

February 22/23, 2025

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

108 West Maple Street

Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Thank you for worshipping with us. May God bless your day!



“

“God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. So it was not you who sent me here, but God...”

Genesis 45:6-7

We Exist to Share Christ!

TO OUR VISITORS: Thank you for joining us for our worship today. 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.

HEARING LOOP devices available or please set hearing aid to telecoil.

LARGE PRINT Worship Folders (with entire liturgy) found in entryway to the church.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION about St. Peter's and its activities, please speak with one of the pastors to arrange an appointment or call the church office at 920-743-4431 during the week.

Worship Focus: *Love Your Enemies, Overcoming Evil with Good*

Throughout this season of Epiphany, Jesus has described the governing principles of his kingdom being completely opposite to the governing principles of the world. This week Jesus asks us to befriend our enemies, to love those who hate us, and to repay evil with good. Worldly logic would say that is a recipe for being walked all over. Yet haven't we seen this tactic work? When we were Christ's enemies, he loved us to the point of death. He repays our daily wrongs with the daily goodness of his mercy. In doing so, he won us for himself.

Here is the epiphany we badly need to have. Following the strategy Jesus lays out—loving our enemies—is not a capitulation to evil. It is a means of conquering it.



Order of Worship: Morning Prayer, p. 207
Hymns: 733; 726; 971:1,4; 752:1; 928
Psalm: 103A



Order of Service for Epiphany VII

Opening Hymn

733 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Declaration of Grace

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.

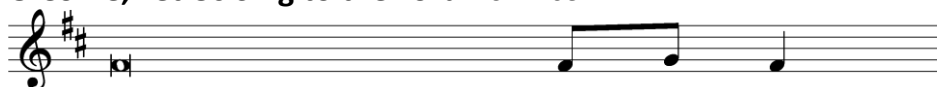
Hasten to save me, O God.



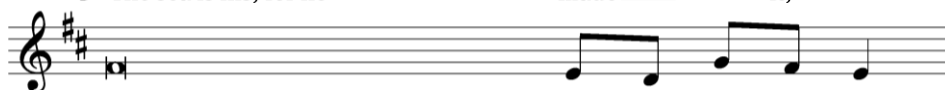
C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

The glory of Christ is revealed: praise and thanks to God!

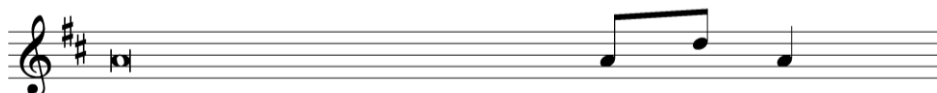
O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord *CW 208*



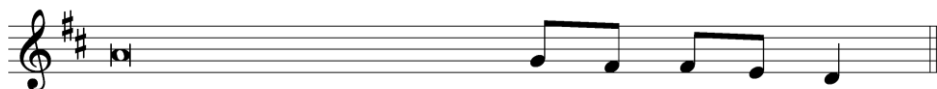
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is his, for he made it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand formed the dry land.



1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For he is our God,



1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

The Word

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-15

The account of Joseph forgiving his brothers after they had sold him into slavery demonstrates that God overcomes evil with good.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. ⁴ Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me, please." They came closer. He said, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life. ⁶ For two years now the famine has been in the land, and there are still five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God, and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord over his entire household, and ruler over the whole land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry, go up to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: "God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me. Do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the land of Goshen, where you will be close to me—you, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will take care of you here, for there are still five years of famine. Otherwise you will come to ruin, you, and your household, and all that you have.'" ¹² Pay attention. Your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You shall tell my father all about my position of honor in Egypt and about everything that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. ¹⁵ He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

103A The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The LORD is kind and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Tone

Praise the LORD, / my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—
who forgives / all your sins
and heals all your dis- / eases,
who redeems your life / from the pit
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,
who satisfies your desires / with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's.
Refrain

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,
so great is his love for those who / fear him;
as far as the east is / from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

Text: Lectionary for Mass

Tune: Paul Tate, alt.

Setting: Paul Tate, alt.

Text: © 1969, 1981, 1997 ICEL (refrain). Used by permission: OneLicense no. 718514

Music: © 2013 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 718514

Pre-K3-Kindergarten Sings (10:05 am)

Jesus Loves the Little Ones
Arrangement by Edward Damerrau, Jr.

Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me
Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me
Little ones like me sat upon his knee
Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me

Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you
Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you
Little ones like you, saves them through and through
Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

In our interactions with others, Jesus calls us to disregard what people deserve. Instead, we are to show the same grace that God has shown to us.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other too. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes away your things, do not demand them back. ³¹ “Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. ³² If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be sure, even the sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same thing. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners lend to sinners in order to be paid back in full. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the unthankful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

726 Love in Christ is Strong and Living

(Young children are welcome to come forward after stanza 2 for the children's message)

Sermon

Genesis 45:3-15

A Lesson in Forgiveness

Stand at conclusion of sermon

God We Praise You

971 God, We Praise You sts. 1, 4



1 God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we
4 Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, you will



name you sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom
judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy



an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church a - dored:
help your ser - vants for whose free - dom you have paid:



all cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry; heav'n and
raise us up from dust to glo - ry; guard us



earth draw near your throne, sing - ing, "Ho - ly,
from all sin to - day. King en - throned a -



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"
bove all prais-es, save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

Be seated

Offering

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, or with the QR code to the right.



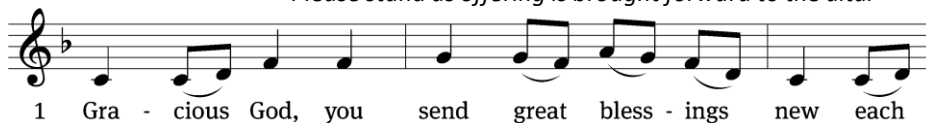
Online Giving

Please sign the Friendship/Guestbook 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.

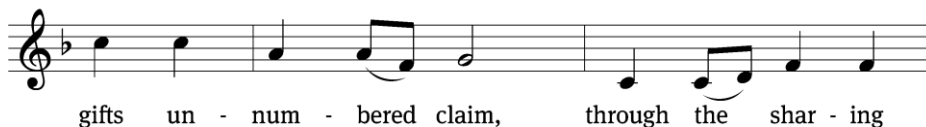
Offering Hymn

752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings sts. 1, Ref

Please stand as offering is brought forward to the altar



Refrain



Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven

Hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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 † give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

Acknowledgments

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

ONE LICENSE, License number: A-718514 CCLI, License number: 1083946

Cover Artwork: Artwork by Ian Welch (ianmwelch.com). Used by permission

Scripture is taken from The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version ©, EHV © 2017 Wartburg Project, Inc. All rights reserved.

Jesus Loves the Little Ones Arr. Edward Damerrau, Jr. Copyright: public domain

<u>Assistants in Worship</u> (February 22/23)	<u>Last Week</u>
Preacher/ Presiding Minister – Pastor Carl Schroeder	Weekend Services: 191
Organist – Leah Kuchenbecker	General: \$6,014
Sunday Broadcast – Caleb Meier	Building: \$295
Saxophone – Noah VanderLoop	Missions: \$150

The Worship Folder is sponsored in celebration of the 99 birthday of Margaret Karnopp by Deb and Chuck Cihlar. Her birthday is Monday Feb 24th. Thanks be to God for giving us a mom who has shown love, care and guidance to us and so many others throughout her life.

The Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Robert Dvorak on his 91 Birthday by Judy & McKenzie Dvorak-Fish. Happy Birthday, Dad!

This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday (23)	Mon (24)	Tues (25)	Wed (26)	Thurs (27)	Fri (28)	Saturday (1)	Sunday (2)
7:30 /10:05 AM Worship 8:45 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Bible Study 10:05 AM Worship Broadcast Online / Radio	5:30 PM Hand Chimes 6:30 PM Choir		6:30 AM The Book of 1 Samuel Bible Study at St. Peter's Social Hall 5:00 PM PSC Confirmation Classes			5:00 PM Worship W/Comm.	7:30 /10:05 AM Worship w/Comm. 8:45 AM Sunday School 8:45 AM Bible Study 10:05 AM Worship w/Comm. Broadcast Online / Radio 11:00-1:00 PM Youth Group

Current Bible Studies:

Sunday: 8:45 – 9:45 am Sunday Morning Bible Class: the Life of Moses (taught by Bob Johnson)

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

Wednesday: 6:30 – 7:00 am Breakfast Bible Study in St. Peter's Social Hall studying the Book of 1 Samuel (taught by Pastor Vertz)

Church News

Thrivent Choice Reminder: If you're a member of Thrivent Financial, you are able to direct 2024 Choice Dollars until **March 31, 2025**. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of non-profit organizations, including St. Peter's Lutheran Church or School. Have you directed all of your designated Thrivent Choice Dollars? Please call Thrivent at (800)847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Thank you very much!

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.

Lenten Donation Opportunities 2025

The St. Peter's Outreach team is sponsoring two donation opportunities during the Lenten season. We thank the congregation for their generosity in the past several years. Feed My People, Lakeshore CAP and HELP of Door County, Inc. are very appreciative and thankful for the items they receive. The dates for both collections have been extended this year to include two weekend services.

