

**Last Sunday (November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023)  
St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)  
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## Opening Hymn: 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Stand*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.  
**L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

**Venite**

*LSB 220*

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

*Sit*

## Office Hymn: 532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down

in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 25:31–46*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it

to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’<sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

LSB 221

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## Hymn of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

### Sermon

*Stand*

## Creedal Hymn: 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

*Sit*

### Offering

*Stand*

### Kyrie

LSB 227

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Collects

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Collect

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews) for strength as she receives therapy

Bob Hegerfeld

Ron Franz for strength and healing

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being

ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 228

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 228

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 687 Thine Forever, God of Love

### In His Service Today:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Brandon Sullivan

**Organist:** Mrs. Vickie Hammond

**Deacons:** Matt Braun (Head), Fred M. Fuelling, Louie Fuelling

**Elders:** Rod Busick (Head), Jim Fuelling, John Fuelling, Andy Wolf

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERINGS:** (11/12): Home Purpose- \$3,636.00; Missions- \$500.00; SPI- \$150.00; Vanco- \$44.78; (11/19): Home Purpose- \$5,659.00; Missions- \$350.00; SPI- \$225.00; Vanco- \$44.78.

**\*NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.\***



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

**NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:** Our Missions budget of \$11,000.00 has received \$4,760.00 as of the end of October. We have 2 months to raise \$6,240.00.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE:** The 2023 Christmas committee will be decorating church, Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. This year's committee is:

#### 2nd year

Rich and Sheryl Howard

Nicholas and Lisa Howard

Doyle, Doug & Dan Fuelling

#### 1st year

Cy and Maddi Hurst

Jody and John Hurst

Jon Keller

**CHURCH CHOIR:** The adult choir will rehearse in the church balcony every Wednesday, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Please join us as we prepare music for the Festivals of the Church year!

**BIDS DUE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>:** Bids for Church Secretary, Church Custodian, and Church Groundskeeper are due to Dave Bischoff or Pastor Tanksley by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Nominations for the 2024 Council:

**Vice-President (1):** Duane Franz

**Elders (2):** Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

**Deacons (3):** Joseph Werling, Dan DeLong, Nathan Scherer

**Trustees (2):** Vern Witte, Greg Fuelling

**School Board (1):** Dane Fuelling, Fred M. Fuelling

**Financial Secretary (1):** Josh Franz

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for NOVEMBER & DECEMBER - "COMFORT FOOD":** During the months of November and December we will be collecting COMFORT FOOD items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of January. Some suggestions are but not limited to: pasta (all shapes), noodles, rice, chili mix, sloppy joe sauce, taco seasoning, refried beans, beans (black, kidney, etc), canned tomatoes, taco shells, mac and cheese dinners, canned meats (tuna, beef, chicken). Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex). All your donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Many report that 75-85% of their grocery needs are met at the Co-Op which relies solely on donations from individuals, congregations and organizations. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Thank you for all your donations!

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26th, 2023

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
	-----	Bible Study
	1:00 pm	Christmas Committee Decorating Church
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:30am	Pastor's Bible Study at Bingen
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	-----	Voters' Assembly Meeting (Election)

### Looking Ahead to Next Week: Advent 1

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

- <sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
- <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- <sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup>But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you  
in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—  
<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in  
any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to  
the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called  
into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and  
immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and  
bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will  
send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in  
the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing,  
untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they  
brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their  
cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those  
who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the  
highest!”



### 332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

## Introit

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

**To you, | O Lord,\***

**I lift | up my soul.**

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.

**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

**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.**

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Grab your partner & promenade over to a

# SQUARE DANCE

*The Mirage Banquet Hall*  
**Friday, Dec. 8th**

Christmas is  
a comin!  
And guitars will be  
strummin



The wheat's in the ground  
The harvest is done (almost)  
Come to the Mirage  
And have some fun!

**Music by BILL WERLING & BREAKAWAY**

**Square Dancing: 8-11 p.m.**

**Doors Open: 7:00 p.m.**

**Square Dance Lessons for Beginners: 7:30 p.m.**

*For more information contact Bill W: 260-442-4333*

**Proceeds to benefit St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School**

**Cost: \$10; Full Cash Bar Available**

## **Additional Christmas Worship Opportunities, 2023**

**Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 pm**

Soup Supper beginning at 5:30pm  
Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 pm**

Soup Supper beginning at 5:30pm  
Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 pm**

Soup Supper beginning at 5:30pm  
Mid-Week Lenten Service at 7:00pm

**Sunday, December 24, 7:00 pm**

Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

**Monday, December 25, 9:00 am**

Divine Service of Holy Communion for Christmas Day,  
Festival of Our Lord's Nativity

**Sunday, December 31, 7:00 pm**

New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion