



**Christmas Day**

9:00am

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**St. Peter Lutheran Church**

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# WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY



We are glad that you are here! We hope that you experience God in this place and that you find worship to be a meaningful experience. Below are some tips about how we worship at St. Peter that might be helpful.

- You can use this booklet (bulletin) to follow the worship service and participate if you desire. The parts marked P (pastor) and AM (assisting minister) will be read by worship leaders. Everything in bold print marked with a C (congregation) is for all to say together.
- Prayer requests that you would like to be read aloud during worship, can be written on a note card and handed to the pastor or assisting minister. They are the two people wearing white robes. Note cards are in boxes on tables near the glass doors of the worship space.
- Hearing assist devices are available. Our sanctuary is equipped with Telecoil through the sound system and microphones. If you're hearing aides already have the telecoil feature, just turn that on. If not, we have hearing assist devices available -please see an usher for assistance.
- Songs (hymns) can be found in the red ELW (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*) books in the holders in the pew in front of you.
- Instructions for how we do communion are found in the "Meal" portion of this booklet.
- The service may be heard from speakers located in the nursery and Fireside Room.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us using the information on the front cover of this bulletin booklet.

# WELCOME CHILDREN



Thank you for bringing children to church! We are glad to welcome children in worship and we value their presence. Here are some ways we can help each other have the best worship experience possible and also help young children learn how to worship.

**The Pray-Ground** is intended to give our littlest ones some room to wiggle. It is the carpeted area in the front of the worship space because we recognize that kids are more engaged in worship when they can see what is going on. Small children, toddlers, and infants are welcome to use this space with supervision. The Pray-Ground is not intended to be a play area or activity zone. It is a quiet space; however, we understand that children make noise! Please help young children learn how to respect others in worship by using soft voices if talking is necessary.

**Busy Bags** are located on the coat rack just inside the glass doors of the worship space. Inside, children will find fun things to keep little hands busy during worship. Please return the bag and its contents to the basket on your way out of worship.

**Nursery** We understand that children sometimes need a place to be that is just for them. Feel free to use the nursery whenever your little ones might need it. The nursery is located next to the lobby. There is not a nursery attendant, so an adult must stay in the nursery to supervise and keep children safe.

**Children's Message** All young people are invited to the front of the church during this time.

**Sunday School** (K4-5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets on most Sunday mornings during the academic year from 9:15-10:15am.

*St. Peter Lutheran Church is a faith community where:  
We glorify God by building healthy relationships with God,  
with one another, and with our community  
following the example of Jesus Christ.*

## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

*Hallelujah, Glory Hallelujah  
O Come, All Ye Faithful*

St. Peter Choir  
ELW # 283  
*(Red Hymnal)*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DIALOGUE

*P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.*

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

*P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.*

**C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

*P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.*

**C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P: Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.*

**C: Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

*P: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.*

**C: Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

*P: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.*

**C: Forgive our selfishness and complacency**

*P: With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." In + Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!*

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**      *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*      ELW # 275  
(Red Hymnal)

**GREETING**

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray. All-powerful and unseen God,*

**C: the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*      ELW # 288  
(Red Hymnal)

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**WORD**

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**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 62:6-12

*The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, a City Not Forsaken.*

*<sup>6</sup>Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, <sup>7</sup>and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it*

*renowned throughout the earth. <sup>8</sup>The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; <sup>9</sup>but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.*

*<sup>10</sup>Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. <sup>11</sup>The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” <sup>12</sup>They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.” Word of God, Word of Life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Born In a Manger*

St. Peter Choir

**SECOND LESSON**

Psalm 98

***Reader:** O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.*

**C: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

***Reader:** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

**C: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

***Reader:** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.*

**C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

***Reader:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.*

**C: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

**Reader:** *at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity. Word of God, Word of Life.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*What Child Is This  
(verse 1)*

ELW # 296  
*(Red Hymnal)*

**GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1–20

**P:** *The holy gospel according to Luke the second chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:** *In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P:** *<sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P:** *<sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P:** *<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P:** <sup>10</sup>*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P:** <sup>13</sup>*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P:** <sup>15</sup>*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P:** <sup>17</sup>*When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P:** <sup>20</sup>*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. To us is born a Savior.*

**C: Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*What Child Is This*  
*(verse 2)*

ELW # 296  
*(Red Hymnal)*

**SERMON**

Pastor Kristin Berglund

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Away in a Manger*

ELW # 277  
*(Red Hymnal)*

## APOSTLES' CREED

*P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

*AM: Glory to God in the highest,*

**C: and peace to God's people on earth.**

*AM: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.*

**C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

*AM: Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.*

**C: Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.**

*AM: Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.*

**C: Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.**

*AM: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.*

**C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

**AM:** *Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.*

**C:** **Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

**P:** *Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C:** **Amen.**

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## MEAL

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**THE OFFERING**                      *Christmas Communion Song*                      St. Peter Choir

**\*\*Our gratitude is expressed in gifts for the church's mission and the world's needs. Music invites us to reflect.\*\***



**\*\*Scan the QR code** on the right with your smart phone. This code will take you directly to St. Peter's secure donation page.\*\*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**AM:** *Let us pray. Holy God,*

**C:** *your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.*

**C:** **Amen.**

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**P:** *The Lord be with you.*

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** *Lift up your hearts.*

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.*

*P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.*

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

*P: Holy God, come among us. Bless this meal. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.*

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

*P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*P: Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!*

**\*\*United in our shared baptism, we gather at Christ's table. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Please come forward via the side aisles and receive the bread. After you receive the bread, you may choose an individual glass of wine (purple cups) or grape juice (white cups). A chalice of wine is available in the center for those who wish to drink from a common cup. You may return to your pew via the center aisle. If you do not desire to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.\*\***

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*The First Noel*

ELW # 300

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

ELW # 282

*(Red Hymnal)*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P:** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C: Amen.**

**AM:** *Let us pray. God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

**P:** *God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ✝ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.*

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

ELW # 290  
*(Red Hymnal)*

## **DISMISSAL**

*AM: Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **SERVING TODAY**

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Presiding Minister: Pastor Kristin Berglund

Assisting Minister: Dawn Bossler

Acolyte: Peyton Trimberger

Reader: Dawn Klein

Ushers: Kirchenwitz Family

Communion: Reinemann Family

Children's Moment: Pastor Kristin

Altar Guild: Bossler Family

Council Rep on Duty: Dawn Bossler

Bread Baker: Joy Schildbach

Music: Lori Beauchaine & St. Peter Choir

**SERVING SUNDAY 12/30/18** If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and call the church office to report the change. Thank you!

Presiding Minister: Pastor Dale Erickson

Assisting Minister: Nate Smith/Ginny Lamb

Acolyte: Nick Wagner

Reader: Lessons & Carols

Ushers: 8:00am: Pat Peters, Lisa Smith

10:30am: Wendy Conto, Myra Schneider

Communion: 8:00am: Dan & Kathy Hocevar, Tom & Jean Hoyt

10:30am: Kirchenwitz Family

Altar Guild: Hoyt Family, Hoyt Family, Wendy Conto

Council Rep on Duty: Amy Kirchenwitz

Coffee Fellowship: TBD

Bread Baker: Joy Schildbach

Music: Lori Beauchaine & Grace Notes

*Thank you to those who purchased Poinsettias to help decorate our worship space for Christmas. You are welcome to pick up your plant anytime after the 9:00am Christmas Day Service.*

*JoAnne Braun  
Dean & Brenda Grohskopf  
Kirchenwitz Family  
Amy & Daniel Mojica*

*Jim Scheunert  
Myra Schneider  
Ed & Joan Weiher  
Steve & Cindy Weina*

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Monday, December 24, 2018</b>		
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Office Closed	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Worship	Sanctuary
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Worship	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, December 25, 2018</b>		
	Office Closed	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Worship	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, December 27, 2018</b>		
<b>5:30 PM</b>	Indoor Boot Camp	Quadrooms
<b>Friday, December 28, 2018</b>		
<b>6:00 PM</b>	COGIC Choir Practice	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, December 29, 2018</b>		
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Indoor Boot Camp	Quadrooms
<b>2:00 PM</b>	COGIC - Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, December 30, 2018</b>		
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Worship	Sanctuary
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Worship	Sanctuary
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Love Fellowship - COGIC	Sanctuary, Fireside Room, Fellowship Hall