



# St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

### **Our mission:**

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

**Welcome.** If there is a single theme running through each of today's readings, it is this: God's grace in our lives is abundant. God's never interested in cutting corners or taking half measures. His delight in Israel and desire to see her righteousness shine before the nations is abundant (Isaiah 62). His promise for those who revere Him is abundant blessing, pictured in our psalm as a large family gathered around a dinner table (Ps 128). Paul assures a New Testament church that the Holy Spirit has given them an abundant variety of gifts (1 Cor 12). And Jesus' first miracle at Cana resulted in an abundance of fine wine that brought delight all his wedding guests (John 2).

**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 Four***

## ***LSB page 203***

**Prelude:** “Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam” – H. Vetter

### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Invocation, Confession and Absolution** (page 203)

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

#### **Kyrie** (page 204)

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

**C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

(The congregation sings this in response to each petition.)

#### **Hymn of Praise** To God on High Be Glory (page 204)

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth.  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.



To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**Prayer of the Day** (page 205)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who governs all things in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the prayers of Your people  
and grant us Your peace through all our days;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5 (see back cover)

**Psalms 128**



<sup>1</sup> Blessed is everyone who | fears the  
LORD,\*  
who walks | in his ways!  
<sup>2</sup> You shall eat the fruit of the labor | of  
your hands,\*  
you shall be blessed, and it shall  
be | well with you.  
<sup>3</sup> Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
with- | in your house; \*  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your | table.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, thus shall the | man be blessed\*  
who | fears the LORD.  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD bless you from | Zion! \*  
May you see the prosperity of  
Jerusalem all the days | of your life!  
<sup>6</sup> May you see your children's | children! \*  
Peace be upon | Israel!  
**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 Corinthians 12:1-11 (see back cover)

**Alleluia and Verse** (page 205)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:1-11

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

**Apostles' Creed**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (v 1-3)

**Sermon**

**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 those with health concerns:***

Pat McCann	Janice Nuneviller	Barbara	Carol Farley	Mariah Martinez
Chris	Zane	Brennan	Valerie Nebbie	Susan
Beverly	Pete Serone	Carol Yost Band	Grant and Noah	Steve Hauptman
Ursula	John O'Neil	Sid	Monica Benesch	John Tarlo
Kay Compton	Claire	Rose	Lolly Hoagland	Robert Bauer

***For those with cancer:***

Rosalie Reinbacher	Lance	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Dick Butterfoss
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jason	Kathy
Barbara	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	Mary Anne
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Lexi Launchbaugh	Linda
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Doris
Jane Fry	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe
Barbara Howard	Dottie	Dave Bond	William
Sonia	Barbara	Henry J.	Logan Mattessich
Jean	Karen Radcliffe	Marci Fehlhafer	Dora
Linda	Nico Benesch		





P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

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

**C: Amen.**

**C: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**



### **Distribution**

Distribution Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

### **Nunc Dimittis**

**C: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

### **Post-Communion Collect** p. 212

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen**

### **Benedicamus and Benediction** (page 212)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and...

**C: Amen**

### **Closing Hymn:** 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure (v 1,4)

### **Announcements**

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude:** "Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam" – J.G. Walther





## **Announcements – Week of January 19, 2025**

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

**\*MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00\***

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

**Welcome!** Serving in worship today are: Jason Bloom (Communion Assistant and Live-streaming), Jane Heebner (Reader), Lydia Bloom (Acolyte), Kevin Lauricella and Joe Gallagher (Ushers), Lillian Maguire and Shirley Yost (Communion/coffee set-up and clean-up)

**Today's service will be live streamed** on You Tube at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/bMCOTwJZLwY> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

**Bible Study on Gospel of Luke.** This Sunday at 8:15am we finish our 12-week study of Luke's Gospel. **Our study lesson for this Sunday will be Luke 4:1-13, "The Temptation of Jesus".** We'll talk about how this event in Jesus' life fits within the larger goal of living a fully human life, joining himself to a broken and sinful humanity. What do the devil's temptations, and Jesus' responses, have to teach us about our own spiritual battles? Come and join the conversation!

**After-Service Sermon Discussion today!** Join us after service in the fellowship hall for a lively discussion!

**Zoom Study of Colossians:** Next Wednesday evening (Jan 22) at 7:30pm, we will continue our study of Colossians. **Our focus will be on Colossians 2:1-15.** In this section of his letter, Paul alludes to the problems affecting the church. This includes being lured in by "plausible arguments" and held captive by "human philosophy" that doesn't come from Christ. How do these threats to the faith still show up today, and what can we do to ensure they don't take hold of the church?

