



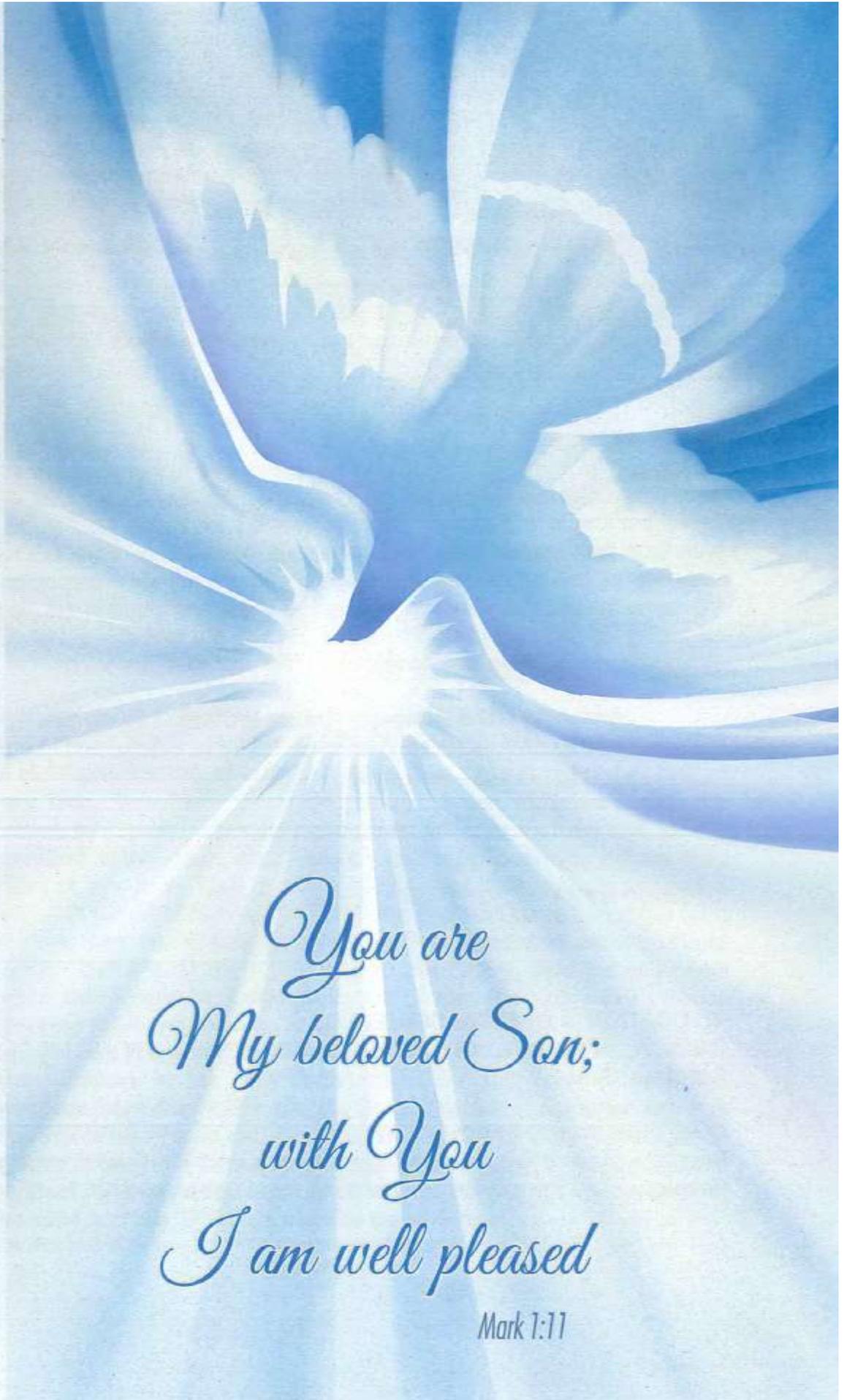
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

