

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church

The 22nd Sunday of Pentecost, November 9, 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 (Please Stand)

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:

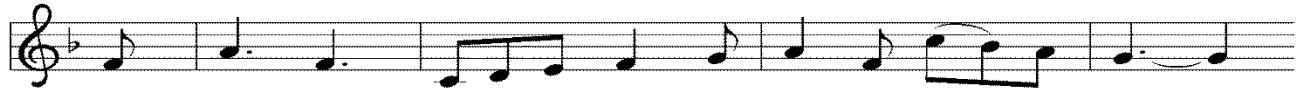
God the Faithful One loves you,

† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

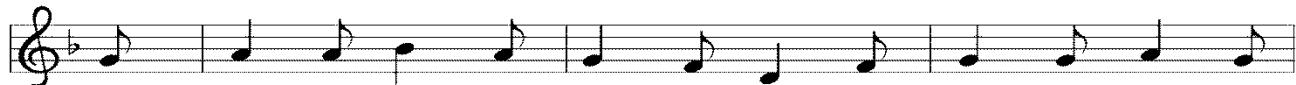
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #625 "Come, We That Love the Lord"

Come, We That Love the Lord
We're Marching to Zion



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
 2 Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a-bound, and every tear be dry;

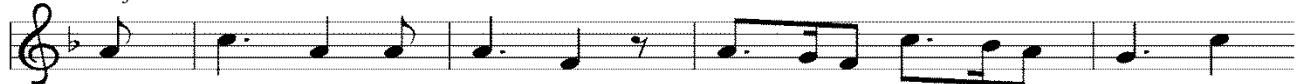


join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with but children of the heav'n-ly King, but children of the be-fore we reach the heav'n-ly fields, be-fore we reach the we're march-ing through Im-man-uel's ground, we're march-ing through Im-



sweet accord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne. heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a-broad. heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets, or walk the gold-en streets. man-uel's ground, to fair-er worlds on high, to fair-er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march-ing to Zi-on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi-on:



we're march-ing up-ward to Zi-on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, 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: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³ “O that my words were written down!

 O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 17:1-9

Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings. (Ps. 17:8)

¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry;

 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

² Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.

³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;**
 at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
 and my feet do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;**
 incline your ear to me and hear my words.

⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those
 who rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;**
hide me under the shadow of your wings,
⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, Word of life. Thanks be to God!

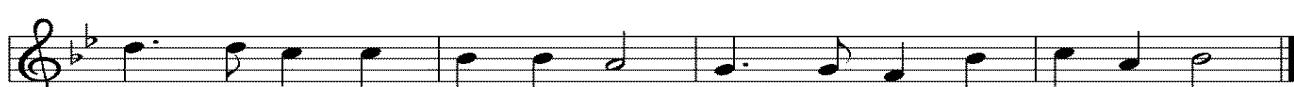
Gospel Acclamation (Please Stand)



Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.



Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.



Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 20th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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

