

# Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2025

St. Peter Children's Christmas Program

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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**Camden Morrison will play the piano**

**Call to Worship (Please Stand)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
alive in the world, reviving creation,  
arriving soon.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.**

**We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have turned away from our neighbors.**

**We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We plead: come to us.**

**Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:

it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,

in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

receive the grace and forgiveness of God

through <sup>☩</sup> Christ Jesus,

whose day draws near.

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## Gathering Hymn: ELW#283 "O" Come All Ye Faithful"

### O, Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num,  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

## St. Peter Sunday School Christmas Program

### **Unprepared**

Narrators: Logan Engh and Bobby Litterer

Light Pros: Elania Morrison, Avery Kohenbeutel, Houston Christopherson and Layton Christopherson

### **Light Up the Night**

Narrators: Logan Engh and Bobby Litterer

Angels: Addi Ballhagen, Elania Morrison, Jade Butler, Eleanor Nelson, Viv Neal, Libby Schwarck

Shepreds: Lee Reneberg, Gavin Vaughn, and Emma Litterer

Stable Animals: Hayes Fjone, Boyd Buns, Deklen Lewis, Lyndy Lewis, Elliot Hess, Bentley Ballhagen

Sunday School sings *Hear the Angels Sing*

### **A Star is Born**

Narrators: Logan Engh and Bobby Litterer

Star: Alivia Vaughn

WiseMen: Porter Buns, Dexter Lewis, Rowen Hess

### **The True Light of Christmas**

Narrators: Logan Engh and Bobby Litterer

Mary: Ellie Bills

Joseph: Liam Sturges

Sunday School sings *There was Room-dee-doom*

Bible Reader: Camden Morrison

### **Take The Light**

Narrator: Logan Engh

**Thank you from the Sunday School:** Emma Litterer

### **Children's Sermon**

(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.

(Please sit)

### **Offering**

**The Offertory led by the** Sunday School Sings "Come On Ring Those Bells"

### **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 "God of grace, hear our prayer."*)

"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, 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.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Please Stand)**

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**

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey,  bless and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Hymn #267 “Joy to the World”

### Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him.  
2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all thorns in their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the  
ceive her king; let ev'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -  
room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing,  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Mike Echelberger, Todd Liekweg, Gary Sturges & Families

### **GREETERS FOR DECEMBER**

Jay & Carla Thompson

### **COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR DECEMBER**

Todd Liekweg

### **ACOLYTES FOR DECEMBER**

Lane & Liam Sturges

**The congregations of Our Saviour's** and St Paul will be honoring Pastor Jane Harris on her retirement from the ministry on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> during 9:30 worship and you are invited to join us. We will also be livestreaming the service on Our Saviour's facebook page. There will be a dinner and a short program to follow. We suspect she impacted your congregations just as she has impacted ours and that you might like to be part of the celebration. If you are unable to join us but would like to send and a card, please send it to: Pastor Jane Harris

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**Memory Tree Ornaments** will be sold starting Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. They are \$5 each and the money is used to buy Christmas presents for the residents of the Rockwell Nursing Home. Thank you!

**There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex** for ushers, greeters, acolytes 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. The sheet will remain on the table until Sunday, December 28.

**There is no men's breakfast** on Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup> they resume on Saturday, January 10, 2026.

**The annual meeting will be held** immediately following the service on Sunday, January 18, 2025.

### **Sunday School News:**

- **The teachers would first** like to say how amazing and awesome it is to see the kids come week after week to Sunday School. We want to thank the parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles for bringing them each week. We hope that they are enjoying our time as much as the teachers are. One thing that we would like

everyone to keep in mind is that our Sunday School program is for kids aged 3 to 6th grade. There is talk of having a nursery class for 2 and 3-year-olds, but that is in its planning stages. We would need a teacher for the new class. For now, we are sticking with our current program of 3-year-olds to 6th graders, but we are excited for the opportunity to grow.

- **We will not have Sunday School** on the following dates:

- Sunday December 21
- Sunday December 28
- Sunday January 4

### Calendar for the Week

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| Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>    | 9:00 am Worship Service Children's Christmas Program<br>10:00 am Coffee<br><b>NO</b> Sunday School<br>10:00 am Confirmation/LYO will meet to prepare for Christmas Eve Service |
| Tuesday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | 9:00 am Quilter's<br>6:30 pm Bible Study   |
| Wednesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 pm LYO Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  |
| Saturday, December 27 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>NO</b> Men's Breakfast  |
| Sunday, December 28 <sup>th</sup>    | 9:00 am Worship Service with communion<br>10:00 am Coffee<br><b>NO</b> Sunday School & Confirmation  |