### **Weekly Schedule:**

WEDNESDAY (1/22)	7:30pm Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (1/23)	9:45/11:15am Nursery School Chapels
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	Pastor Jon and family OUT OF TOWN for family wedding
SUNDAY (1/26)	(No Sunday School or Bible Study); 9:30 Worship; 6:30pm Impact Youth @ St. Paul, Flemington

**January Voters Meeting.** St. Peter will hold its annual Voters' meeting **TODAY, Sunday, January 19th** after the worship service. We invite and encourage all to attend! It's an important time to review the past year, discuss future plans for 2025, elect new leadership and approve a budget for implementing our goals. We'll give thanks for God's guidance and ask His blessing on all future endeavors. To God be the glory!

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

**Midwinter Lecture Series coming soon: Luther's Teaching on Vocation.** On **Sunday, February 2nd at 3:00pm** we will welcome retired Airforce chaplain and current pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset, Rev. Greg Jans, as our guest lecturer. Pastor Jans will speak on the topic of Martin Luther's doctrine of vocation (or "calling from God"). This important biblical teaching had a great impact during the Reformation on how Christians saw their daily work inside and outside the home, and at church. Pastor Jans will share insights from his own vocation as a chaplain, pastor, and current campus chaplain at Rutgers University. He will also help us gain a better understanding and appreciation for how God works through us in our own vocations. The event will open with Evening Vespers and conclude with refreshments following the lecture. All are welcome, free of charge. This event is sponsored by Partners in Mission.

**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.

**The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry** is a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort, and also to share the joy of those celebrating a marriage or the birth of a child. Blessings are prayed into the items for the recipients. We have blessed many hospital patients, veterans, hospice patients, babies, and others with these comforting gifts. These items are meant to be given away unconditionally and are NOT to be sold. If you would like to join us in the making of these special items, please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

## *Service and Other*

**St. Peter YouTube Channel.** You can help increase St. Peter's online visibility by liking and subscribing to our YouTube channel. This is the platform we use to live-stream and record our worship services as well as Wednesday Zoom bible studies. You can find it linked to our church website or by going to YouTube and searching "Saint Peter Lutheran Church". Thanks!

**Help our LCMS fellow-congregations in California suffering the effects of the wildfires:**

For those who want to donate to the relief efforts you can go to the Pacific Southwest District website, <https://www.psd-lcms.org> (or just search for Pacific Southwest District LCMS).

You will find updates there (churches and workers affected) and a button where you can give to the relief efforts. Most importantly, please remember all victims and especially our LCMS brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

**Flowers.** If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

**Flowers are placed on the altar this week in memory of Richard W. deDufour.**

**Lambertville Food Pantry.** Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **January's collection is Paper Products** – paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue, etc



**Faithfulness Report:** Attendance 1/12: 71/5 online

Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 3,595  
Missions: \$25                      Flowers: \$ 25

**Website and Facebook.** Come online to check us out! 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> .

**Other Important web links:**

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

NJ District LCMS [njdistrict.org](http://njdistrict.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)



**TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Closing Hymn, LSB 533    Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal**

Johann Ludwig Conrad Allendorf (1693-1773) wrote this hymn, originally known as “Jesus has Come, the Foundation of Eternal Joy” to be published in 1735 in a hymnal with a title that translates as Some Brand-New Hymns for the Praise of the Triune God and toward the Wished-For Rich Edification of Many People - quite a mouthful. As first written, the poem had twenty-three verses which included more than thirty titles for Jesus, in alphabetical order, no less! Allendorf celebrates the enormity of who Jesus is and what He has done for sinners. Some of the titles he used were: Crown, Guarantor, Prince of Life, Redeemer, Shepherd, Love, Morning Star, Intercessor, Helper in time of need, Comforter, Faithful, Origin, Refuge, Sacrificial Victim, Source of Grace, Truth, Source, and many more. With this reminder that “Jesus has come” in all His greatness, we can look forward to all that awaits us in heaven because of His great love for us.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 513-516

***Memory Verse Challenge:    Isaiah 62:5b***

*“As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.”*



- wisdom
- knowledge
- faith
- healing
- miracles
- prophecy
- discernment
- tongues
- interpretation of tongues

1 CORINTHIANS 12:10

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### Old Testament Reading:

#### Isaiah 62:1-5

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not  
be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as  
brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning  
torch.
- 2 The nations shall see your  
righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new  
name  
that the mouth of the LORD will  
give.
- 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in  
the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of  
your God.
- 4 You shall no more be termed  
Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be  
termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight  
Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- 5 For as a young man marries a young  
woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over  
the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

### Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are

varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

### Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.