

**Advent 1 (December 1st, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

The Holy Baptism of Kennady Nora and Marigold Lucille Jones

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

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

Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD? *

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne; *
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout, *
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

who exult in your name | all the day *
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

For our shield belongs | to the LORD, *
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

**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 coming to you; *
righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

LSB 204

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

**who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who hear the Word, that the Lord who moved Jesus' disciples to sing His praises as He entered Jerusalem would likewise open our mouths to declare His mighty works, even in the face of opposition and persecution, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the tempted, that the Lord would preserve us from dissipation, drunkenness and every sin that would harm our faith and cause us to fear His coming in glory; and that He would strengthen our faith as we joyfully await His return, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this congregation, that the Lord would make us increase and abound in love for one another and for all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who govern, that the Lord, who rules with righteousness and justice, steadfast love and faithfulness, would grant the authorities of our land to act justly, so that His people might live in peace as they make known His love and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in need of mercy, that God, who establishes our hearts blameless and holy before Himself, would have mercy on all the afflicted including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Calvin Buuck as he recovers from surgery

and those we name in our hearts and also that He would comfort all who mourn until the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who receive the Lord's Supper, that Christ who rode into Jerusalem to save us from sin would prepare our hearts to welcome Him worthily in His blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory on the Last Day; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 331 The Advent of Our King

In His Service Today:

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: November 17th- Home Purpose: \$4,461.00, Missions: \$625.00, Cemetery: \$250.00, Picnic Grove: \$70.00, Vanco: \$124.26

November 24th- Home Purpose: \$7,285.61, Missions: \$300.00, Building Fund: \$170.00, Vanco: \$244.16

***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.

We Rejoice in the Baptism of Kennedy Nora and Marigold Lucille Jones, daughters of Micah and Jillian Jones. Kennedy and Marigold's godparents are Liz Jones and Kim Gates. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

Advent Soup Supper Sign Up Sheet: is in the narthex. There is only one more spot available. Thank you to those who have signed up!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for December and January - "Breakfast: During the months of December and January we will be collecting "Breakfast items" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to: Hot chocolate, coffee/tea, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, breakfast/granola bars, juice, syrup, muffin/pancake mix, jelly/jam. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary 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. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. **Thank you for all your donations.**

The January Newsletter Deadline: will be Thursday December 19th. Thank You!

Un-needed Items: There are a few items in the basement of the church that are no longer needed- an old T.V., multiple chalkboards/room dividers, and a phone. All these items are grouped together; they are in between the trophy case and the green room divider. If anyone has a use for these items, please feel free to take them.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: If you are a member, please attend the meeting after church today to elect officers and finalize budgets. The nominations are listed below.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE DECEMBER 1st VOTERS ASSEMBLY ELECTION:

- President (1): Dave Bischoff, Bruce Scherer
- Elder (2): John Fuelling, Matthew Braun, Rodney Busick, Rich Howard
- Deacon (2): Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer, Jim Linder
- Trustee (2): Doyle Fuelling, Marshall Scheumann, Tony Ohler
- Treasurer (1): Marjeana Lemler
- School Board (1): Shelby Billington, Jackie Sanderson, Bubba Braun

Christmas Post Office: Every year here at St. Peter Church, we have our own Christmas Card Exchange. You bring your Christmas cards for congregation members to church and place them into the "mailbox". There will be a free will donation can for "postage fee". The deacons and Ladies Aid will distribute the cards in alphabetical order on the tables in the narthex. Be sure to check the tables for your cards.

6TH AND 7TH GRADE 2026 CLASS TRIP FUNDRAISER: Our 6th & 7th grade students are selling Christmas wreaths again this year for \$35. **TODAY** is the last day to order a wreath. Please see the student(s) at the table in back of church to order your wreath. Friday December 6th from 5:00-6:00 pm at SPI school is wreath pick up day. Please bring your ticket. Honey will also be available for purchase. Any questions can be directed to Shelby Billington (260)-223-0508 Thank you!

Lunch Volunteers Needed: SPI is looking for lunch volunteers. Responsibilities include: **Hours 10:30am-12:30pm Mondays and Wednesdays**, pick up meals from St. Rose school in Monroeville, IN at 10:45am, serve meals at SPI for both lunch periods, clean up lunch trays/pans after lunch. Contact Kelly Schlemmer (419)-203-8883 or kschlemmer@yahoo.com if interested.

JV Boys Basketball: SPI is excited to have a JV Boys Basketball team this year! If you can help with the home games, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44AAAA22A7FF2-53101984-spibasketball#/> to sign up. Thank you!

SPI Christmas Program: Please join us on Sunday December 15th at 3:00 pm in the SPI Gymnasium to hear the students tell the story of the birth of Jesus and Gods love for us.

Emmaus Cookie Fair: Mark your calendar for the annual Cookie Fair at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8626 Covington Road Fort Wayne, IN 46804, on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. A wonderful variety of homemade Christmas cookies, fudge, and other favorite Christmas treats will be sold for \$8.00 per pound. These homemade goodies make a wonderful gift and an easy way to do your last minute "Christmas baking!" Free decorative tins will be available to make "gift wrapping" easy! In addition to the Christmas treats, we'll have Rada Cutlery, a variety of homemade jams & jelly, and

kitchen hand towels available to purchase. Come get some delicious homemade goodies and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

Christmas at the Embassy: Come celebrate Christmas at the Embassy with Concordia Lutheran High School's Music Department! On **December 15th, at 4:00 pm**. Students and seniors are \$15.00, and Adults are \$20.00, tickets are available at the STAR Bank Box Office at the Embassy or at Ticketmaster.com. You'll be treated to an evening of Christmas music by our high school bands, choirs, and orchestra. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit? This year's theme is 'The Christ Child: Our Confidence and Joy Shall Be.'

Christmas at the Wyneken House - Join the Friends of Wyneken as they celebrate the holiday season with an open house at the historic Wyneken House on Sunday, December 15th, from 1:00-5:00 PM. Dozens of nativity sets from around the world dating back to the 1880s will decorate the house. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF December 1st, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Voter's Assembly Meets after service for elections
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Midweek Service
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
FRIDAY	5:00-6:00 pm	Christmas Wreath Pick-Up at SPI School
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

Please Join Us for These Additional Worship Services

Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 pm

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Mid-Week Advent Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 pm

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Mid-Week Advent Service at 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 pm

Soup Supper begins at 5:30pm
Mid-Week Advent Service at 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 am

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

Tuesday, December 31, 7:00 pm

New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion