

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, November 16, 2025

In-Person Worship: St Peter at 9:00 am

Facebook Live, 9:00 a.m. at "St Peter Lutheran Church"

You Tube (Live) at "St Peters Lutheran Church Rockwell, IA"

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

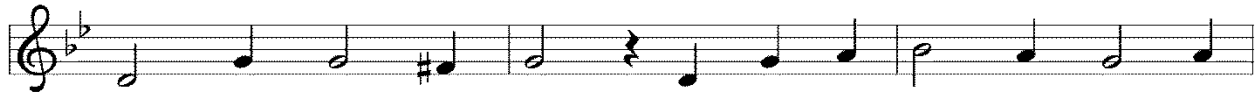
Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.
Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #769 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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Greeting (ELW p. 213)

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Canticle of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: Psalm 98

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

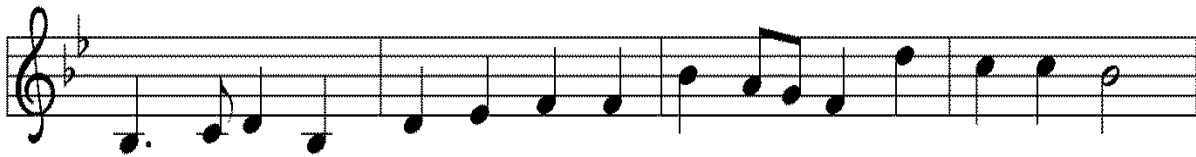
SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

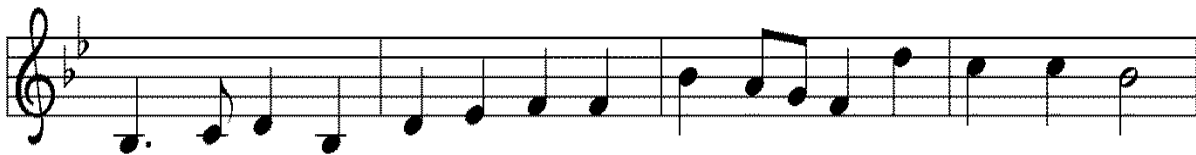
⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

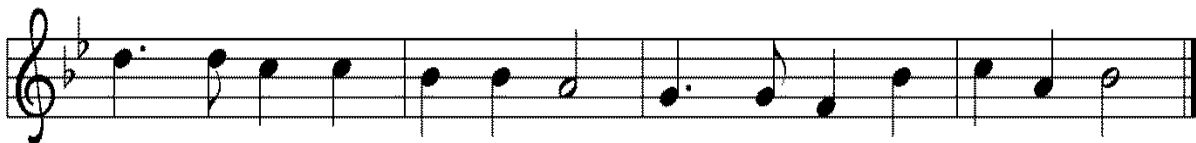
Gospel Acclamation (Please Stand)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21st Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."
⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them."
⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven."
¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Please be seated)

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW #821 "Shout to the Lord"

Shout to the Lord

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech
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Baptism: Bodie Rygh, son of Lisa Jorgensen & Michael Rygh

(Please Stand)

Apostles' Creed

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:

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. (*Response to the petition* "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**"

"Lord, Listen to" Your Children Praying" ELW #752

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your spirit to this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

(Leader will lead you in prayer, then sing again.)

Please remember in your prayers: Christine Foell, Mona Arends, Jo Thomas, Jenn Butler, DiAnne & Dave Severin, Lorna Thompson, Wendell & Dawn Thomas, Bob Brood, Audrey Harder, Kathleen Hansen, Larry Kruckenberg, Janet and Kevin Hoftiezer, Joan Petersen, Lon Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, Jill Watters, Renee Dahlen, Seneca Echelberger and all who are homebound or hospitalized.

Offering

The Offertory: (Please Stand) #686 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to - re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught;

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION. Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Dan Martinez, Aaron Petersen & Families

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

Martinez Family

COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER

Dawn Liekweg

ACOLYTES FOR NOVEMBER

Martinez Family

Congratulation's to Lisa and Michael on the baptism of their son Bodie Rygh

WOMEN OF FAITH THANKOFFERING

November 16, 2025

Giving thanks. Giving joy. Giving back.

