

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Founded 1856
1343 Penniman Avenue
Plymouth, ME 48170
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod



Sunday, December 3, 2023
The First Sunday of Advent

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE

The Lighting of the First Advent Wreath Candle

The soloist will sing as the candle is lit:

©1982 GIA Publications, all rights reserved. ©1982 Marty Haugen (b. 1950). Reprinted, podcast, and recorded with permission under One Licenses #A-722670 and R-101103. All rights reserved.

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;
Truly my hope is in you.
O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
Your radiance shines in all who look to you.
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits;
Truly my hope is in you.

OPENING HYMN: #704 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds
Descending" (See next page.)

Public Domain. Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788),
Tune: Thomas Olivers (1725-1789), Setting: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

704 Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending



1 Lo, he comes with clouds de -
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be -
 3 Those dear to - kens of his
 4 Yea, A - men, let all a -



scend - ing, Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner
 hold him Robed in glo - rious maj - es -
 pas - sion Still his daz - zling bod - y
 dore you High on your e - ter - nal



slain. Thou - sand, thou - sand
 ty; Those who ri - di -
 bears, Cause of end - less
 throne. Ev - 'ry knee shall



saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph
 culed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him
 ex - ul - ta - tion To his ran - somed
 bow be - fore you; Come and take your



of his train. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to the tree, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 wor - ship - ers. With what won - der,
 peo - ple home! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Deep - ly wail - ing, Deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what won - der, With what won - der,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
 Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 Gaze we on those glo - rious scars.
 You shall reign and you a - lone!

This glorious Advent hymn by Charles Wesley is set to its traditional English tune, HELMSLEY.

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

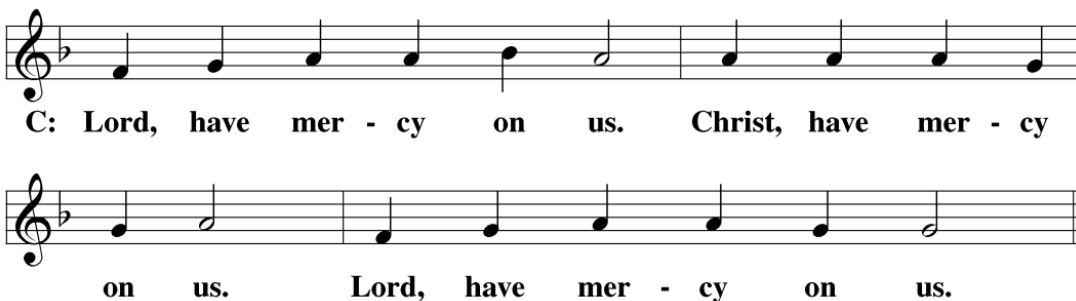


CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his

authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

263

All Glory Be to God on High

Gloria in Excelsis



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, Who has our
 2 We praise, we wor - ship you, we trust; We give you
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Of God, your
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious Gift, Our Com - fort -



race be - friend - ed! To us no harm shall
 thanks for - ev - er, O Fa - ther, that your
 heav'n - ly Fa - ther, You did for all our
 er from heav - en, Our wea - ry hearts and



now come nigh; The strife at last is end - ed. The
 rule is just And wise and chang - es nev - er. In
 sins a - tone, And your lost sheep you gath - er. O
 souls up - lift; For this our praise is giv - en. De -



Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to
 bound - less pow'r, with might - y reign, Done is what - ev - er
 Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we
 liv - er us from doubt and fear; When Sa - tan trou - bles



all the earth; Oh, thank him for his good - ness!
 you or - dain; Your rule brings count - less bless - ings!
 sin - ners cry, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
 us, be near; We trust your love and pow - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 63:16b,17; 64:1-8

You, O LORD, are our Father,

our Redeemer from of old is your name.

¹⁷ O LORD, why do you make us wander from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.

