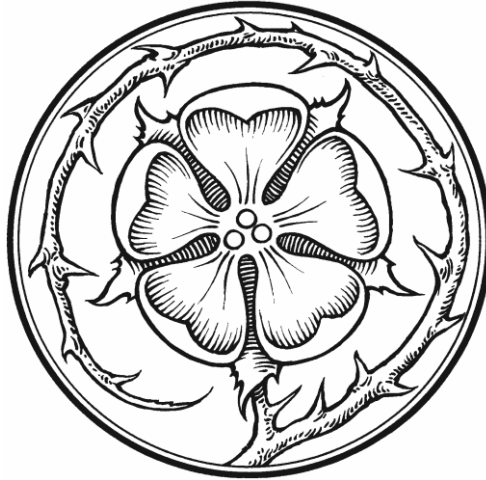


**Advent Midweek 1 (December 4th, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 355 O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

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, King who comes to save us.

Sit

Office Hymn: 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39–56

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 230

L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

L Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

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

sts. 1–4

Sermon

Stand

L Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Magnificat: 934 My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

Sit

Offering

Stand

Kyrie

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

LSB 233

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

P

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.

Collect for Peace

L

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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 234

L

Let us bless the Lord.

C

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

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: 356 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Announcements

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.**

Results from the Voter’s Assemble Election:

President: Dave Bischoff

Elders: Matt Braun (head 2026), Rod Busick

Deacons: Mitch Billington (head 2026), Nathan Scherer

Trustees: Tony Ohler (head 2026), Marshall Scheumann

Treasurer: Marjeana Lemler

School Board: Shelby Billington

Recording Secretary: Lori Conrad

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.

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: There are still wreaths available. Wreaths are 22" Frasier fir, and you have choice of plaid or red bow. Let us help you decorate for the Christmas season! **Wreaths are \$35.00**, and pick up will be Friday, December 6th from 5-6pm at SPI. **Please contact Shelby Billington via text or phone call at 260-223-0508** to reserve your Christmas Wreath. Thank you for your support!

Volunteers Needed: SPI school is looking for help with the following: donation of cookies for our Christmas Program on Sunday December 15th, **setting up the stage** following the SPI JV Boys' Basketball Game on Monday, December 9th. Usually, games end around 6:30pm. We also will need help **tearing down the stage** following the completion of the Christmas Service on Sunday, December 15th. The link to sign up for cookie donations is https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44AAAA22A7FF2-53493343-spichristmas#/ 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.

Please Join Us for These Additional Worship Services

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