Who comes into this world, bless us as we light this candle in the beginning of our preparation for Your coming. Enter our hearts and minds with the light of Your love that we may welcome and receive You with joy as our true and eternal King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet

People: And a light to my path.

The first and second candles are lit.

The following song may be sung by choir or congregation during lighting.

“We Light the Advent Candles”

We light the Advent candles Against the winter night,
To welcome our Lord Jesus Who is the world's True Light,
To welcome our Lord Jesus Who is the world's True Light.

The first one will remind us That Christ will soon return.
We light it in the darkness And watch it gleam and burn,
We light it in the darkness And watch it gleam and burn.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Pastor: Let us heed the call of the Lord through John the Baptist to repent—to turn from our sins and turn to Jesus Christ, our Savior, through Whom we find true and lasting hope.

People: Merciful Father, we have turned away from You and sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things, and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, turn us away from sin and to You, that we may love and serve You and Your ways of righteousness, justice, and peace.

HYMN LSB 344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" vs. 4

Pastor: God has heard our plea for forgiveness and for the sake of Jesus Christ, He answers our prayer. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN LSB 344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" vs. 5

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please Be Seated

+ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT + *We celebrate the Lord's Supper*

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

Pastor: *Celebrating the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in the true Christian faith. In the Sacrament we are joined in a very close, personal and intimate way with Christ and with one another. We believe that when a person partakes of the Sacrament they are also confessing their unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. In his*

small Catechism, Martin Luther gives us guidelines for self-examination of our faith and our worthiness to receive Christ's atoning lifeblood. Therefore, we welcome all to the Lord's Table who first have been baptized in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are in agreement with this statement, and then with heartfelt conviction can boldly proclaim...

People: I believe that...

- + Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from sin, death and the devil;**
- + I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness;**
- + Jesus Christ is present in the Sacrament, and the bread and wine I receive are the true body and blood of Christ;**
- + God assures me that my sins have been forgiven and that I have life and salvation through faith in Him;**
- + And then as He enables me, I pledge to amend my sinful life, to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

We ask that all visitors and guests who may wish to receive the Sacrament kindly speak to an Elder or the Pastor before or after the service.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 384 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" vss. 4 & 5

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(For those with dietary restrictions, we offer non-alcoholic wine in the cups in the center of the individual trays.)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun
O Lord have mercy on me!

LSB 341 "Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
LSB 550 "Lamb of God"

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We thank You, Lord Jesus, for calling us to repentance and for the gift of forgiveness. We praise You for making us one as the Body of Christ, united in Your Spirit. Sustain us through what has been received, that we continue to live in Your grace and bear fruit in Your name until we, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

From the stump of Jesse, the Savior will bring peace and righteousness for all.

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³ and He will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes,
or decide by what He hears with His ears;

⁴ but with righteousness He will judge the needy,
with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth;
with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be His belt and faithfulness the sash around His waist.

⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the
nations will rally to Him, and His resting place will be glorious.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13 Paul encourages unity and hope through Christ.

⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that
through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement
they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God Who gives endurance and encouragement give you the
same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that
with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring
praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews
on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might
be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for His
mercy. As it is written:

“Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of Your name.”

¹⁰ Again, it says,
“Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people.”

¹¹ And again,
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol Him.”

¹² And again, Isaiah says,
“The Root of Jesse will spring up,
One Who will arise to rule over the nations;
in Him the Gentiles will hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so
that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12 John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord by preaching a
Baptism of repentance.

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew the 3rd chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for Him.'"

⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes One Who is more powerful than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE LSB 343 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

SERMON

"Jesus is Coming to Town"
Matthew 3:1-12

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS & GREET THOSE AROUND YOU

As the gifts are gathered, we ask that all worshipers sign the Record of Fellowship, indicating Communion attendance if offered and then pass the booklet to the person next to you in the pew. When all have signed the book, pass it back to the end of the pew.

To our visitors: This is a time in our service when congregation members give of the gifts God has given them to support the work of their congregation. You are welcome but not obligated to participate in supporting our ministries. We are blessed to have you worship with us. Please come again.

OFFERING HYMN LSB 781 “We Give Thee But Thine Own” vss 1 & 2

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs in the name of Jesus, clinging to the comfort of His grace.

As You raised up a voice in the wilderness, O Lord, continue to equip Your people to speak to those in darkness and to call them forth into Your light. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

HYMN LSB 347 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” vs.1

Pastor: Guide Your Church, O Lord, and all who serve her, that they may be faithful in their vocation as pastors, missionaries, and church workers, and bless this congregation that we may be steadfast in hope, faithful in confession, and united in the work of proclaiming Your holy name in this community and to the world, that in repentance, the Good News of forgiveness may be known to all here and throughout world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

HYMN LSB 347 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” vs. 2

Pastor: Make our leaders wise and selfless, Lord, that our nation may faithfully use all that You have entrusted to us and that we may act with mercy and justice for all people; lead all nations in the path of peace and bless our armed forces here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

HYMN LSB 347 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” vs. 3

Pastor: Lord, open our eyes to those in need that we may extend the comfort of Your grace to the hungry, the unemployed, the aged, and those forgotten in our society. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, give aid to the wounded in body or spirit, give healing to the sick, give relief to the suffering, and sustain the dying in Your peace Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Comfort us in our need and hear our prayer.**

HYMN LSB 347 “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” vs. 4

Nation – Leaders -Military

The military personnel included on our prayer board in the narthex and for those military personnel who have been wounded, and the families of those killed in action.

