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Choir Christmas Concert

**St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church**

December 14/15, 2024

**We Exist to Share Christ!**

**TO OUR VISITORS:** Thank you for joining us for our worship today. Please remember to sign our friendship register before you leave. It is a pleasure to have you with us and please come again soon. May God bless you through this celebration!

**IF YOUR CHILD** becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the parenting room which is located just off the front entryway to the church.

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**During this Christmas Season** we wish you greetings of joy. Christmas is not just remembering something that happened on a long ago night, in a far-away place. Christmas means that God loves us and sent Jesus to save us from our sins. Christmas as a holiday is a season, but the celebration of God's love can be day after day. Joy to the World.....the Lord has come!



## Order of Service for Choir Christmas Concert - 2024

### ✠ Joy ✠

#### Welcome

#### Opening Hymn

*313 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes sts. 1, 4*



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

*Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751, abr., alt. Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820, alt. Text and tune: Public domain*

*Please stand*

### Joy Lost

#### Invocation

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong:** Amen.

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**Cong:** And also with you.

## Confession and Absolution

652 Lord, Have Mercy

1 *For what we have done and left undone  
we fall on your countless mercies.  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
we call on your name so holy.  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes;  
for scorning our very neighbor.  
In thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King;  
how deeply we need a Savior.*

### First Refrain (Choir only)

*Refrain II*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,  
Lord, have mer - cy on us. on us.

2 *For what you have done, your life of love  
you perfectly lived, we praise you.  
Though tempted and tried, you fixed your eyes;  
you finished the work God gave you.  
And there on the tree, a King among thieves,  
you bled for a world's betrayal.  
You loved to the end, our merciful friend;  
how pure and forever faithful.*

### Second Refrain X2 – Congregation & Choir

**Pastor:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was born to die for you, to win your forgiveness. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congr:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congr:** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## **First Reading**

*Genesis 3:1-13*

Joy Lost

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, <sup>3</sup>but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’” <sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. <sup>5</sup>In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. <sup>8</sup>They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” <sup>13</sup>The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

## Junior Choir Anthem – The Manger Holds the Lamb

*Behold the humble manger, where the baby rests His head;  
It will soon become the altar, where His gentle heart is bled.  
For the manger holds the Lamb, on whose heart our sins are laid;  
And the Lamb becomes the sacrifice, for the sheep who all have strayed.*

*Tho' the baby now is sleeping, in the comfort of His bed,  
Soon His eyelids will be closing, on the cross of death, instead.  
For the manger holds the Lamb, on whose heart our sins are laid;  
And the Lamb becomes the sacrifice, for the sheep who all have strayed.*

*Do not weep, do not mourn the loss, of your sin that caused Him pain;  
For beyond the manger and the cross, He has risen up to reign!  
Greater truth was never told, nor achievement ever won;  
Greater love was never shown to us than this deed that God has done!*



# Joy Promised

## Congregational Hymn

352 Joy Has Dawned st. 1



1 Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion—



God's sal - va - tion now un-furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.



Not with fan-fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,



but a hum - ble gift of love— Je - sus born of Mar - y.

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## Second Reading

*Genesis 3:14-15/ Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Joy Promised to Us

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born. To us a son is given. The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders. He will be named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>There will be no limit to his authority and no end to the peace he brings. He will rule on David's throne and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from now on, into eternity. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this.

## Choir - Advent Canticle

### **Refrain:**

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!  
Make straight a path in the wilderness, a highway for our God!*

*Every valley shall be lifted up. Every mountain and hill made low;  
The uneven ground made level; the rugged places a plain.*

### **Refrain**

*When the mystery of time is fulfilled, and the glory of God revealed;  
All people shall see together. O hear the Word of the Lord!*

### **Refrain**

*Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord!*



## Third Reading

Luke 1:46-56  
Joy Promised to Mary

<sup>46</sup>Then Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup>because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones. He has lifted up the lowly. <sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever. <sup>56</sup>Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

### Choir - Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) (Soloist – Tracie Yant)

*I have traveled many moonless nights  
Cold and weary with a babe inside  
And I wonder what I've done  
Holy father, you have come  
And chosen me now to carry your son*

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*I am waiting in a silent prayer  
I am frightened by the load I bear  
In a world as cold as stone  
Must I walk this path alone?  
Be with me now, be with me now*

#### **Refrain:**

*Breath of heaven, hold me together  
Be forever near me, breath of heaven  
Breath of heaven, lighten my darkness  
Pour over me your holiness for you are holy*

*Breath of heaven*

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*Do you wonder as you watch my face  
If a wiser one should have had my place?  
But I offer all I am  
For the mercy of your plan  
Help me be strong, help me be, help me*

