

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church

All Saint's Sunday, November 2, 2025

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

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

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Call to Worship (You may remain seated)

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Remembrance of All Saints

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come:
We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word
throughout the centuries, into our time and place.

Candle Lighting

We celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead,
who make up the body of Christ.

With thanksgiving we remember all the faithful departed,
especially those most dear to us who have died.

Today we will light a candle in memory of each one of our church members who have
died since last year's observance of All Saints Sunday.

St. Peter

Ramy Leo Peters

Bryan Miller

Clarence Ralph Kirchhoff

Constance Ruth Hitzhusen

Prayer

Let us pray;

**As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world
until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will
be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Leader lights a candle for each church member who has died since last year's All Saints Sunday.)

“We Remember them” Poem by Sylvan Kamens & Jack Riemer

At the rising of the sun and at its going down
We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring
We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer
We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn
We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends
We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength
We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart
We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share
We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make
We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs
We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as
We remember them.

Gathering Hymn: ELW# 422 “For All the Saints vs. 1,3,6” (Please Stand)

For All the Saints

1 For thou all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee, by their faith cap - tain - fore in the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, saints tri - um - phant rise in the bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, the
 . . .

name, O Je sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark ness drear, their one true light.
 King sing - of glo ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa ther, Son, and Ho ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful

they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis -tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
 ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the
 . . .

thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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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

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, 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: Isaiah 1:10-18

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! ¹³ Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. ¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

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

PSALM: Psalm 32:1-7

All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble. (Ps. 32:6)

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

6 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

7 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 19:1-10

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 19th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

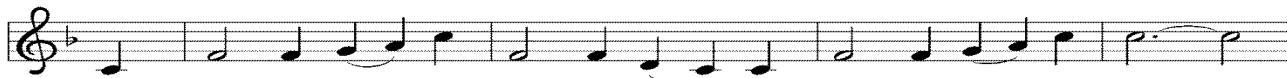
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Please be seated)

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #628 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas-ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas-ant flow'rs as no-where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

(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.)

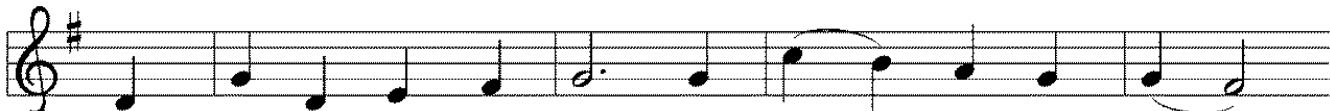
Please remember in your prayers: Christine Foell, Mona Arends, Jo Thomas, Jenn Butler, DiAnne & Dave Severin, Lorna Thompson, Wendell & Dawn Thomas, Bob Brood, Audrey Harder, Kathleen Hansen, Larry Kruckenberg, Janet and Kevin Hoftiezer, Joan Petersen, Lon Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, Jill Watters,

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.

The Lord's Prayer:

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sending Hymn #732 "Borning Cry"

Borning Cry

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid -dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,

I re - joiced the day you were bap -tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve -ning gent -ly clos - es in and you shut your wea -ry eyes,

in a blaze of light you wan -dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al -ways been, with just one more sur -prise."

4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I re - joiced the day you were bap -tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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Martinez Family

COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER

Dawn Liekweg

ACOLYTES FOR NOVEMBER

Charleigh & Malaina Martinez

Sunday School News:

Starting Sunday Nov. 2, Sunday School will run from after church to 11am

We will be participating in God's Work, Our Hands Day on Sunday, November 9, 2025. As a result, there will be no official Sunday School class that day; instead, we will be completing community service projects. We will also be singing during the 9 am church service that day

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

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY!! Sunday, November 2 nd	9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Coffee & Choir Practice 10:00-11:00 Sunday School 10:00-10:45 Confirmation
End Of Daylight Saving Time!!	10:00-10:45 Confirmation
Tuesday, November 4 th	9:00 am Quilter's 6:30 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, November 5 th	1:30 pm St Peter Circle
Saturday, November 8 th	7:30 - 8:30 Men's Breakfast
Communion Sunday!! Sunday, November 9 th	9:00 am Worship Service with Communion 10:00 am Coffee & Choir Practice NO Sunday School (God's Work, Our Hands) 10:00 Confirmation