64 Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴ From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

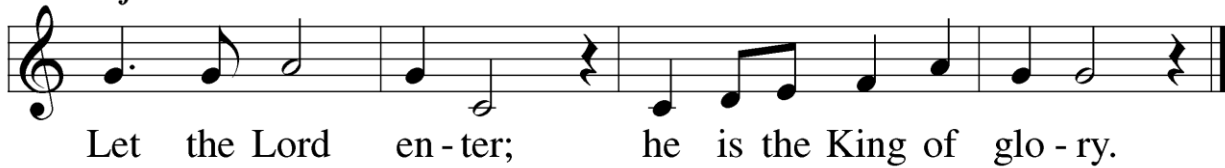
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

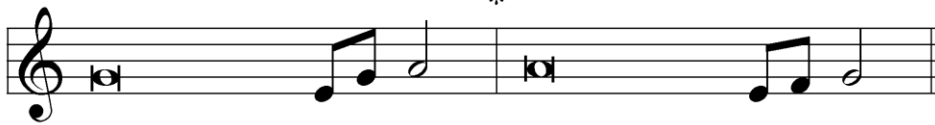
⁸ But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 24 Refrain Tune: Richard Proulx. © 1986 GIA
Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL, www.giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670.

Refrain



Psalm tone



The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,*
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior. ***Refrain***

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*

The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain: Let the Lord enter; he is the King of Glory

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia! (Revelation 22:20)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 13:32-37

³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.**

BE SEATED

GOSPEL RESPONSE: "O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort"

Contributors: Walter E. Buszin; Text translation: © 1967, CPP/Belwin Music/Alfred. Reprinted, podcast, and recorded with permission under One Licenses #A-722670 and R-101103. All rights reserved

O Jesus, grant me hope and comfort; O let me ne'er in sorrow pine.
My heart and soul, yea, all my being, O Jesus trust alone in Thee.

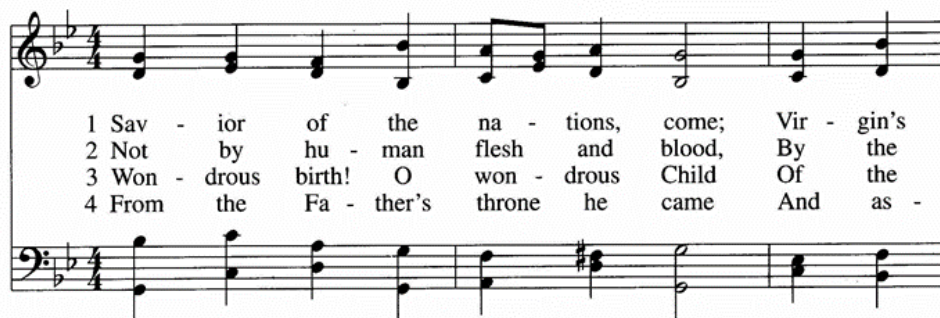
Thou Prince of Peace, Thou Pearl from heaven, true God, true Man,
My Morning Star!

Refrain: Come Thou precious Sun most radiant,
Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

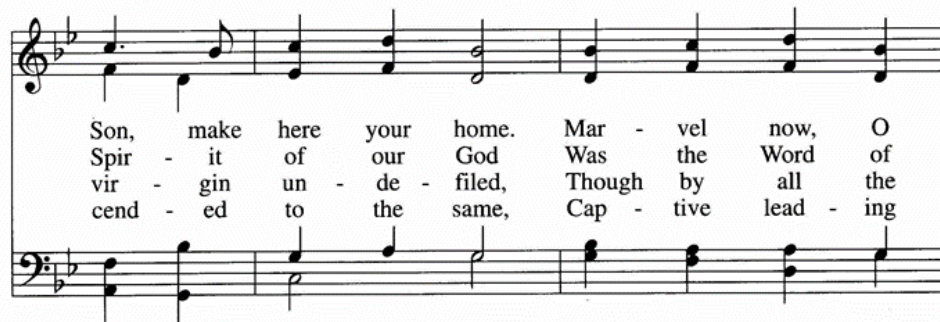
O Jesus, with Thy advent quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.
In true humility I welcome Thee, Jesus Christ, my Joy divine.
My thoughts, desires, and all my longings I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.
(Refrain)

HYMN OF THE DAY: #2 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

Text: Ambrose (340-397); German version: Martin Luther (1483-1546) Setting ©1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670.



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell — High the song of tri - umph swell!

5 Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted by permission.

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.

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you can be found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

NOTE: *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*



THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#22 “O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide” Text: Friedrich von Spee, 1591–1635, abr.; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–67, alt. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670.

#25 “The King Shall Come” Text: John Brownlie (1859-1925); Setting © 1969 Concordia Publishing House, Theodore A. Beck contributor. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670. All rights reserved..