"Connecting Souls to Christ at the Crossroads of Our Community"

*You are
My beloved Son;
with You
I am well pleased*

Mark 1:11



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 7, 2018

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

8:00 am-Bob Nass

10:30 am-Ed Purtell

Acolytes

8:00 am-Gabby Sippel

10:30 am-Nathan Kehl

Musician

Kathy Fortlage

AS WE GATHER

Christmas lights may be coming down, but the Light of the world still shines for all to see. We receive this light as we celebrate The Epiphany of Our Lord. Today we hear how the mysterious Wise Men from the East are led by the Lord to follow the star of wonder to the everlasting, eternal Light. Jesus shines the brightness of heaven into the darkness of their hearts, and they respond with gifts of honor and praise. Jesus does the same for you today as you receive His Word and share in His body and blood. Dispelling the darkness of sin, He covers you with the light of His presence and invites you, as He did the Wise Men, to respond to Him in honor and praise.

For Our Guests:

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

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 394 "Songs of Thankfulness And Praise"

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your Light has come,

People: **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

We take a moment for silent prayer and meditation upon God's Word.

Pastor: Almighty God, thick darkness covers the whole earth, and the darkness of sin is on us, Your people.

People: **We confess that we have walked in darkness instead of Your light. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have turned away from Your face and have broken Your commands.**

Pastor: You alone, O Lord, invite all nations to come to Your light. You beckon those who are broken to find wholeness in the brightness of Your rising.

People: **Guide us again to the mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ, that He may dispel the darkness of our sin and renew us in the light of Your presence. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

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All: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

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

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

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...

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son.

As You by a star once guided Wise Men from the East, You now guide Your sons and daughters from every corner of the earth to come to Him Who is the Light of the world. 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

“Glory Be To God On High”

All God’s People Sing

Glory be to God on high!
This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth,
Grace and favor for new birth.
You we praise and glorify,
Worship, You, O Lord most high.
Gracious Father, heavenly King,
To Your name alone we sing:
Praise the glory of Your name,
Now and evermore the same!

Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son,
Sole begotten, holy One,
Born on earth from realms on high,
Born true man for us to die,
Lamb of God, You take away,
This world’s sin Grant peace we pray.
With the Spirit, You alone
Are most high, O God the Son,
And the Father, God above.
Praise we now Your Glorious Love.

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

LSB 399 “The Star Proclaims The King Is Here”

LSB 400 “Brightest And Best Of The Stars Of The Morning”

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray

We give thanks to You, dear Father in heaven, that You continue to guide people of every nation to the One Who is the Light of the world. Having tasted and seen Your goodness in His body and blood, grant that we who have seen this Light may reflect His glory in all we say and do; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–6 Nations shall come to the light of the Lord.

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and His glory will be seen upon you.

³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1–12 Hidden for ages, the mystery of the Gospel is now revealed.

³ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of His power. ⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be

made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in Whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1–12 The Wise Men follow the star and come to worship Jesus.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd chapter.

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

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is He Who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE LSB 395 “O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright” vss. 1-4

SERMON

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Confirmation Sermon Notes

Name: _____

Date: _____ **Grade:** _____

Sunday in the Church Year: _____

Sermon Theme: _____

Sermon Text: _____

Law in the Sermon: (Remember: The law shows us our sin.)

Gospel in the Sermon: (Remember: The Gospel shows us God's Love.)

What is the main idea that the pastor made in the sermon:

What point made you think ... even struggle?

How will you use today's message this week? (Home, school, activities, sports, etc.)

What part of worship are you going to remember most?

