

**Epiphany 6 (February 16th, 2025)
St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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Opening Hymn: 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

I will praise you with an | upright heart,*
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

**Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!**

Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.

**You have commanded your | precepts*
to be kept dil- | igently.**

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!

**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.**

I will praise you with an | upright heart,*
when I learn your just and righ- | teous decrees.

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray.
 O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵Thus says the LORD:
 “Cursed is the man who trusts in
 man and makes flesh his
 strength,
 whose heart turns away from
 the LORD.
⁶He is like a shrub in the desert,
 and shall not see any good
 come.
 He shall dwell in the parched
 places of the wilderness,
 in an uninhabited salt land.
⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts

in the LORD,
 whose trust is the LORD.
⁸He is like a tree planted by
 water,
 that sends out its roots by the
 stream,
 and does not fear when heat
 comes,
 for its leaves remain green,
 and is not anxious in the year of
 drought,
 for it does not cease to bear
 fruit.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
²**but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴**The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶**for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been

raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, 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: 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

**☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

**☩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
☩ Lord, have mercy.**

P For the spread of God's kingdom, made manifest in the preaching and miracles of Jesus Christ, that a great multitude from every Gentile nation and from Judea's remnant may be gathered to know true Wisdom come in our flesh, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all people among whom the Gospel is preached, that they would hold fast to God's Word and not believe it in vain, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For parents and those who teach children the Word of God, that generations to come may love God's promises, walk in His truth and dwell in His house, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who bear office in our land, that they would be a blessing to those they serve; for the callings God has given us, that we would render service to Him in our works of love toward our neighbor; and for those in need of honest labor and daily bread, that they would receive gainful employment according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those troubled by any unclean spirit, memory or thought; for the sick; and for all who need healing, 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 Deatrick for healing from a fall

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Janell Harper for strength and healing

Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)

Braden Morris (Future Step-Son of Louie Fuelling)

that they would receive the power of Christ in the hearing of His Word and be cured, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who come to eat the holy body and precious blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins in the blessed Sacrament, that trusting in Him they may be filled with God's blessing, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, plant us as trees by the stream of Christ, our Savior. Root us securely in His Word and wisdom. Do not let us turn from You, nor put our trust in man and this flesh, which fail. Preserve us from all anxiety, and take our fears away through right fear of You. Cause us, by Your Holy Spirit, to bear much fruit and, when affliction

and persecution come, to stand firm and rejoice at the great reward that is laid up for those who trust in You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

797 Praise the Almighty

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- 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.
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

In His Service Today:

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Joshua Camp

Organist: Mrs. Kris Bischoff

Deacons: Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

Elders: Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: February 9th- Home Purpose: \$2,001, Building Fund: \$150.00, SPI: \$200.00,
Vanco: \$194.75

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.

March Newsletter Information: is due Friday February 21st. Thank you!

2024 Annual Reports: are now available in the Narthex.

“Many, many thanks to Pastor Tanksley, St. Peter Congregation & SPI, The ‘Hood’ and SO many friends for wrapping your loving arms around us in our recent time of grief. We can hardly articulate how much your support means to us. How heartening it is for us to realize just how much you all loved Bonnie. We love all of you, too.” ~ Mike, Mike, Shelby & Marjorie Ruth and the whole Crosby Crew.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for FEBRUARY & MARCH - “DINNER”: During the months of February & March we will be collecting items for “Dinner” items. Items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of April. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Spaghetti & Alfredo sauce, pasta, noodles, canned meat & fruits, sloppy joe sauce, canned tomatoes, boxed meals, rice, macaroni & cheese, taco meals, chili mixes & beans. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) & tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary & are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.
Thank you for all your donations.

Lenten Soup Suppers: Wednesday March 5th (Ash Wednesday) is the beginning of Lent. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to volunteer to provide supper before one of the evening midweek Lenten services. Volunteers in the past have provided either one or two kinds of soup, crackers and or bread, and a light dessert such as cookies, brownies, etc. Church will provide tableware (bowls, plates, cutlery, napkins) and bottled water.

Dear Saints at St. Peter Lutheran Church,
My family and I would like to thank you for your very generous donation, in order that we could buy a car. Our old car was not reliable and with our new car we no longer need to worry about making it to our destination. We thank God for all of you and how much you have blessed us not only with your donation, but also by allowing me to be a field worker at your church. You have been a huge blessing in our lives.
In Christ,
The Kieser Family

SPirit Night Auction Committee: they are looking to borrow items from February 27th- March 2nd, to use as props/decorations for this year’s upcoming SPirit Night and are asking this congregation for help. If anyone happens to have saddle shoes, old roller skates, Coca-Cola stuff (boxes/signs), Leather jacket (think from the movie Grease), old diner straw holder/napkin dispenser, 50’s car photos, old booth bench, Bistro set (table & chairs), or Elvis stuff and would be willing to allow the committee to utilize the items, please call Kim Fuelling at 260-466-1211. Thank you!

All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast: Bethlehem Lutheran PTL invites you to an AYCE Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday February 22nd, 2025, from 6:00-10:30 am at the Bethlehem Lutheran Gym in Ossian, IN. This event is a free will donation.

Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute: Classes continue February 18th from 7:00-9:15 pm at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School US Hwy 27 just north of Decatur.

The Spring LWML Prayer Service will be held at Zion - Decatur, on Saturday, March 1. Registration begins at 8:45 and the Prayer Service, “Blessed Are They” Matthew 5: 1-12, begins at 9:00 AM. Following the service there will be a short business meeting, fellowship, and lunch served by the ladies of Zion. An

Ingathering for The Hope Clinic, a nonprofit medical pregnancy resource center in Adams County, will be collected. Needed items: Diapers size 3,4,5; Pull -Ups Boys 3T,4T; Pull-Ups Girls 2T, 3T,4T,5T; New clothing for girls and boys sizes 2T thru 7T. They also have a wish list on Amazon.

GriefShare is a Christian caring group of people that has direction and purpose. You'll get practical teaching and advice on grief-related topics. Emmanuel Soest 9909 Wayne Trace will be starting on Saturday, February 22 at 10:00 am and continue through May 17. Each session lasts about 2 hours. You can register at [Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church \(Soest\) GriefShare - GriefShare](#). You may also register with me at mh9744@gmail.com or call me. -Mary Hines (260)705-0454

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF February 16th, 2025

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Decatur LBI classes at Wyneken Lutheran School
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

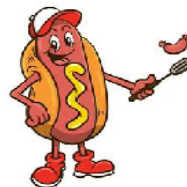
DOGS & DODGEBALL



Friday, February 21, 2025

Dinner @ 5:30 pm & Dodgeball @
6:00 pm

PTL will provide hotdogs, chips,
and lemonade prior to tourney play
from 5:30 to 6:00 in the cafeteria.



Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

*Team Registration Forms were sent home with students. Teams may consist of up to 4 children (8th grade and younger) and up to 2 adults (9th grade and older). One child must be a student of SPI, but friends from other schools are welcome and encouraged to join teams!