



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
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 17, 2017**

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

8:00 am-Larry Beyer

10:30 am-Ted Fuller

Acolytes

8:00 am-Ariona Hildebrandt

10:30 am-Klayton Bischoff

Musician

Ricki Budewitz

AS WE GATHER

“The good old days.” “They don’t make them like they used to.” Oftentimes, we look to the past with a feeling of nostalgia. We think that things were better or safer or greater “back then.” Perhaps we have this feeling with good reason; after all, the future can be scary! What’s going to happen in the Middle East? Where is the economy headed? What kind of world will my children live in? Yet, in today’s Gospel, John assures his listeners of greater things to come. His message is one of hope in the coming Savior. In Christ, we, too, have greater things to come—including resurrection and life with Him forever. That’s reason for rejoicing, now and always!

For Our Guests:

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

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 338 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Rejoice always,

People: **Pray without ceasing,**

Pastor: Give thanks in all circumstances;

People: **For this is the will of God**

All: **In Christ Jesus for you.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: **The Light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: **And illumine Your Church.**

HYMN

“A Candle Is Burning” vs. 1 -3

sung to tune LSB 365

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease
For Jesus is coming to show us the way
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow,
As joy brightens winter like sun shine on snow.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.**

Please Be Seated

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.**

**+ 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You sent John the Baptizer to proclaim that a greater One is to come after him Whose sandals he is not worthy to untie. Although we are undeserving to approach Your presence, You invite us to Your Supper, where Your Son is present. 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

“O Come, Messiah, Come Again”

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O come, Messiah, come again
And rid the world of death and sin.
Return, Thou risen Savior and King,
that heav'n and earth at last may sing,
"Rejoice! rejoice!
Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel

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 384 “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”

LSB 361 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You spoke through John to point people to Jesus, the Christ. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, work through us to bear witness to Christ as well; 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

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11 “The LORD has anointed me to bring good news.”

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 “Rejoice always. Do not quench the Spirit.”

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil.

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He Who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6–8, 19–28 “Make straight the way of the Lord.”

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

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

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the Light.

¹⁹ And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” ²² So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know, ²⁷ even He Who comes after me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE LSB 345 “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

SERMON

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**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

Marvin Feller (father to George Feller); 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); Irma Schoenike (aunt of Jon & Tom Schoenike); 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:

Leona Kurtz, Arletta 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: Ricki Budewitz, Debbie Becker, Mike Kuehl, Marty Kehl, Katlyn Sayles, Lucy Groeler, Taylor Liesener, David Pluim, Neil Nehls, Nadia Van Horn

Wedding:

Anniversaries:

Hospitalized & Recovering:

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 380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

POSTLUDE

About the Cover: St. John wrote that John the Baptist came to bear witness about the true light. John the Baptist believed in God and the coming Savior, and he was sent to tell others about the light that Jesus brings to dispel the darkness of sin. We have a God-given purpose in life as children of God. We are to tell others about the light of God's forgiveness through Christ Jesus, our Savior.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
FOR NEXT WEEK

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

12/20 Advent Service-7:00 pm-Tim Zindl

12/24-8:00 am-George Feller

10:30 am-Ed Purtell

6:00 pm-Tim Zindl & Todd Kuehl

8:00 pm-Ted Fuller

Acolytes

12/20 Advent Service-7:00 pm-Ethan Maas

12/24-8:00 am-Kelsey Ewert

10:30 am-Adam Theder

6:00 pm-Chellie Hildebrandt

8:00 pm-Ushers

Bible Study Snack

TBA

Altar Guild for December

Cheryl Maas & Cindy Maas

“Breaking News – Baby Born in Bethlehem!”

The children of *Lebanon Lutheran School* will be presenting a Christmas musical, “Breaking News – Baby Born in Bethlehem!” on Thursday, December 21 at 10 am and 6:30 pm in the Immanuel gym. All are welcome!

Join the reporters from Caesar Network News (CNN!) as they try to find the good news in all the chaos of the census. The reporters travel to Bethlehem in search of good news and battle each other for the best story and the top reporter position. The reporters stumble across a stubborn donkey, some shepherds and sheep with stage fright, and some camels and wise men who aren’t sure what they are searching for. Come see which reporter wins the battle and finds the good news!



*Midweek Advent Services will be held
on the following Wednesday's at 7:00 pm.:*

December 6

December 13

December 20

Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday, December 24

6 p.m. Children's Service

8 p.m. Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25

9 a.m. Worship

New Year's Eve- Sunday, December 31

6 p.m.

Children's Bulletin & Basket

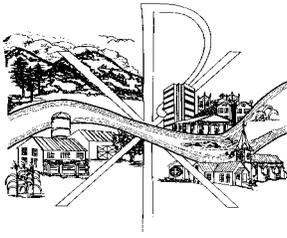
There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional 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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Early Childhood Center	920-925-3040

LLS Program Staff

Julia Wackt—Principal
Kiki Damrow—Kindergarten, K-2nd Grade Art
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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

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.

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

Pennie May	Church Secretary
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