

First Sunday of Christmas

St. Peter Lutheran Church
December 28, 2025
A Service of Lessons and Carols

For Worship, everything you need is included in this bulletin except for the hymns, which are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.



PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City*

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BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, during this Advent season it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin until the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice Jesus' heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the one Church he did build; for goodwill among all peoples.

And particularly at this time let us remember the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the immigrants, the sick, and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children.

Lastly let us remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words that Christ himself has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Following each reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-13, 22-24

HYMN: *Joy to the World* **267**

SECOND LESSON: Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN: *O Come All Ye Faithful* **283**

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2b-7

HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **288**

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-10

HYMN: *Go Tell it on the Mountain* **290**

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38

HYMN: *Angels We Have Heard on High* **289**

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

HYMN: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **279**

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20

HYMN: *What Child is This* **296**

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN: *As with Gladness Men of Old* **302**

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

HYMN: *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

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(vs. 1-4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the God of all grace bless us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. You may place your offering in the plate near the rear of the sanctuary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech.....	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Pam King
Usher.....	David & Cindy Bench
Reader	Mary Dehring
Communion	Pam King, Wes Gahler
Fellowship	Wes & Judy Gahler

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given in honor of God's Peace by Wendy Millinger.

2026 GIVING ENVELOPES: are on the table in the Narthex. Any questions or concerns, please contact the office or Rachael.

NEEDED for 2026: Worship assistants, Fellowship Host/Hostess and Altar Flowers. All sign-up sheets and charts are on the table or bulletin board. Please sign up to help our worship service run smoothly.

FINANCIAL RECORDS: will close after this morning's offering. Any gifts received after will be credited to next year.

MINISTRY REPORTS: Please have these to Gail by January 19 via email or drop in her mailbox.

ATTENDANCE Worship 95, S.S.- 25

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Current \$3,002.13	Loose Change \$144	Loose Checks \$550
Benevolence \$207	Building Fund \$220	Propane \$35
Altar Flowers \$125	Building Use \$100	SS \$35
Roof/Boiler Loan \$75	A/C Spec Proj \$2,100	Thrivent \$20
Reimbursement \$10.08	Christmas Cards \$330	

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	NO ADULT SS	
Tues.	NO SEW QUILTS	
Wed.	AA	8:00 PM
Thur.	HAPPY NEW YEAR	

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Worship 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am (Sept-May)

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