**Refrain (2X)**

*Breath of heaven (3X)*

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*Offering plates are located in the entryways to the sanctuary. You may mail your gifts to our church office or securely contribute online through a link found on our website – [stpeterslutheran.net](http://stpeterslutheran.net).*

*Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on to others in the same pew. Then pass the book back to its original position. Please leave the sheet attached in the booklet.*

## Offertory – How Great Our Joy!

*Flautist – Deb Cihlar*

*Pianist – Char Brauer*

*Cellist – Ellen Boyette*

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**Online Giving**

# Joy Fulfilled

## Congregational Hymn

352 Joy Has Dawned sts. 2-3



2 Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels  
3 Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry.



as the might - y Prince of life shel - ters in a sta - ble.  
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry:



Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,  
gold— a king is born to - day; in - cense—God is with us;



cling now to a moth - er's breast, \_ vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.  
myrrh— his death will make a way, and by his blood he'll win us.

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## Fourth Reading

Luke 2:1-7  
Joy in Our Savior

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to register, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and family line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

## Junior Choir Anthem - Can This Be the Child?

*Can this be the Child the prophets said would come?  
Can this be Immanuel; has God sent His Son?  
Sleeping in this cattle stall, He seems so fragile, and so small.  
Can He really be the Promised One?*

*Can this be the Babe the world has longed to see?  
Can this be the Lamb of God sent to set us free?  
Lying in the manger there He seems so gentle and so fair.  
Can He really be the Prince of Peace?*

*A single star is shining clear and bright,  
and angels sing their songs of peace and joy.  
They tell the world that Christ is born to all this night.  
He is the King, this baby boy.*

*Yes, this is the Child the prophets said would come!  
Yes, this is Emanuel; God has sent His Son!  
See the smile upon His face, He is God's redeeming grace.  
Surely we have found the Promised One!*

*He is God's precious Son.*

## Fifth Reading

Luke 2:8-14  
Joy of the Angels

There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified! <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. For behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind."

## Choir - Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

### **Refrain:** 2x

*Jesus, Jesus Oh, what a wonderful child  
Jesus, Jesus So lowly meek and mild  
New life, new hope, new joy he brings  
Won't you listen to the angels sing?  
Glory, glory, glory To the newborn King*

*He was herald by the angels  
Born in a lowly manger  
The Virgin Mary was his mother  
And Joseph was his earthly father, oh  
The wise men came from afar  
They were guided by a shining star  
To see king Jesus where he lay  
In a manger filled with hay, oh*

### **Refrain**

*Glory, glory, glory  
To the newborn King*

## Sixth Reading

Luke 2:15-20  
Joy of the Shepherds

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

### Choir – Shepherd’s Joy

*One quiet night when all was still,  
I saw a wondrous sight  
while tending sheep upon a hill  
one peaceful winters night  
for in the sky there shone a light  
so glorious and bright  
behold an angel did appear  
upon that special night.*

*The angel said Now, have no fear  
I bring good news to all.  
A Savior now is born to you  
your God has heard your call  
In Bethlehem in lowly manger  
lying in a stall.  
Go worship Him, the newborn King,  
before Him humbly fall.*

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**Refrain:**

*Glory to God  
Glory to God on high  
Messiah has come  
Love has transformed this night*

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**Refrain**

*Then angels quickly filled the sky  
with glory all around,  
praising God with joyful voice.  
I listened to their sound  
Then all the shepherds went to where  
the Baby could be found,  
then bowed in homage to the King,  
their faces on the ground.*

**Refrain 2X**

# Joy to Come

## Congregational Hymn

352 Joy Has Dawned st. 4

4 Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som;  
rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ, our might - y cham - pion!  
What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious mys - t'ry!  
Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, — now the Lord of his - t'ry.

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## Seventh Reading

Revelation 7:15-17

Heavenly Joy

Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. <sup>16</sup>They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again. The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

## Choir - Christmas Lullaby

*Are you far away from home this dark and lonely night?  
Tell me what best would help to ease your mind:  
Someone to give direction for this unfamiliar road,  
Or one who says, "Follow Me and I will lead you home?"*

*How beautiful, how precious the Savior of old,  
To love so completely the loneliest soul.  
How gently, how tenderly He says to one and all,  
"Child, you can follow Me and I will lead you home.  
Trust Me and follow Me and I will lead you home."*

*Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by my forever, and love me, I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.*



# Eighth Reading

Romans 15:5-13

Ring out Our Joy

And may God, the source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I am saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs. <sup>9</sup> He also did this so that the Gentiles would glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: For this reason I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name. <sup>10</sup> And again it says: Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people. <sup>11</sup> And again: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples give him praise. <sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says: There will be a Root of Jesse, and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles; on him the Gentiles will place their hope. <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Congregational Hymn

353 Joy to the World sts. 1-2

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their

ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and

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

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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## Responsive Prayer

**Pastor:** O Lord of hosts and King of glory, we come before You eagerly anticipating the celebration of Your Son's birth.

