



# St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## All Saints' Day

*November 5, 2023*

### **Our mission:**

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,  
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

**Welcome!** Today is observed by many churches throughout Christendom as All Saints' Day (actual date Nov.1). We sing "For all the saints who from their labors rest" (LSB 677:1) to celebrate that most satisfying heavenly rest promised us by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 11:28 and Hebrews 4:9, and which is enjoyed even now by our loved ones who have died in the faith. Understandably, there may be tears of sorrow on this day as we continue to mourn our losses. But in Christ, even our grieving is transformed because of the hope we have through his resurrection. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Welcome guests!** We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

**Communion Note:** We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and 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. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

***Divine Service, Setting One***  
***LSB page 151***

***The Preparation***

**Prelude:** “Liebster Jesu” – G. Bohm

**Words of Welcome**

**Invocation, Confession, and Absolution** (page 151)

***The Service of the Word***

**Opening Hymn:** 672 Jerusalem the Golden

**Kyrie** (page 152 - sung)

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** This Is the Feast (page 155)

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**



## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty and everlasting God,  
You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places  
into one holy communion,  
the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living  
that, together with them,  
we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared  
for those who love you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



**First Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17 (see back cover)

## Psalm 34



<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at | all times; \*  
his praise shall continually be | in my  
mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast | in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.  
<sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the | LORD with me, \*  
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!  
<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he | answered  
me \*  
and delivered me from | all my fears.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are | radiant, \*  
and their faces shall never | be  
ashamed.  
<sup>6</sup> This poor man cried, and the  
LORD | heard him \*  
and saved him out of all his | troubles.  
<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around  
those who | fear him, \*  
and de- | livers them.

<sup>8</sup> Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is  
good! \*  
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge  
in him!  
<sup>9</sup> Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints, \*  
for those who fear him | have no lack!  
<sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want  
and | hunger; \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack | no  
good thing.  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD redeems the life of  
his | servants; \*  
none of those who take refuge in him  
will | be condemned.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**Epistle Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3 (see back cover)

**Alleluia Verse** (page 156)

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12 (see back cover)

Acclamations (sung): **Glory to you, O Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** (see inside back cover of hymnal)

**Hymn of the Day:** 677 For All the Saints (st. 1-5)

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** 677 For All the Saints (st. 6-8)

**Remembrance of the Faithful Departed**

*Eileen Kianka  
Ronald Atchley  
Vivian Logan  
Marla McCarthy  
Edwin Beck*

*(All those we name in our hearts)*

**Prayers** After each petition of the prayer P: Lord in your mercy,  
C: **Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Request List** (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

***For comfort:***

|               |                |          |
|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Beck family   | Death of Ed    | Dunbar   |
| Basile family | Death of Paris | deDufour |

***For those with health concerns:***

|                     |                 |              |             |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Pastor John Babbits | Claire Haenisch | Kay Compton  | Pat Dietz   |
| Bob Latimer         | Judy Grube      | Emma         | Kay Compton |
| Linda               | Mina Ciquis     | Bob Van Hise | Tom Reside  |
| Brennan             | Phillip Trivett | Joe Sansone  | Sue Nelson  |



***For those with cancer:***

|                 |                    |                 |                |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Charlie Huebner | Yolanda Piekaoskey | Rich deDufour   | Lynn           |
| Rich Knechel    | Rose Bonecki       | Aaron Kline     | Linda          |
| Carol Tezla     | Karen Shevchuk     | Jane Chmielecki | Kathy          |
| Edward Keenan   | Kathy Lamkin       | Mary Ellen      | Cecilia Fresco |

***For those serving in the armed forces:***

|            |              |                |            |                |
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| Jake Grube | LJ Lupinacci | Carrick Porter | Nate Fiske | Daniel Gewecke |
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***For those suffering around the world:***

|  |   |
|--|---|
| War in Europe                            | Prayers for peace and forgiveness         |
| Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine | Prayers for health, safety, and provision |
| War in Middle East                       | Prayers for peace and forgiveness         |

***Birthdays:***

|              |       |              |        |
|--------------|-------|--------------|--------|
| David Manura | Nov 6 | John Cudmore | Nov 11 |
|--------------|-------|--------------|--------|

***Anniversaries:***

|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| John and Susan Miller | Nov 9 |
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***The Service of the Sacrament***

**Gathering of the Offering and Offertory**

Instrumental Offertory: “Blest Are They” – D. Haas

Congregational Offertory: LSB 785 We Praise You, O God (st. 1,3)

**C: We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.  
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**



**Order of Holy Communion** (page 160)

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... one God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven...**

P: Words of Institution

Pax Domini (page 163)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C: Amen**

Agnus Dei      **C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River (led by Hope Dunbar and Kevin Lauricella)

1. **Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**
2. **On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.**
3. **Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.**
4. **Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.**

Refrain:

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

Post Communion Cantic: Thank the Lord (page 181)

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of  
thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**



Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Benediction** (page 166)

**Closing Hymn:** 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

**Announcements**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord;

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** “Wer nun der lieben Gott last waalten” – J.S. Bach



**Announcements – Week November 5, 2023**

**Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week**

**Tues, Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 – 3:00 to help.**

**Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study**

**Welcome!** Serving in worship today are: Tyson Wilhelm (Communion Assistant), Jesse Dunbar (Reader), Nathan Wilhelm (Acolyte), Bob Maguire (Usher), Doug Hill (Live-streaming), Lillian Maguire and Jeanne Hoppe (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

**Sunday Bible Study.** In week 5 of our Ecclesiastes study, the Preacher discusses how believers should live under governmental authority. He also urges us to have a proper fear of God, while coming to peace with the fact that we won't always understand His ways. Read Ecclesiastes 8:1 - 9:6 to prepare. Find the study guide at <https://stpeternj.org/archives/2853>

**Sunday School Classes.** Sunday School classes for all ages are going strong! Elementary through High School classes meet during the adult bible study hour from 8:15-9:15am in the lower level of the church. Let's grow together in God's Word this year!

**Today's service will be live streamed** on You Tube at the following link <https://youtube.com/live/2G5g-LACKFg?feature=share> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

**Wednesday Zoom Bible Study.** Our discussion will start at Acts 15:12. The apostle James spoke with authority at the Jerusalem Council to settle the question of whether Gentiles needed circumcision to be saved. His solution preserved the pure Gospel of Christ while also protecting the unity of the Church. His approach can serve as a model today for how we exercise our Christian freedom in a way that shows evangelical love for fellow believers who may hold different views. (You can find archived recordings of our studies on our church website - [www.stpeternj.org](http://www.stpeternj.org))

**Service of Healing: Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00pm.**

*"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3*

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for an evening of singing, devotion, and prayer around the theme of healing. This service is an interactive experience that includes laying on of hands, anointing with oil, baptismal remembrance, and candle lighting. All are welcome. Fellowship time with refreshments will follow the service.

**Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry**



**Fall Clean-up Week!** This year we are switching up our fall clean-up procedure! Today you will see a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board listing the jobs needing to be done. You can sign up for the task you'd like to help with, and come at a time that is best for you to complete that job during the week. Jim will be here on Friday from 1:30-4 if you'd like to come by then. Questions? Call Jim at (609)480-1669.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry.** The Prayer Shawl ministry team has distributed 18 prayer shawls during the month of October. Twelve of those were given to the Veteran's Hospital. What a blessing!

**Prayer Chain.** The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

**Service and Other**

**Funeral Service for Ed Beck** will be held here at St. Peter on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 am. Visitation will take place preceding the service from 10-11am. Burial will be at George Washington Memorial Park, 234 Paramus Rd in Paramus, NJ immediately following the service.

**Community Churches Thanksgiving Potluck - you're invited!** The Pennington Clergy Association (to which St. Peter belongs!) is hosting an Interfaith Potluck and Community Celebration on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00-7:30PM at Pennington Presbyterian Church, 13 South Main Street. The event will include food, fellowship, singing, and expressions of gratitude. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more info and let Pastor Jon know if you're interested in attending.



**Operation Christmas Child.** As we look forward to next year's collection, we are focusing on certain supplies during each month. For November we could use **washcloths (need 70)** and **toddler socks (need 30 pr)** and **toddler bath toys (need 25)**, so if you can, pick up a few and drop them in the collection box in the narthex (next to the food pantry box).



**Lambertville Food Pantry.** If you can, please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. November’s collection is PERSONAL PRODUCTS: body wash, shampoo, conditioner, pads, liquid hand soap, bar soap, and dish detergent. You can also sign up to deliver the donations; see the hall sign-up.

**Flowers.** A Flower sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Flower contributions can be made in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God’s grace, or for a special occasion. The suggested donation is \$25.

**Faithfulness Report** (10/29) Attendance: 54  
 General Fund: \$ 2260                      Memorial: \$50  
 (Weekly contributions of approx \$6,000 are needed to meet our Congregation-approved 2023 budget.)

**Website and Facebook.** Our website is at [www.stpeternj.org](http://www.stpeternj.org), and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612>. Come check us out!

**Weekly Schedule.**

TUESDAY (11/7)                      4:30pm Confirmation Class  
 WEDNESDAY (11/8)                7:30pm Zoom Bible study  
 THURSDAY (11/9)                 9:45/11:45am Nursery Chapel Services  
 FRIDAY (11/10)                    1:30-4pm Fall Clean-up (Individual tasks may be done throughout the week.)  
 SATURDAY (11/11)                11am Funeral Service for Ed Beck  
 SUNDAY (11/12)                    8:15am Bible Study/Sunday School; 9:30am Worship

**A Look Ahead.** Mark your calendars!



|                            |                |                              |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| Tuesday, November 14       | <b>7:00 pm</b> | Service of Healing           |
| Wednesday, November 22     | 7:30 pm        | Thanksgiving Eve Service     |
| Wednesday, December 6 & 13 | 7:30 pm        | Advent Services              |
| Wednesday, December 20     | 7:30 pm        | Youth-led Advent Celebration |
| Saturday, December 9       | 10–noon        | Nursery School Christmas     |
| Sunday, December 24        | 9:30 am        | Sunday Advent Service        |
| Sunday, December 24        | 5 pm & 7 pm    | Christmas Eve Services       |
| Monday, December 25        | 10:30 am       | Christmas Day Service        |

**Other Important web links.**

NJ District LCMS                      [njdistrict.org](http://njdistrict.org)  
 The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod      [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)  
 LCMS World Relief and Human Care      [lcms.org/ca/worldrelief](http://lcms.org/ca/worldrelief)  
 “The Lutheran Hour” Broadcast          [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)



*...a great multitude that no one could number,  
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,  
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,  
clothed in white with palm branches in their hands,  
and crying out with a loud voice,  
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb!"*



All Saints' Day

## ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

### First Reading: Revelation 7:9–17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### Epistle: 1 John 3:1–3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."