



St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 9, 2025

Our mission:

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

Welcome. "Woe is me, for I am a man of unclean lips!" (Isaiah 6). "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (Luke 5). Isaiah the prophet and Peter the apostle both felt so unholy and unworthy to be in God's presence, they felt like running away. When we feel shame because of our sins, it keeps God at a distance and prevents us from experiencing the great joy of being called by Him for a holy purpose. The LORD Himself provides the solution. A cleansing fire touches Isaiah's lips; a fishing net is miraculously filled to bursting - signs of God's great power and abundant mercy to forgive us and change us from the inside out. Those who've experienced God's deliverance will gladly say, "Here am I. Send me!"

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 cry room 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.

PREPARATION



PRELUDE “Voluntary in A minor” - Anonymous

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C have mercy on us.

All: We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN 907 God Himself Is Present

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Congregation: Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Pastor: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Pastor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Pastor: Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
Congregation: A - - - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:


Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.


To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ


To refrain




for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:




3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain



all things new.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord,

keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith

that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace,

we may ever be defended by Your mighty power;

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 6:1-8 (see back)

PSALM: Psalm 138



¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
before the gods I | sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your | faithfulness,*
for you have exalted above all things your name | and your word.

³ On the day I called, you | answered me;*
my strength of soul | you increased.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,*
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,

⁵ and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,*
for great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,*
but the haughty he knows | from afar.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life;*
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand de- | livers me.

⁸ The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;*
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work | of your hands.

**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: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 (see back)

ALLELUIA VERSE:

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 5:1-11

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES' CREED (Inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 856 Oh Christ, Who Called the Twelve (st. 1-4)

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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	Robert Bauer
Ursula	John O'Neil	Sid	Monica Benesch	John Tarlo
Kay Compton	Claire	Rose	Lolly Hoagland	Greg
Donna Poucel	Cole Garrow	JoAnne		

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
Aunt Jean	Karen Radcliffe	Marci Fehlhafer	Dora
Linda	Nico Benesch		

For those with needs around the world:

Government officials and people of our nation
Those coping with disaster – Himes family
Those in need of employment
Wars in Europe and Middle East
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine

Prayers for peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Prayers for provision and help
Provision of jobs
Prayers for peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Prayers for health, safety, and provision

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci Carrick Porter Nate Fiske Jake Grube Jim Buckman Emily Arndt
Daniel Gewecke James Bannon Harper Usiskin Jesse Sowell Mike Bahney

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families of the school

For enrollment '25-'26

Birthdays:

Bob Dorsett Feb 9 Lynda Newton Feb 9
Tom Reside Feb 11 Nicole Lorenzi Feb 11 Jean Van Beuzekom Feb 15

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Instrumental Offertory “Interlude” – S. Goodwin

Congregational Offertory:

Refrain

Congregation:



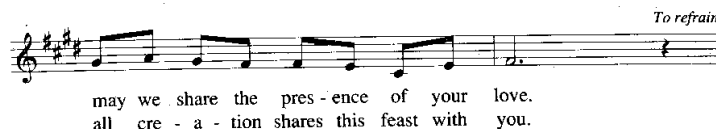
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

To refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Allein Gott in der Hoh sei her” – J. Pachelbel

TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Closing Hymn, LSB 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore

The beautiful music of Beethoven’s ‘Hymn to Joy’ in his Ninth Symphony was the catalyst for the writing of this familiar hymn in 1908. Inspired by the beauty of the Berkshire Mountains during a visit to western Massachusetts, Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933) was able to accomplish what many Christian writers had less-successfully attempted in giving Beethoven’s joyous theme a Christian text.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 1206-1208

Memory Verse Challenge: Isaiah 6:8

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
 Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”*



Announcements – Week of February 9, 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: Steve deDufour (Communion Assistant and Reader), Sadie Bloom (Acolyte), Jim Steimle (Usher), Jason Bloom (Usher and Live-streaming), Audrey deDufour (Communion/coffee set-up), and Cheryl Gewecke (Communion/coffee clean-up).

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

<https://youtube.com/live/3WwmW75V3KU?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.

NEW Sunday 8:15 Bible Study: Angels and Demons. This Sunday we'll continue our study of angels and demons. We'll search the Scriptures for answers to the question of when and how some of God's good angels fell into sin and became demons. Who exactly is the devil or Satan? And what danger does he pose to people in general and Christians in particular?

Zoom Study of Colossians: Next Wednesday evening (Feb 12) at 7:30pm, we will continue our study of Colossians. **Our focus will be on Colossians 3:12-25.** Paul emphasizes the importance of harmony among Christians, flowing out of the forgiveness, love, and peace of Jesus Christ, and maintained by adherence to His Word. He follows this with a code for Christian conduct within households where every member of the family offers joyful service to the Lord within their God-given roles. What are some things that threaten the harmony among Christians? How can families today benefit from Paul's wisdom on household conduct? Come and join the conversation!

Weekly Schedule:

TUESDAY (2/11)	6am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
WEDNESDAY (2/12)	7:30pm Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (2/13)	9:00-1pm Circuit Pastors Mtg @ Redeemer, Manchester
SUNDAY (2/16)	8:15 Sunday School/Bible Study; 9:30 Worship w/Holy Baptism, reception after service (Discussion group resumes next week)

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

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.

Senior Youth Game Night - March Mayhem! On Sunday, March 23rd the New Jersey District LCMS is hosting a game night for all youth, from 8th grade to seniors in high school! The event is being held at Somerset Hills Lutheran Church in Basking Ridge, NJ from 2-6pm. It will include Wii Game competitions, 9-Square In the Air, and many classic board games, as well as food, fellowship, and devotional time. Talk to Pastor Jon if you're interested. Car-pooling is available!

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 today in honor of Bob Dorsett's birthday.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **February's collection is Fruits, Juices, and Condiments** – canned fruit and juices, mayo, mustard, ketchup, tuna, lunch bag stuff

Faithfulness Report: Attendance 2/2: 62 /8 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 5,333
Debt reduction: \$25 Loan Angel: \$325

Website and Facebook. Come online to check us out! Our website is at 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
NJ District LCMS njdistrict.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care lcms.org/ca/worldrelief
The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast lhm.org

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20

^{12b}[S]ince you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does not

know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1–11

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