Military List:

Jacob Christian, Kyle Duke, Kearen Feller, John Gabrysiak, Tyler Hunt, Chad Kelling, Joshua Knoll, Tanya Lange, Kyle Margelofsky, Derek Meyer, Ryan Pillsbury, Matt Schloesser, David Schloesser, Raymond Stopinski, Aaron Tessmann, Kelley Tessmann, Tom Walsh, Heather Zarling, Josiah White

Recovering, Sick & Suffering

Requested prayers for family and friends

Rosanne Berry (friend of Pat Braasch & Paul Barry); Robert Butler (father of Cindy Pillsbury); Jane Ebert (mother to Mark Ebert); Marvin Feller (father to George Feller); Pat Lambrecht (neighbor of Donald & Lilues Maas); Judy Graff (sister to Katy Maas); Kathy Lehman; Jean Meyer (aunt to Kathy Beyer); Bella Nava (great niece to Lucy Kuehl & Arletta Lauersdorf); Joey Pupanck (friend of Dean & Marty Kehl); Jeff Raether (brother of Judy Pieper); Sonny Riddell (step-mother of Kelly Groeler); George & Sandy Smith (father & step-mother to Kiki Damrow); Larry & Nell Simons; Heidi Strauss; Arnold Weisensel (husband & father to Yvonne Weisensel, Kim Budewitz & Pennie May); Rose Werth (sister-in-law of Doris Nass); Nicole Zwieng (niece of Bob & Darlene Klecker)

We also include in our prayers:

Homebound Members and Members of St. Peter's who are unable to be with us:

Larry Kehl, Leona Kurtz, Melvin Lauersdorf, Elizabeth Maas, Marvin Muche, Trisha Pieper, William & Diane Pophal, Nadine Raether, Shirley & Armin Tessmann, Nancy Turnipseed, Delores Uttech, Violette Vandermeerssche

Births:**Baptisms:**

Birthdays: Tom Maas, Betty Reals, Marilyn Koepsell, Geena Kuehl, Harold Stark, Roger Hildebrandt, Sophia Tietz

Wedding:**Anniversaries:**

Hospitalized & Recovering: Peter Damrow, Tricia Pieper, Paul Barry, Larry Beyer,

Deaths:

Travelers: All those traveling

Special Requests: Lebanon Lutheran School & Early Childhood Center

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We join together in the prayer that He has taught us to pray...

All: **Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Prepare the way of the Lord;

People: Make His paths straight.

Pastor: May the God of hope fill you with comfort, joy, and peace in the promised Savior Who has come.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING PRAISE LSB 389 "Let All Together Praise Our God"

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Serving & December 7 & 11,
2016

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Lay Minister

12/7-7:00 pm-Todd Kuehl

Sunday-8:00 am-Bob Nass

Sunday-10:30 am-Ted Fuller

Acolyte

12/7-7:00 pm-Tristin Bischoff

Sunday-8:00 am-Blake Riedl

Sunday-10:30 am-Madyson
Yellstrom

Altar Guild

Cheryl Maas & Cindy Maas

Bible Study Snack

Tricia Long Family

Children's Bulletin & Basket

There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional stimulation to keep them interested. These items are there for your children to enjoy. Please return items to the basket at the end of the service.

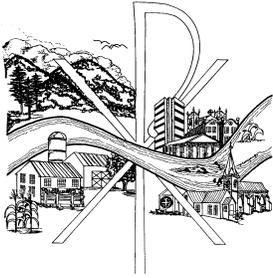
Members

In the event that you or your family may need Pastoral care or comfort, please don't assume that the Pastor or church office has been contacted by the facility you have been admitted to. Due to certain policies, some places cannot share that you or a loved one has been admitted and are in need of comfort or counseling and many times the church is notified days after an admittance to a facility has happened. In your time of need, please don't hesitate to contact the Pastor by calling his cell number or the church office, which are listed on the back of the bulletin or Grapevine.

Visitors

Visitors are asked to stop at the welcome center in the narthex where you will find information about our church, newsletters, devotional materials and other items we hope you will find helpful. Please be sure to sign the attendance book that you find in the pew and is passed around during the offering.

**Just a reminder to regularly check your Church Mailbox's-
which are located in the Narthex.**



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*Reaching out . . .
 to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ
 through teaching, preaching,
 and promoting spiritual growth.*

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St. Peter's – A congregation of over 400 souls – is a member congregation in the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We have been a vital part of the Lebanon community for nearly 130 years.

Worship Services-Labor Day-Memorial Day

Communion at both services every Sunday and all Festival Days
 8:00 & 10:30 am

- Sunday School and Bible Study for all ages 9:15 am
- *Summer Worship Times Memorial Day-Labor Day*

We Celebrate Two Sacraments

In **Baptism**, God freely offers His grace and lovingly establishes a new community. In **Holy Communion** those who come to the table receive in bread and wine the body and blood of their Lord. This gift is itself the real presence of God's forgiveness and mercy, nourishing believers in union with their Lord and with each other.

Lebanon Lutheran School (LLS) & LLS - Early Childhood Center (State Licensed Facility)

Lebanon Lutheran School is an association serving children with Childcare, Preschool, and Kindergarten through Grade 8. It is a joint ministry of St. Peter's and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

Support Staff

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