It's the time of year when we reflect on our blessings. St Peter Lutheran church collects a special Thankoffering every year to support the work of the Women of Faith, WELCA.

The Thankoffering tradition honors generations of women joyfully joining together in God's service to other women, giving thanks for what God has given us.

All members of the Congregation are asked to help in our Thankoffering. To donate and help sustain the work of WELCA, please give on or before **Sunday, November 16, 2025.**

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Women of Faith, WELCA!

A Holiday Meal

With the holiday's fast approaching the Mission's Committee is asking for your help with collecting food for a holiday meal. We will start collecting food items on Sunday, November 16th. We will have a holiday table set up in the Narthex to collect all donated food items. All donations will go to the West Fork Food Bank in Sheffield. Suggested food items are: Canned corn, green beans, carrots, cream of mushroom, chicken or celery soup, french onions, bag or boxed potatoes, gravy, jello, cranberries, pumpkin, apple, blueberry pie filling, cake or brownie mixes. We would like to thank you in advance for all your donations. The Mission's Committee

Share The Warmth!

No sign-up, no judgment, just kindness. Please take what you need!

How You Can Help:

Donate gently used or new winter items (Any knitters or crocheters in the house? Got that new coat last year that is outgrown this year? Out of style hats?)

Hang donations on the provided clotheslines

Share with friends and neighbors in our community....SPREAD THE WORD!!!!!!

Donate money to purchase items (see how to below)

How You Can Receive:

See something you need? Please take it, it's yours!!

Locations:

Thornton City Park Pavilion
(corner of Main St and 5th St)
Sheffield City Park Pavilion
(corner of 5th St and Gilman St)

Leave What You Can... Take What You Need

Cold weather is here - let's help each other stay warm! We're collecting coats, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, boots, and more for our neighbors in need

St Peter Church Parsonage, Rockwell
(corner of Madison St E and 2nd St S)

Times Available:

Starting Nov 9 - Open 24/7 (bad weather may result in it coming down until weather passes).
Come at any time you feel comfortable.

Together we can keep our community warm this winter!

Please contact Lay Minister Jason Grunklee, St Peter Lutheran Church,
Rockwell with questions or to make a monetary donation.
641-822-3101, stpeter@netins.net or grunklee0@gmail.com

St Peter will have an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Sunday School News:

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for ushers, greeters, and communion committees for the upcoming year 2025. This is your opportunity to volunteer or choose when you would like to help with one of these committees.

Sunday School news:

The Sunday School will be kicking off the Holiday Season on Sunday, Nov. 30, from 11-1pm

We will provide lunch

Sunday School students will be able to:

Put up the Christmas Tree (in the Sunday School area)

Decorate Cookies

Make a gift for their parents

Get in the Holiday spirit

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the various stations contact Pam Litterer, Chelsey Morrison, Mary Etta Miller, or Brandie Witte if interested.

If your student is in 3 or 4-year-old preschool, we would appreciate a parent/guardian staying to help out (we will figure out the gift-making portion)

The Christmas Program will be held during the 9 am church service on December 21, 2025.

Riverside Fall Recharge is almost here, this fall's theme is *All Good* and comes from Philippines 1:6 check out <https://riversidelbc.org/> for more information and or to register.

Juniors (grades 3-6) Oct. 17-18 \$100

Jr. High (grades 6-9) Nov. 7-8 \$100

High School (grades 9-12) Nov. 21-23 \$130.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, November 16 th	9:00 am Worship Service with Baptism 10:00 am Coffee & Choir Practice 10:00-11:00 Sunday School 10:00-10:45 Confirmation
Monday, November 17 th	2:00 pm Bingo at Care Center
Tuesday, November 18 th	9:00 am Quilter's 6:30 pm Bible Study
Saturday, November 22 nd	7:30 - 8:30 Men's Breakfast
Sunday, November 23 rd	9:00 am Worship Service with Communion 10:00 am Coffee & Choir Practice 10:00 -11:00 am Sunday School 10:00 Confirmation