



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”

A CHRISTMAS CAROL SETTING OF HOLY COMMUNION ON CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2018

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

9:00 am-Joel Zastrow

Acolytes

9:00 am-Lucas Theder

Musician

Kathy Fortlage
St. Peter's Choir
Brass Ensemble

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, contact the Pastor or church office. Due to certain policies, some facilities cannot share that you or a loved one have 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.

AS WE GATHER

The Lord's Supper is Celebrated at St. Peter's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with one of the pastors or an usher.

For Our Guests:

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

+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: God Himself is present:

People: Let us now adore Him And with awe appear before Him.

Pastor: God is in His temple;

People: All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest reverence.

Pastor: God is with us.

People: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

JOHN 1:1-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 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. ⁹ The true Light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹² But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

ENTRANCE HYMN

LSB 363 "Silent Night"

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

O God, because You once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN

LSB 356 "The Angel Gabriel"

LIGHT 1ST CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

LUKE 1:26-45

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. ³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

Nazareth Streets

MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

LSB 379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"



LIGHT 2ND CANDLE ON THE ADVENT WREATH

MATTHEW 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the

prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” which means, God with us. ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Place of Jesus Birth

MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

LSB 361 “Oh Little Town of Bethlehem”



LIGHT 3RD CANDLE ON ADVENT WREATH

LUKE 2:1-27

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

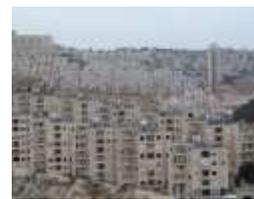
MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

LSB 367 “Angels From the Realms” vss. 1-3

Bethlehem



LIGHT 4TH CANDLE ON ADVENT WREATH

LUKE 2:8-14

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

LSB 380 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

LUKE 2:15-20

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

MEDITATION

Shepherds fields &
place of the manger



PRAYER

CHOIR

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

THE CHRISTMAS CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. Who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas Day. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshipped by the shepherds, adored by the Wise Men, Who lived to suffer and die and rise again, to free us from sin, death, and the power of the devil I believe in the Holy Ghost, Who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas, and by Whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love, and live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess God's righteous judgment of our sins and beg for forgiveness.

People: **O God, on this holy night we gather to celebrate the gift of Your answer to our sin and need. Even before we ask it You have provided for us what we need the most. Grant us the gift of Your forgiveness as we confess all our sin with which we have offended You and brought suffering and death upon ourselves. May the love You have for the whole world be upon us; may Your Son be born in us this day; may Your forgiveness cleanse us and give us life for the sake of His name**

Pastor: "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." (*Matthew 1:21, adapted*) Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. 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.**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: **And with you, his servant.**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

People: **With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render; With joy we come before Him, In gratefulness implore Him, With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the day of Your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and You sent forth Jesus Christ, Your Son. Having seen His glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when He will come again as Judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS - *tune: LSB 380 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your Name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord, to You!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER-Tune: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" *LSB* 366

**Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne,
Most holy be Your name. Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth--in heav'n the same.
Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be;
Into temptation do not lead; From evil set us free.
Yours is the kingdom; unto You In grateful love we bow;
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view Your mighty presence now.
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung By angel hosts and men
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue Forevermore! Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 386 "Now Sing We Now Rejoice"

LSB 368 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

THANKSGIVING-*tune: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" LSB* 358

**Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,
And we have tasted of His Word.**

**As His own servants we depart
With His salvation in our heart.
His saving power He has made known;
His love through all the earth is shown.**

**Lord, let us show the world Your light;
Let us declare Your glory bright.
Proclaim Your death until You come
To take Your ransomed servants home.**

**Glory to God, the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, three in one!
Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
And steadfast love fore'er endure!**

BENEDICTION *(sung) tune "O Come All Ye Faithful"*

ALL: **The Lord bless and keep you, Look with love upon you,
Be gracious, and cause His face To shine with peace!
Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us,
The Spirit's pow'r to guide us evermore!**

CLOSING HYMN LSB 387 "Joy To the World"

POSTLUDE

*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a
Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.." Luke 2:11*

MERRY CHRISTMAS



St. Peter's Lutheran Church
We invite you to join us this
Christmas season.

New Year's Eve- December 31

6 p. m.

Don't forget to pick up your 2019 Church Envelopes and
check your church mailboxes-Thank you!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Advent of Christ

As you may remember, the word Advent means "coming." During the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. But that is not the only coming of Jesus that we hear about in the Advent story.

What is the rest of the Advent story?

The Advent of Christ has three parts. God's Word tells us that Jesus not only came to earth as a man at Christmas, but that He comes to be with His church through His Word and Sacraments. Finally, God's Word reminds us that He will return in judgement on the Last Day. If you think about it, there sure are a lot of great things to remember and look forward to during the season of Advent!



Parents: When Holy Communion is offered, allow your children to attend the altar with you. Remind them that Jesus is truly present here in the Sacrament, and that we will see Him face to face on the Last Day!



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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What does it mean when four candles have been lit on the Advent wreath?

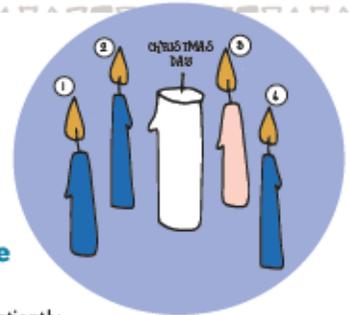
You've been preparing and patiently waiting for that wonderful day of celebration. When four of the candles on the Advent wreath have been lit, it means that Christmas is almost here! That's right! The day on which we remember the birth of our Savior is right around the corner!

What does this mean to me?

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Today is the last Sunday of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Next week the Church will celebrate Christmas Day, one of the most important days of the whole year. As you can see, Advent has prepared us for the coming of Jesus, our wonderful Savior from sin!

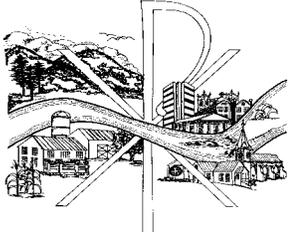


Parents: Remind your children of the important part that Advent plays in the lives of all Christians. This is the time in the Church Year that prepares us for the coming of our Savior. Be sure to bring your children to both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.



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October Altar Guild- Chris Kuehl & Lori Zastrow		November Altar Guild- Connie Holz & Sherry Hackbarth		
WORSHIP DATES GREETER	USHERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SNACK	
12/23	8:00 am 10:30 am	Bob Nass Ed Purtell	Treyton Hildebrandt Ava Novotny	Family Ministry/LWML
12/24	6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Tim Zindl & Larry Beyer Ted Fuller	Lucy Groeler -	-
12/25	9:00 am	Joel Zastrow	Lucas Theder	-
12/30	8:00 am 10:30 am	Tim Zindl Todd Kuehl	Gabby Sippel Addie Nass	OPEN
12/31 New Year's Eve	6:00 pm	Bob Nass	-	-
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St. Peter's – A congregation of 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.

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.

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



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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).

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