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

OFFERING HYMN

LSB 956 "Create In Me"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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:

Emaleigh Berg, Jacob Christian, Kyle Duke, Kearen Feller, Ben Junio, Joshua Knoll, Tanya Lange, Kyle Margelofsky, Derek Meyer, Adam Saeger, Matt Schloesser, David Schloesser, Raymond Stopinski, Aaron Tessmann, Kelley Tessmann, Tom Walsh, Josiah White

Recovering, Sick & Suffering

Requested prayers for family and friends

Dorothy Beyer(mother to Larry Beyer);Marvin Feller (father to George Feller); Dennis Funseth (family to Don & Lucy Kuehl); Gary Geer(friend of Behl families);Hilbert Hodgson(father of Betty Hildebrandt); Ryan Kohlhoff (friend of Bob & Darlene Klecker); Pat Lambrecht (neighbor of Donald & Lilues Maas); Judy Graff (sister to Katy Maas);Diane Kleinsteiber (friend of Larry & Kathy Beyer); Evie Mack (friend of Sandy Paswaters); David May(father of Mark May); Jean Meyer (aunt to Kathy Beyer); Jeff Raether (brother of Judy Pieper); Sonny Riddell (step-mother of Kelly Groeler); Fred Strassburg(stepfather of Allen & Debbie, David & Dianne Behl); Heidi Strauss; Hank Suttle (father of Kim Zindl); Arnold Weisensel(husband & father to Yvonne Weisensel, Kim Budewitz & Pennie May); Rose Werth (sister-in-law of Doris Nass); Nicole Zwieg (niece of Bob & Darlene Klecker); Jeff Zagrodnik(friends of Carol Riddell)

We also include in our prayers:

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

Aretta Lauersdorf, Melvin Lauersdorf, Elizabeth Maas, Marvin Muche, Trisha Pieper, William & Diane Pophal, Nadine Raether, Erika Staerk, Shirley & Armin Tessmann, Nancy Turnipseed, Delores Uttech

College Students: Courtney Ewert, Jonathan Frank, Gabby Kuehl, Kordel Kuehl, Sierra Kuehl, McKayla Maas, Peter Maas, Samantha Maas, Jacob May, Rylee Nass

Births:

Baptisms:

Birthdays: Andy Maass, Ryan May, Jessica Peters, Klayton Bischoff, Kaycee Zindl, Logan Pfingsten, Erika Staerk, Kevin Hildebrandt, Charice Finley

Wedding:

Anniversaries:

Hospitalized & Recovering: Leona Kurtz

Missions: Cindy Zirbel Wrucke

Deaths:

Travelers: All travelers & families waiting for their safe return

Special Requests:

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: 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.

CLOSING

LSB 397 "As With Gladness Men Of Old"

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
FOR NEXT WEEK-

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

8:00 am-Todd Kuehl

10:30 am-Ted Frank

Acolytes

8:00 am-Helena Cahoon

10:30 am-Adam Theder

Bible Study Snack

Ruby's Pantry

Altar Guild for January

Connie Holz-Brian Frank-Sherry Hackbarth

Children's Bulletin & Basket

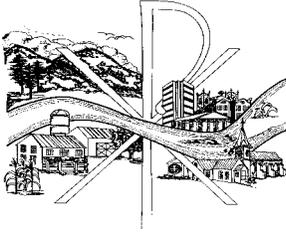
There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional 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.



ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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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School Building	920-925-3525 (St. Peter's Campus)
Early Childhood Center	920-925-3040

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 over 135 years.

LLS Program Staff

Julia Wackt–Principal
Kiki Damrow—Kindergarten, K-2nd Grade Art
Kathy Fortlage –1st & 2nd Grade, Music
Jennie Berken – 3rd & 4th Grade
Pam Bartee – 5th & 6th Grade
Julia Wackt– 7th & 8th Grade
Jenny Meyers— 7th & 8th Grade
Dennis Messman – K-8th Grade Phy. Ed.
Tori Long--K-2nd Grade Aide & Art
Anna Witan—K-8th Grade Spanish, 3rd-8th Art
Administrative Assistant-Lynn Block
Jackie Unke – Early Childhood Center Director
Jessica Peters & Kayla Zimmerman– Grade PreK-3
Heidi Field – Grade PreK-4

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*
-Thursday 7:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am

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(LCMS) and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

Support Staff

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