**Congr:** **We give You thanks for clearly identifying Him through Your Word as our Savior.**

**Pastor:** Even though, O Lord, You have clearly identified our Savior in Your Word, our minds are unable to comprehend the mystery of the events that have taken place.

**Congr:** **Send us Your Holy Spirit that we may believe those mysteries we cannot understand.**

**Pastor:** As we have found in Him the source of the peace that fills our hearts,

**Congr:** **empower us with Your Holy Spirit to proclaim Him as the Savior of the world.**

### *Special Intercessions*

**Pastor:** May Your peace rule our hearts as You have clearly shown us how love has come.

**Congr:** **Love is Jesus – Christ the Lord!**

## Lord's Prayer

**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

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

**Congr:** **Amen.**

**Choir – Hallelujah Chorus**

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah:  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign forever and ever.  
King of Kings forever and ever, hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
And Lord of lords! Forever and ever, hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
King of Kings and Lord of lords, and He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah!*

*Christ* the savior  
is born.

**Announcements**

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## **St. Peter's Choir**

(Number following name denotes time of service in the choir)

Choir Director: Leah Kuchenbecker (2)

Choir Accompanist: Char Brauer (43)

Soprano: Ruth Johnson (34), Ruth Schmelzer (45), Mary Maas (56), Carol Lenius (40), Marnie Ostrand (10), Emily Mandler (4), Rachel Mandler (4), Marissa Bagasao (3), Rebekah Brunner (2), Coryn Schwark (1)

Alto: Tracie Yant (15), Kayla Wilke (14), Carrie Tjernagel (11), Renee Sauer (11), Michele Diener (9), Ellen Boyette (7), Diane Jones (6), Christy Bagasao (4), Emily Rose Bagasao (3), Gretchen Fiemeyer (1), Elizabeth Mertens (1)

Tenor: Glen Begrow (4), Tom Mulinix (9), Mike Mertens (1), Bill Krueger (1)

Bass: Bob Johnson (33), Ben Herzog (10), Dave Anthony (37), Jon Wienke (27)

Flautist: Deb Cihlar (28)

Cellist: Ellen Boyette (7)

Lector: Ted Chaudoir

Thank you to all of the choir members and everyone that participated in this special concert for the giving of their time and talents to glorify God!

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY! MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## **St. Peter's Hand Chime Choir**

Hand Chime Choir Director: Leah Kuchenbecker

Hand Chime Choir Members: Ruth Johnson, Renee Sauer, Emily Mandler, Rebekah Brunner, Coryn Schwark, David Schwark, Ben Herzog, Ellen Boyette

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<p><b><u>Assistants in Worship</u></b> (December 14/15)          Presiding Minister – Pastor Carl Schroeder          Lector – Ted Chaudoir          Choir Director – Leah Kuchenbecker          Broadcast – Christopher Boyette          St. Peter’s Hand Chimes          Trumpet - Joseph Grambsch          Pianist – Char Brauer      Cellist – Ellen Boyette          Flautist – Deb Cihlar</p>	<p><b><u>Last Week</u></b>          Advent 1: 115    \$1,870          Weekend Services: 280          General: \$11,669          Building: \$555          Missions: \$165</p>
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### **Current Bible Studies:**

Sundays:            8:45 – 9:45 am      Sunday Morning Bible Class: **Lifestyle Witnessing**

                          8:45 – 9:45 am      Sunday School for students in preschool through grade 5.

Wednesdays:    6:30 – 7:00 am -    Breakfast Bible Study in St. Peter’s Social Hall studying the book of Mark (taught by Pastor Vertz)

## This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday (15)	Mon (16)	Tues (17)	Wed (18)	Thurs (19)	Fri (20)	Saturday (21)	Sunday (22)
<b><u>NO 7:30 AM Worship</u></b> 8:45 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Bible Study 10:05 AM Worship Christmas Choirs Concert Broadcast Online/Radio			6:30 AM Bible Study Social Hall 10:00AM Midweek Advent III Worship 11:00 AM Sit, Sip & Socialize 5:00 PM Children's Christmas Service (GYM)	6:00 PM Council	11:30 AM EARLY SCHOOL DISMISSAL for Christmas Break!	10:30 AM Jesus' Cares Christmas 5:00 PM Worship	7:30/10:05 AM Worship w/ Comm. 8:45 Sunday School 10:05 AM Worship Broadcast Online/Radio

