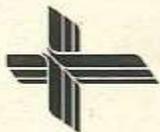


**WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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



*Lord, now  
You are  
letting  
Your servant  
depart in peace*

Luke 2:29

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

Officiate  
Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister  
8:00 am-Joel Zastrow  
10:30 am-Ted Frank

Acolytes  
8:00 am-Addie Nass  
10:30 am-Tianda Hildebrandt

Musician  
Ricki Budewitz

**AS WE GATHER**

Hindsight may be 20/20, but it's often difficult to recognize what is right in front of us. How, then, do we recognize what God is doing in our midst? The answer comes in journeying with Mary and Joseph to the temple, where their infant son, God's Son, is presented before the Lord. As has been promised over the centuries, the Lord Himself comes to His temple, and all nations will rejoice before Him. Within the temple courts, Simeon beholds the long-awaited Messiah and rejoices that righteousness has come to him. Not only has this gift come to Simeon, but it has also come to us all! When we receive Jesus through His Word and Sacrament this day, we, too, can recognize the sign of God's great love for us and rejoice in His salvation.

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For Our Guests:

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

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN**            LSB 386 "Now Sing, We, Now Rejoice"

*Please Stand*

**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES**

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

**People:**     **Amen.**

**Pastor:**     According to the Lord's own Word, let us come before Him.

**People:**     **Our eyes shall see the salvation He has prepared for us.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:**     If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

**People:**     **And the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**Pastor:** Let us join together and confess our sins to God, our Father:

**People:** **Lord God, heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we have not walked according to Your commands. Our words and actions have not reflected the light of Your presence in our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in the darkness. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Cleanse our hearts and minds with His mercy, and scatter the darkness of our sin with the brightness of His righteousness. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Your merciful Father has sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem you who are under the law, so that you might be adopted into His family and freed by His forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of God's Son, Jesus 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.**

## **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*

**CHOIR**

**"Blessing And Honor"**

**+ 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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, recognizing the sign of Your presence in the person of Your Son, we may rest in You and rejoice in Your salvation. 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 624 “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”  
LSB 393 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

## COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, always recognizing the sign of Your presence and sharing Your Son with the world He came to save; 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 61:10–62:3** The nations shall see the Lord’s righteousness.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

**Galatians 4:4–7** God sent forth His Son to redeem us

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 2:22–40** Jesus is presented to the Lord at the temple.

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

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

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord” <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now You are letting your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen Your salvation <sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him.

<sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this

Child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> and a sword will pierce through your own soul also, so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please Be Seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SONG OF PRAISE**      LSB 389 “Let All Together Praise Our God”

## **SERMON**

### **THE HISTORY OF “SILENT NIGHT.”**

The organ in Saint Nikolaus Church in Obernofft, Austria, chose Christmas Eve of all days to break down. On December 23, 1818. Joseph Mohr, brought a six stanza carol he had written to the parish organist and teacher, Franz Gruber. Frank Mohr and Gruber asked Mohr to put his text to music. That night Gruber's work and melody for two solo voices and a choir, was heard for the first time. Mohr and Gruber sang the bass and tenor parts, and the final two lines of each verse were sung in harmony by a small choir of girls from the village. Gruber accompanied the singing on his guitar. The hymn made its way to America when the Renner Family, a folk-singing group, toured America in 1827 and introduced “Silent Night” to Christians across our country. The version of “Silent Night” we sing today is a translation of verses 1, 2 and 6. Verses 3,4 and 5 never made it into English. This actually is a shame. The missing verses of Silent Night are as beautiful as the ones we are all so accustomed to singing.

## “Silent Night, Holy Night”

<sup>1</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin Mother and Child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

<sup>2</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

<sup>3</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
Brings to earth saving light,  
Grace fulfilled to us is given  
From the golden heights of heaven,  
Comes in lowly birth,  
Comes in lowly birth.

<sup>4</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
Show to each His great might.  
Love descends from heaven above  
Dwells with us in brotherly love.  
Hailed by nations afar,  
Hailed by nations afar.

<sup>5</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
Grant us grace from sins plight  
Stills God's wrath as was foretold  
By His prophets in days of old  
Peace, goodwill to all,  
Peace, goodwill to all,

<sup>6</sup>Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

## **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 358 “From Heaven Above To Earth I Come” vss. 7 & 8

## **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:**

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:** Lucas Stark

### **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 388 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"

**POSTLUDE**

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*The Morning Sunday Services will be different then  
New Year's Eve Worship Service*



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
**FOR NEXT WEEK**

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

*New Year's Eve*

**12/31** -6:00 pm-Larry Beyer

**1/7**-8:00 am-Bob Nass

10:30 am-Ed Purtell

Acolytes

*New Year's Eve*

**12/31**-6:00 pm-Ushers

**1/7**-8:00 am-Gabby Sippel

10:30 am-Nathan Kehl

Bible Study Snack

Board of Church Properties

Altar Guild for January

Connie Holz-Brian Frank-Pam Kuehl

**Children's Bulletin & Basket**

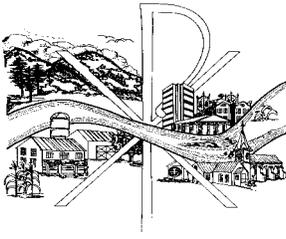
*There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional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

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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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## **Board of Directors**

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Vacancy	Christian Ed – Parish	
John Christian	Church Properties	920-925-3482

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School Office	920-925-3791 (Immanuel Campus)
School Building	920-925-3525 (St. Peter's Campus)
Early Childhood Center	920-925-3040

## **LLS Program Staff**

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

## **Support Staff**

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Yvonne Weisensel	Church Custodian
Jody Nass	LLS Custodian
Cindy Pillsbury	LLS-ECC Custodian

**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).