Food Donations: March 7 through March 17

We will be collecting nonperishable food items. These items will be donated to Feed My People and Lakeshore CAP. In addition, some of the items we collect will be used to stock the Blessings Box located on Maple Street in front of church. The Blessings Box is stocked as needed by Kary however, anyone is welcome to add temperature sensitive food and personal care items to the Blessings Box throughout the year. Suggested nonperishable food item donations include jams and jellies, crackers, tuna, rice mixes, miscellaneous soups, cake mixes, packaged dinners, box mixes like Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper, Ramen and other noodle types and other nonperishable food.

Personal Care/Cleaning Product Donations: March 18 through March 31

We will be collecting personal care and cleaning products. Items collected will be donated to HELP of Door County, Inc. Suggested items are full size (not sample size) of toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, liquid hand soap (no bar soap), body and face wash, hair spray and hair gel, shaving cream, baby wash, baby shampoo, diapers, feminine products, deodorant, band aids, toilet paper and Kleenex. Suggested cleaning supply items include all purpose cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, dish soap, paper towels and laundry detergent.

There are three different locations to drop off your donations:

Table at the Maple Street entrance; Table near library; Table near Social Hall entrance

The Outreach Team prays the congregation continues to generously support these donation opportunities since the need is still great in our community.



Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Palm/Passion Sunday Weekend - April 12, 5:00 pm &
April 13, 7:30 am & 10:05 am

Holy Thursday with Lord's Supper- April 17, 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

Good Friday Worship- April 18, 1:00 pm

Easter Sunrise with Lord's Supper - April 20, 6:00 am

Easter Breakfast served from 7:30 am-9:30 am in the Fellowship hall

Easter Festival Services April 20, 8:00 am and 10:05 am



Spring Musical 'Newsies' Tickets Now Available

Manitowoc Lutheran High School Presents “*Newsies*” - The Broadway Musical, Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Jack Feldman, Book by Harvey Fierstein, based on the Disney film written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White, Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions.



Friday, March 14 - 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 15 - 7:00 PM Buy tickets at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6551940>

Sunday, March 16 - 2:00 PM

School News

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 School Year is now open! If you know someone who may be interested in St. Peter's, please have them contact Mr. Grambsch!

Dates To Know

3/8: GLOW NIGHT

4/5: Music Fest at MLHS

3/16: “Future Storm” Day

4/12: Academic Fair at MLHS

3/26-3/30: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

4/19-4/21: Easter Weekend - No School

Questions or Comments for our Principal? Contact Mr. Grambsch at jgrambsch@stpeterssb.net

New Sunday Bible Study Opportunity

Beginning Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 8:45 am

Holy Week: A Lot Can Happen in a Week!



Lent. It is a time of reflection. We reflect on our sins and reflect on our Savior Jesus. We know that Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins. We hear accounts of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday every year. Yet, too often we can miss the little details surrounding these events, details which bring us even more awe and comfort at what our Savior has done for us.

In this Bible study, we will go in-depth to study the accounts of Jesus' last week – Holy Week and see that a lot can happen in a week!

What you will learn:

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in April, this Bible Study will lead us to delve deeper into the events surrounding Jesus death and resurrection.

What you will take home:

You will gain a deeper appreciation for how deep your Savior's love is for you. Your faith will be strengthened as you learn about the events surrounding Jesus' walk to the cross for you. And you will grow in your appreciation and joy as you prepare for Easter.

Lessons:

March 2 Sunday – Jesus' Triumphant Entry
March 9 Tuesday – Jesus' Discourse on the Last Day
March 16 Thursday – Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit
March 23 Thursday – Garden of Gethsemane

March 30 Thursday – Peter's Denial
April 6 Friday – Jesus' Death
April 13 Sunday – Resurrection of our Lord

Class starts on Sunday, March 2 at 8:45am in the Social Hall (*conveniently scheduled in between our Sunday morning worship.*) Drop off the kids at Sunday School or childcare, which meet at the same time, and join us.



Join Online: If you are not able to attend class in-person, you can join and participate with the class by using Zoom. Sign up on your computer/phone by going to zoom.us and creating an account. Email Pastor Sauer and he will send you the password to join the meeting (please do so before Sunday mornings). Thank you!

Midweek Lent – 2025



Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season begin March 5. In our midweek Lenten worship this year, various pastors from our Wisconsin Synod Door-Kewaunee churches will speak on the Theme – ***Reflections on Repentance*** looking at Psalm 51.

“The Lord is not slow to do what he promised. . . . Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Luther began his famous debate theses noting that Scripture’s call to repentance is intended as a way of life. Using David’s great penitential Psalm 51, our Midweek Lenten Worship explores the depths of our sinful depravity, the brokenness of our relationship with God, our dire need for

rescue, and the good news of forgiveness, cleansing, and rejoicing in our restored relationship with God and the promise of eternal life through Jesus our Savior.

May the Lord bless you as you make your Lenten journey this year to the cross, and finally, to Jesus’ empty tomb on Easter.

