

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
FIRST MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE**
December 6, 2017

Officiate
Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister
7:00 pm-Bob Nass

Acolytes
7:00 pm-Adam Theder

Musician
Michelle S. Kuehl

AS WE GATHER

As Christmas approaches, you may be concerned about preparations for your various holiday celebrations. There are presents to buy, decorations to put up, cards to send, and food to prepare. In the reading from Romans 13, Paul encourages us to “put on the armor of light.” We often do not think about how we are preparing ourselves for Christmas. We are often too focused on preparing the external rather than the internal. As Advent begins, remember to prepare more than presents, decorations, and cards. Prepare your heart and mind, body and soul to be ready when Christ comes again. This includes putting on the armor of light.

For Our Guests:

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

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 357 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is coming soon. Alleluia!

People: **We await His return and look for His coming.**

Pastor: God calls us to cast off the works of darkness

People: **And put on the armor of light.**

Pastor: The light of Christ shines in the darkness,

People: And the darkness cannot overcome it.

Pastor: Awake from sleep and walk in the Light.

People: We walk in the light of the Lord.

Pastor: Christ is coming soon. Alleluia!

People: We await His return and look for His coming.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:4-6

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:1-4

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OFFICE HYMN LSB 883 “All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night”

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:5-25

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.

⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." ²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²² And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³ And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴ After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵ "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated

HYMN

LSB 351 "Creator Of The Stars Of Night"

SERMON

"Two Families"

Luke 1:5-25

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

LITANY

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Send Your peace and salvation from above. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Unite all people by the power of Your cross and empty tomb. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Enlighten those who serve Your Church with wisdom, discernment, and a spirit of peace. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Inspire those who bring beauty to this world through art, music, literature, and theater. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Grant favorable weather for the nourishment of Your creation. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Deliver all those who suffer oppression, persecution, and the darkness of this world. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

Pastor: Send healing and care to all those who suffer illness and grief. Light of the world,

People: Shine in our darkness.

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

“Come, O Lord, We Wait in Hope”

tune LSB 374

Come, O Lord, we wait in hope,
Prayer, and expectation.
Make our hearts to know the peace
Of Your blest salvation.
Come, O Lord, our Morning Star,
Light of light forever.
May our lives reflect the glow
Of Your grace, O Savior.

Come, Lord Jesus, as the King
Long anticipated,
Witnessed in prophetic Word,
Joyfully awaited.
Come, Lord Jesus, and subdue
Foes that would distress us.
Be our true and lasting joy;
By Your advent bless us.

POSTLUDE

The First Part in the Series Family Life “Two Families” (Luke 1:5–25)

“In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah” (Lk 1:5).

_____ Family

_____ Family

“They had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well along in years” (Lk 1:7).

1. God’s _____ never _____.

Sarah (Gn 11:30), Rebekah (Gn 25:31), and Rachel (Gn 29:31) were at one time all barren. And so was Hannah, the mother of Samuel (1 Sm 2:5).

2. God’s _____ never _____.

“He [Zechariah] was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense” (Lk 1:9).

“The curtain of the temple was torn in two” (Lk 23:45).

3. God’s _____ never _____.

“And he [John the Baptist] will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children” (Lk 1:17).

For next week

Read Luke 1:57–66 and answer these questions:

1. Who are you named after? What does your name mean?

2. Why do you think Elizabeth and Zechariah named their son “John,” which means “Yahweh (the LORD) is gracious?”
3. Through the birth of John the Baptist, what does God want to teach your family?

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

12/10-8:00 am-Bob Naas
10:30 am-Ted Frank

Acolytes

12/10-8:00 am-Ethan Maas
10:30 am-Hailey Fincutter

Bible Study Snack

Youth Families-Budewitz, May & Sippel

Altar Guild for December

Cheryl Maas & Cindy Maas



*Midweek Advent Services will be held
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.

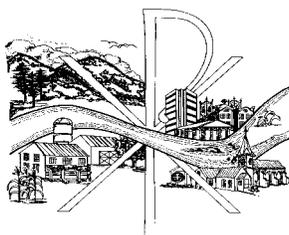
There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional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



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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 over 135 years.

LLS Program Staff

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Jennie Berken – 3rd & 4th Grade
Pam Bartee – 5th & 6th Grade
Julia Wack– 7th & 8th Grade
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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