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### Upcoming Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas Worship Opportunities:

**St. Peter's Christmas Concert**- Saturday, Dec 14, 5:00 pm and Sunday, Dec 15, at 10:05 am (***No 7:30 am worship***)

**Midweek Advent III** - Wednesday, Dec 18, **10:00 am only**  
*"His Name Will Be Called... Everlasting Father"*

**Children's Christmas Worship**- Wednesday, Dec 18, 5:00 pm  
 In the Gym - *"Signs of Christmas"*

**Weekend Worship with Lord's Supper** -  
 Saturday, Dec 21, at 5:00 pm, and  
 Sunday, Dec 22, 7:30 am and 10:05 am

**Christmas Eve Worship** - Tuesday, Dec 24  
 5:00 & 10:00 pm Candlelight

**Christmas Day with Lord's Supper**- Wednesday, Dec 25, 10:00 am

**New Year's Eve Worship with Lord's Supper**- Tuesday, Dec 31, 5:00 pm



## Church News

**A Cautionary Note:** There have once again been emails, texts, etc. going around claiming to be local pastors. These emails/texts ask for money or help. With the latest AI technology, they may even copy the pastors' voice to convince you over a phone. Please know that your pastors will not email/text/call for money or help. If you receive an email/text/call from your pastors that is suspicious, please call the church office to verify that it is legitimate. Thank you!

**Usher Schedule** The new schedule is available in the usher closet.

**Christmas Request:** Increased tuition rates and lowered student discounts have created additional financial struggles for some of our school parents. Our CEEF for members and TAF for nonmembers can only stretch so far (especially TAF). If you are in the generous mood and feel the urge to be helpful to other Christians, consider donating for school tuition financial aid!

**Do you or someone you know need a ride to church?** There are Door to Door vouchers available if you would like to attend the 5pm (Saturday) or 10:05 am (Sunday) services. If you are interested, please contact Kary at 743-4431 x3.

**Sponsoring a bulletin, Radio or Internet Broadcast** If you would like to sponsor an upcoming worship folder, radio broadcast, or internet worship broadcast, please call the church office. Sponsoring helps to defray costs for printing bulletins, radio and internet broadcasting fees.

**2025 Offering Envelopes** are available on the tables next to the library. Please pick up your envelopes. **Please DO NOT use these envelopes until next year!** Thank you for your support of your church as we share Christ together.

### **“Follow the Star” Christmastide Tour**

is **Sunday, December 29 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**. Ever wanted to see the interior décor of Christian churches in our community but wondered if you would be intruding? Fear not! You are invited to tour St. Peter's and five other churches in the Sturgeon Bay area to enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas. These are free, self-guided tours. Plan to visit as many churches as you want, in any order you wish! **Participating churches are:**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church - 108 W. Maple St., Friends Community Church - 201 W. Maple St.

Bay View Lutheran Church - 340 W. Maple St., Corpus Christi Catholic Church – 811 W. Juniper St.

St. Joseph Catholic Church – 110 N. 5th Ave., First Baptist Church - 610 N. 5th Ave.

## School News

**The Children's Christmas Service** will be in the Gym on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:00 pm.

# St. Peters Ev. Lutheran Church and School

*"We Exist to Share Christ"*



Facebook Page

**Worship:** Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7:30 am & 10:05 am  
**Lord's Supper:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends  
**Radio Broadcast:** Sundays 10:05 am on WDOR, 93.9 FM.  
**Internet Stream:** Sundays 10:05 am at [stpeterslutheran.net](http://stpeterslutheran.net)  
**Cable Broadcast:** Local channel 989 – Wed. 9 am & 6 pm. Sun. 10 am & 7 pm.

## Grow in God's Word

You can download the WELS App for your computer/phone/tablet at this link - <https://wels.app/> Included in the app are the following:



Devotion App

**Daily Devotion** – Quick 5 to 10 minute devotions are available in audio and text formats. Find inspiration, comfort and spiritual growth each day.

**Family Devotion** - Devotions written specifically for families available in text and audio formats. Find inspiration, resources, and spiritual growth for all ages.

**Marriage Moments** - Short weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question.

**Through My Bible** – Read/listen through the entire Bible in three years. God preserved every word for your benefit. Spend time in God's Word each day.

**Worship Helps** - Ready your soul for worship each week with these study questions...and answers...related to the appointed readings for the week.

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