22

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide; Come down, come
 2 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Dawn, When will we
 3 Sin's dread - ful doom up - on us lies; Grim death looms
 4 There shall we all our prais - es bring And sing to



down with might - y stride; Un - lock the gates, the doors break
 sing your morn - ing song? Come, Son of God! With - out your
 fierce be - fore our eyes. Oh, come, lead us with might - y
 you, our Sav - ior - King; There shall we laud you and a -



down; Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 light We grope in dread and gloom of night.
 hand From ex - ile to our prom - ised land.
 dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: Friedrich von Spee, 1591–1635, abr.; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–67, alt. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.
 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Tune: O HEILAND, REISS DIE HIMMEL AUF (LM) *Rheinfelsisch Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch*,
 Augsburg, 1666.

25

The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child To
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 bear and fight and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 Christ, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
 dawn up - on our race The day when Christ in
 light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes—
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
 splen - dor comes And we shall see his face.
 peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Text: John Brownlie, 1857–1925, abr., alt.

Tune: CONSOLATION (CM) *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, Harrisburg, 1813.

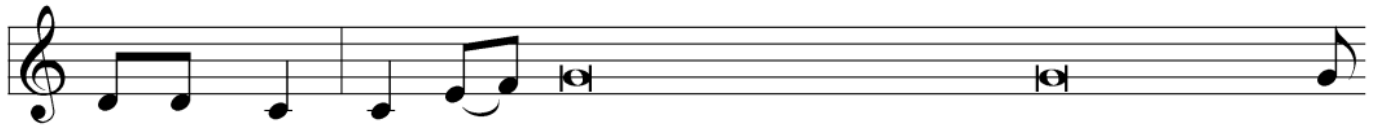
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

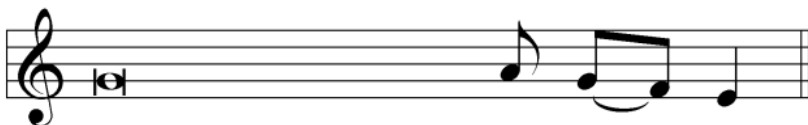


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



The Common Service ©1993 Northwestern Publishing House, all rights reserved. OneLicense.net License A-722670.

The Holy Bible, English Standard Version Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.

All Glory Be to God on High Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546, abr., st. 1-3; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-3, alt.; St. 4 © 1993 Mark A. Jeske. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Setting: ©1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted and podcast with permission under One License #A-722670. All rights reserved

OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistant: Mark Castellese

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Mark Castellese

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- | | |
|-----------|--|
| Today | - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |
| Tuesday | - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Trustees and Education/Stewardship
- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- 7:00 PM Advent Service of Lessons and Carols |
| Thursday | - 7:00 PM Senior Choir Practice |
| Sunday | - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |

Altar Flowers were donated by Elizabeth and David Marlow in thanks for blessings from our Lord, and for our Pastor and our church family.

Serving our congregation: Altar Guild December 10 – Joy Schaefer
 Ushering: Advent Service December 6: Team 1; Sunday December 10: Team 2

The Pregnancy Care Center needs new or gently used **Children’s Winter Coats sizes: 2T, 3T, and 4T for both boys and girls.** Please place your donations on the basement stage through December. Thank you!

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols – Please come for Scripture readings and responsive Advent hymns at 7:00 PM, Wednesday December 6. Join your fellow Christians to praise our Lord in song, and to receive seasonal blessings from the Word of God.

Christmas Poinsettias – Order forms are available in the narthex if you wish to purchase Christmas poinsettias for our sanctuary. Instructions for ordering are on the form. Forms should be in the Church Secretary’s inbox by December 8.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the sanctuary yesterday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

<p>The Pastoral Staff Church Office: 734-453-3393 www.splp.org stpeterlutheran@hotmail.com Pastor: Rev. Paul Schaefer Pastor’s Cell: 734-658-5735 Email: Peschaef5@gmail.com Music Directors: Jan Jacobi and Julie Webber (734-904-8765) Church Secretary: Tracy Pitt</p>	<p>St. Peter’s Preschool Rebecca Lohrmann, Director</p> <p>Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) (Saginaw) 989-793-1041</p> <p>Hope Christian Academy (Was Huron Valley Lutheran) (Westland) 734-525-0160</p>	<p>President: Bruce Winkler Vice President: Richard Cording Council Secretary: Jim Cutler Treasurer: Seth Anderson Financial Secretaries: Steve Jacobi, Van Varner Board Chairmen: Elders – Ron Bude Stewardship/Education - Ernie Honke Trustees – Nils Peterson</p>
---	--	--