Presenting Bibles

God's Hand Our Work-Sunday School Skit

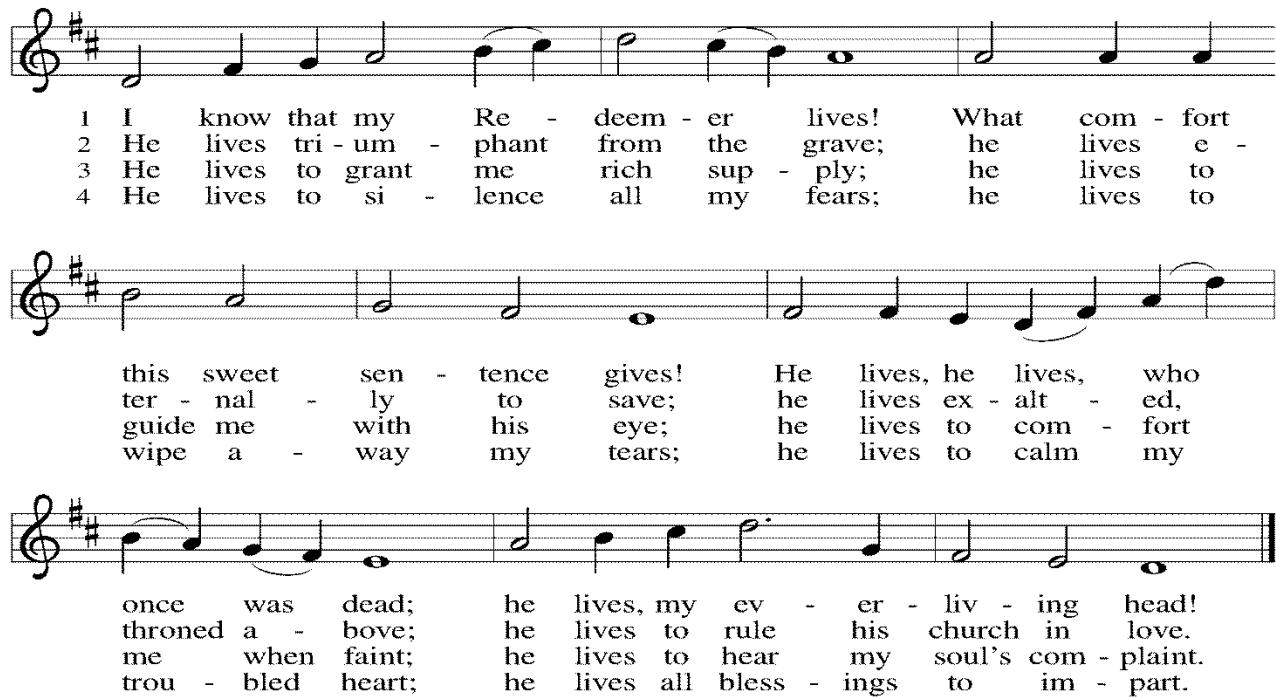
Sunday School Sings

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW #619 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'ly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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(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.)

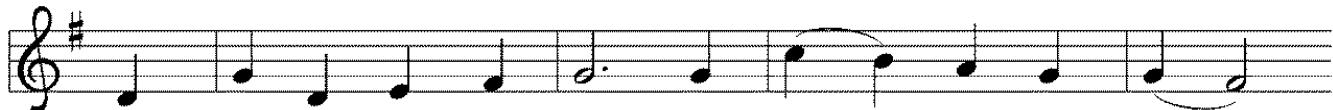
Please remember in your prayers: Christine Foell, Mona Arends, Jo Thomas, Jenn Butler, DiAnne & Dave Severin, Lorna Thompson, Wendell & Dawn Thomas, Bob Brood, Audrey Harder, Kathleen Hansen, Larry Kruckenberg, Janet and Kevin Hoftiezer, Joan Petersen, Lon Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, Seneca Echelberger,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

"Please turn and greet your neighbor."

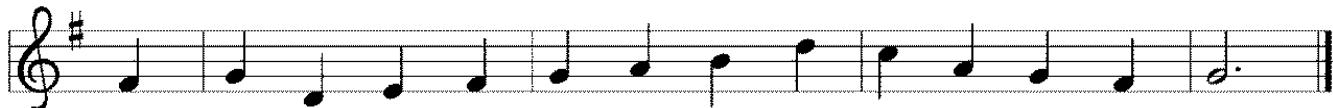
Offering

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.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution: “In the night in which he was betrayed...”

The Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father, who art in heaven...”

Communion Distribution (Please be seated)

Prayer after Communion (Please stand)

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name.

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 ELW #547 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true God
2 With praise and thanks-giving to true God, ever confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
the tasks of our ev'-ry-day life we will face—
The supper is end-ed. Oh, now be-ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,
the fruits of this God's ser-vice, in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing children, in the whole hu-man race.
The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls now
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we all share.
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing
to give work for your to king-dom and his an-swer your call.
hon-or Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Dan Martinez, Aaron Petersen & Families

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

Martinez Family

COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER

Dawn Liekweg

ACOLYTES FOR NOVEMBER

Charleigh & Malaina Martinez

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, stuffing, 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

This morning Sunday, Nov 9th the Sunday School will be singing during the 9 am church service.

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 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
Tuesday, November 11 th	9:00 Quilter's 6:30 pm Bible Study
Wednesday, November 12 th	10:15 am Prayer Service Rockwell Care Center 5:30 pm Council meeting 5:30 pm Fellowship Games
Sunday, November 16 th	9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 – 11:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Confirmation 10:00 am Coffee