

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church



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All Saints' Day (observed)

November 2, 2025

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 as All Saints Day (actual date Nov. 1). We sing "For all the saints who from their labors rest" to celebrate that most satisfying heavenly rest promised us by the Lord Jesus, which is enjoyed already by our loved ones who have died in the faith. While we may shed tears of sorrow as we continue to mourn our losses, yet in Christ, even our grieving is transformed by hope we have through his resurrection. Alleluia! Alleluia!

A special welcome to all our visitors this morning. We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon and fill out a green visitor card (in the pewback). 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: As Lutheran Christians we practice "close communion." This means that all who participate in this holy meal are affirming the Lutheran understanding of the Lord's Supper; that Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine and that the forgiveness of sins is given to those who trust him as their Savior and desire to serve him with a holy life. Baptized believers who share this faith with us are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain about the teachings on the Lord's Supper we encourage you to speak with 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)

Entrance Hymn: 672 Jerusalem the Golden

Kyrie (page 152)

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 page 154 Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

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: Psalm 149



¹ Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new
song.*

his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

² Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;*
let the children of Zion rejoice | in
their King!

³ Let them praise his name with | dancing,*
making melody to him with
tambou- | rine and lyre!

⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in
his | people;*
he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

⁵ Let the godly exult in | glory,*
let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶ Let the high praises of God be | in their
throats*
and two-edged swords | in their hands,

⁷ to execute vengeance on the | nations*
and punishments on the | peoples,

⁸ to bind their | kings with chains*
and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,

⁹ to execute on them the
judgment | written!*
This is honor for all his godly
ones. | Praise the LORD!

**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) *(sung before and after the Verse of the Day)*

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Verse of the Day (Cantor): Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of / witnesses, *
Let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter / of our faith. Heb12:1a,2a)*

Gospel Reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12 (see back cover)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 677 For All the Saints (st 1-3, 7-8)

Sermon

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

Hank Van Beuzekom

Larry Gering

(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:

The Haldeman family

death of Mike

Teschke

The Van Sant family

death of Nate

Van Hise

For those members who are homebound:

Claire and Siggy Haenisch

Freda Potts

Christine Weiland

Margaret and Michele Manura

Janice Nuneviller

Mary Beck

George Pfeiffer

For those with health concerns:

August Gewecke

Eric Teschke

Sid

Grant

Clara McMahon

Andy Farley

Rose

Noah

Don Hammond

Carla Behnfeldt

Jan

Zane

Sue Lauricella	Dan Behnfeldt	Bob Aneskievich	Brennan
Shirley Yost	John Tarlo	Pat Dietz	Susan
Jenny Dillinger	Rick Wright	John O'Neil	Beverly
Catie Lauricella	Kay Compton	Pete Serone	Claire

For those with cancer:

Rich Knechel	Jenny Dillinger	Gerry Campbell	Howard Zahn	Trudy
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Brad Hoppe	Robert Miller	Lance
Kim McCollough	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Mary Anne	Joe
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Dora	Jerry
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Doris	Lynn
Aaron Kline	Frumi C	Judy Bacorn	Lynn J.	Dawn
Joan Rawls	Rosalie Reinbacher	Carol Storr	Dana	
Tom Sullivan	Terry Dunbar	Keith Watson	Jason	

For those serving in the armed forces:

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

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families

for '25-'26 school year

For those with needs around the world:

Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ	For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
Government officials and people of our nation	For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Those coping with disasters/flooding	For provision and help
Those in need of employment	For provision of jobs
Wars in Europe and Middle East	For peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families

for '25-'26 school year

Birthdays:

David Manura November 6

The Service of the Sacrament

Gathering of the Offering and Offertory: 785 We Praise You, O God (st 1&3)

**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!**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

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

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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)

Sharing of the Peace: (Please share the peace with one another with the words:

“The peace of the Lord be with you.”, “And also with you.”)

C: Agnus Dei **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: 676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Post Communion Cantic: Thank the Lord (page 164)

C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek 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

Dismissal

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 of November 2, 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) , Jenna Bloom (Reader), Sadie Bloom (Acolyte), Dave deDufour and Jim Steimle (Ushers), Lesley deDufour (Live-streaming), Shirley Yost and Amy Van Hise (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at this link: <https://youtube.com/live/ELj5vrhhC6k> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted to the church's website.

Sunday Bible Study: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This morning we continue our study on the best sermon ever preached! Covering chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount lays a foundation for what it means to be his disciples. We'll discuss the two major themes of the sermon, blessing and calling, and how these help sustain and shape our lives as Christians seeking to live faithfully today. Topics that Jesus addresses here include witnessing, the application of God's laws, prayer, fasting, and much more.

A Study of The Epistle of 1 John - Wednesdays via ZOOM. Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30pm as we read together 1 John. We are discussing its main themes which include the perennial newness of Christ's "old" command to love one another, the source of a Christian's assurance of salvation, and the distinction between genuine and spurious faith. Ask Pastor Jon to add you to his email list to receive the Zoom link if you'd like to join in.

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

Pennington Presbyterian is excited to host a Science and Faith event today from 3:30-5. It will feature speaker and author Rev. Miriam Diephous McMillan, a Presbyterian Pastor and Chaplain at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. The topic will be "Faith, the Brain, and Mental Well-Being." The event, held at Pennington Presbyterian, is free. It will also be live-streamed at pennpres.org/scienceandfaith

Special Veteran's Day Recognition. Veterans Day, November 11, is rapidly approaching. We will celebrate with our veterans on **Sunday, November 9**. This year we would like to make a special recognition of all the veterans in our congregation, recognizing each individual, or family with veterans, or active military. We do not want to miss anyone so we really need your help! Please use the bulletin insert to provide Amy with the: name, branch of service, relation, and any foreign war service. Thanks so much!

NOAH November happenings: Our NOAH November event is on Friday, November 14th. We are planning to have lunch at the Yardley Inn starting at noon, in a private room. Join us for food and fellowship! Please let Jim Yost know if you plan on attending, or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board: Yardley Inn, 82 E Afton Ave, Yardley, PA 19067

Community Thanksgiving Potluck! The Pennington Clergy Association is hosting its third annual Thanksgiving Potluck on **Thursday, November 20th** starting at 6:00pm at St. James Catholic Church in Pennington. The event will include food, fellowship, singing and expressions of gratitude. It is a great way to connect with other Christians in our area, and reach one of our strategic goals as a congregation - that "everyone would know who we are at St. Peter"! Talk to Pastor Jon to learn more.

Weekly Schedule:

TUESDAY (11/4)	Election Day; 2:00p Pennington Clergy Meeting @ St. Peter
WEDNESDAY (11/5)	4:30p Confirmation Class; 7:30p Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (11/6)	9:45/11:15a Nursery School Chapel services
SATURDAY (11/8)	7:30a Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY (11/9)	8:15a Adult Bible Study; 9:30a Worship w/Veteran Recognition; 11a Discussion Group; 6:30p IMPACT Youth Group @ St. Paul, Flemington

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. Join us in making special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event! Please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

Service and Other

Faithfulness Report: Attendance 10/26: 45 / 7 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 3955

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.

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> . Don't miss the **St. Peter YouTube Channel**, which is linked to our church website, or go to YouTube and search "Saint Peter Lutheran Church".

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



ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

First Reading: Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵ "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.

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

¹⁷ 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

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

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

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

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

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

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