Ash Wednesday

March 5	10 am & 6:30 pm	Realizing Our Need for Repentance (Pastor Sauer)
---------	-----------------	--

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

March 12	10 am & 6:30 pm	Remembering God’s Perfect Demands (Pastor Schroeder)
March 19	10 am & 6:30 pm	Relying on God’s Grace (Pastor Martin)
March 26	10 am & 6:30 pm	Removing Our Guilt (Pastor Moll)
April 2	10 am & 6:30 pm	Recognizing Against Whom We Sin (Pastor Vertz)
April 9	10 am & 6:30 pm	Revealing Our Sinful Nature (Pastor Grube)

Holy Week - 2025

April 12/13	Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 7:30 & 10:05 am	Palm/Passion Sunday
April 17	10 am & 6:30 pm	Holy Thursday
April 18	1:00 pm	Good Friday
April 20	6:00, 8:00, 10:05 am	Easter Sunday

Opening Hymn

733 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"
2 How can your par - don reach and bless
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you a - lone can
the un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
the truth we dim - ly knew: how small are oth - ers'
and bid re - sent - ment cease; then, bound to all in



grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
debts to us, how great our debt to you!
bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.

Tune: A Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, Harrisonburg, 1820, ed. Ananias Davison

Text: © 1969 Oxford University Press. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 718514

Tune: Public domain

Hymn of the Day

726 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, faint - ing not when



hearts in one; love in Christ is true and giv - ing,
mil - i - ty, gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



may his will in us be done.
reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
shall en - dure un - til life's end.

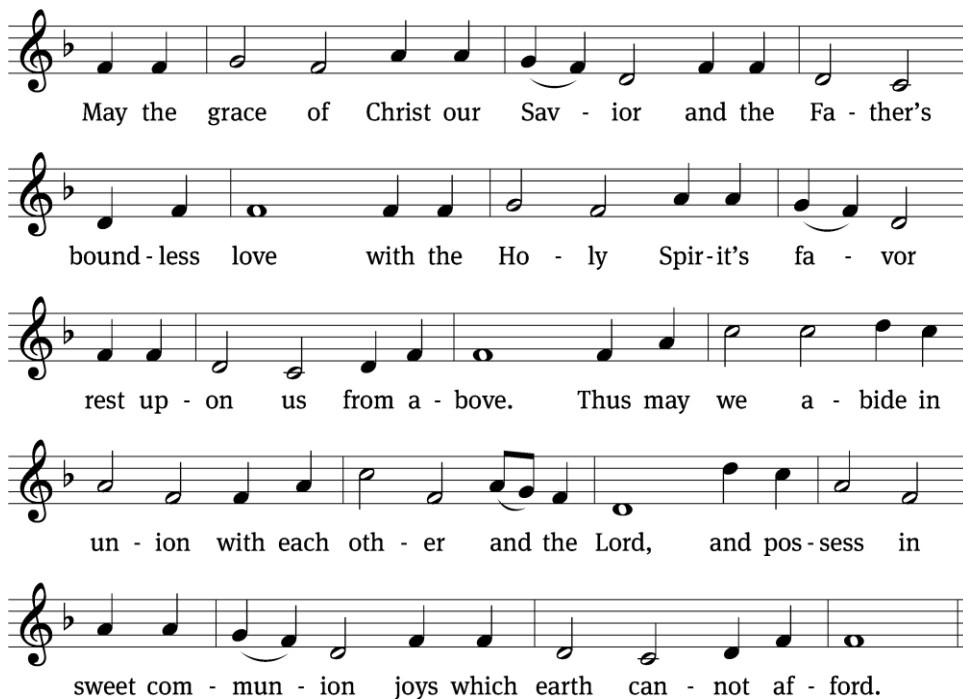
Text: Dorothy R. Schultz, b. 1934

Tune: Ralph C. Schultz, b. 1932

Text and tune: © 1979 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 718514

Closing Hymn

928 *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*



May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's
bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor
rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in
un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in
sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807

Tune: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

Text and tune: Public domain

St. Peter's 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: 1st and 3rd weekends
Radio Broadcast: Sundays 10:05 am on WDOR, 93.9 FM.
Internet Stream: Sundays 10:05 am at 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.

108 W. Maple St.
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
www.stpeterslutheran.net



Church: 920-743-4431
School: 920-743-4432
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

Pastor Joel T. Sauer
Residence: 920-746-0373
jsauer@stpeterssb.net

Pastor Carl Schroeder
Residence: 608-477-3374
cschroeder@stpeterssb.net

Principal Joseph Grambsch
Phone#: 920-743-4432 ex. 147
jgrambsch@stpeterssb.net

St. Peter's is a confessional congregation affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and the worldwide Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC).