#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

We celebrate the Lord's Supper believing that it is truly Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, and we believe it is a forgiveness-filled gift to the Church. Because the Apostle Paul encourages us to examine ourselves while recognizing the real presence of Christ's body and blood (1 Corinthians 11:28-29), we ask that those who wish to commune here answer yes to the following questions:

- As a baptized child of God, do you believe that you are a sinner and in need of forgiveness from God?
- Do you believe that forgiveness is found in Jesus, and is offered by Him in the Lord's Supper?
- Do you believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and, by your participation in the sacrament, give testimony to the faith we share?
- According to God's Word and by way of His Holy Spirit, do you desire to live a life pleasing to God?

Taking part in the Lord's Supper at St. Peter is also a visible and physical act of confession of what we believe and teach in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod; therefore, anyone not yet instructed or anyone who holds to a different confession of faith is asked to first speak with an elder or the pastor before communing.

For those with health concerns: Gluten-free wafers are available and a non-alcoholic wine is located in the center of the tray of individual cups.

#### For the Safety of Our Worshipers

For the safety of our worshipers, we ask that you please review the following:

**Make yourself aware of all available exits.** Emergency exits can be accessed via all doors in the front and back of our sanctuary.

**Severe Weather:** In the event of severe weather such as a tornado warning, please move into the school building and head to the North and South hallways (wings) in order to stand near the walls while keeping as much distance from the doors as possible. The school can be accessed via the doors located in the back of the church near the restrooms. For those with limited mobility, please proceed to the restrooms (Men's & Women's) located in the back of the church or to the north wall of the North Fellowship Hall.

**Fire Alarm:** In the event of a fire alarm, please wait for instructions if there is no visible fire or smoke. When exiting, use the nearest exit to vacate the building. Exits can be accessed via the doors in the front or the back of our sanctuary. If you have access to a cell phone, call 911.

**Physical Harm:** In the event where someone seeks to inflict physical harm, react while breathing and using all your senses to make yourself aware. Assess the situation before running. When you feel you are able to safely vacate the building, immediately do so by using the nearest exit and proceed to a safe location unless instructed otherwise. If you have access to a cell phone, call 911.

**Medical Emergency:** For emergency medical needs, an AED (defibrillator), as well as a LifeVac (antichoking device), can be located in the Center Coat Room in the back of the Sanctuary.

While we pray we never have to enact any of these plans, our hope is that this will allow you to be prepared. We also encourage you to let our elders, pastors, or trained volunteers know if you feel there is a potential threat at any time.



# **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

December 7, 2025



## "Have You Heard? Prepare the Way!"

Pastor Dante Pronsati

#### **Traditional Worship**

Saturday & Sunday: Divine Service, Setting Three (LSB p. 184)

Hymns (LSB): 344, 515, 341, 343

Special Music: 3rd Grade Choir (9:30 a.m.)

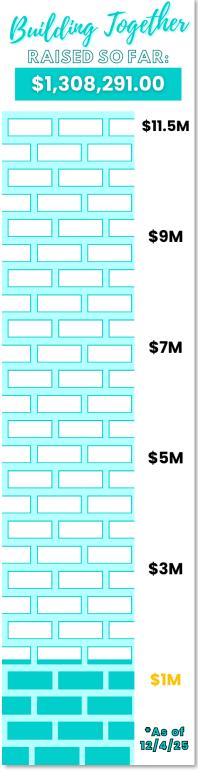
#### Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

#### **Modern Worship**

Angels (Glory To God) Hymn Of Heaven Holy Forever Living Hope The Joy

**Welcome** to St. Peter Lutheran Church & School. We are glad that you're worshiping with us, and we pray that God will bless you through His Word and the assurance of a new life in Christ. If you have any questions or would like more information, check out our website at <a href="style="style-type: style-type: style-



### **SERMON NOTES**



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Sunday School Christmas Service Sunday, December 14, our "Sonday" School students will be leading our 9:30 a.m. worship service! Join us as these children lead us in songs of praise to Jesus, King of Kings this Christmas season.



## Purchase Tickets Here!





2026 Annual Spring Gala & Auction Join us Friday, March 6, 2026 at The Palazzo Grande for our Annual Spring Gala and Silent Auction. This wonderful event includes dinner, live entertainment, silent and live auction items, beautiful classroom projects made with love, and an all-around amazing evening with our church and school community. All proceeds help our church and school minister to our students, staff, and entire church community. Tickets are on sale now at stpetermacomb.com or by scanning the QR code! Please contact the Gala Committee at stpetergala@splcs.net with any questions.

Lutheran North Christmas Concert The Symphonic Band and Concert Choir of Lutheran High North will be presenting their Christmas Concert at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Macomb (17051 24 Mile Road) on Sunday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m., under the direction of Mr. Todd Bethune (band) and Mr. Charles Russell (choir). Please come and join us in celebration of Christ, our Lord Immanuel who came to dwell with us, that we might live with Him forever!

**CEF** – **How you can help!** Many thanks to the Church Extension Fund (CEF) for helping us in so many ways! Earn up to 4.16% APY and help St. Peter as well with as little as a \$500 Fixed or Variable Rate Note.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER

#### Sunday, December 7

- Worship 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
- Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Various classrooms
- God's Word for Today Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall
- Foundations: Miracles Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Room 29
- Creation/New Creation Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Admin. Conference Room
- Ham & Soup Sale between worship services Crossroads
- LHN Christmas Concert 2:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- Student Ministry: Recharge 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. His Rock
- Men's Basketball 7:00 p.m. Gym

#### Monday, December 8

- Quilters 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall (north)
- Moms in Prayer 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

- Men's Bible Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Country Inn (23 Mile & Romeo Plank)
- Moms In Prayer 8:30 a.m. His Rock
- SALT Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall (north)
- Adult Handbells 3:30 p.m. Sanctuary
- GriefShare 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall (north)
- DivorceCare 6:45 p.m. Small Conference Room

#### Wednesday, December 10

Advent Worship Service – 3:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

#### Thursday, December 11

- GriefShare 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall (north)
- Christian Yoga 4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Narthex
- Adult Choir 7:00 p.m. Music Room

#### Friday, December 12

Men's Basketball – 6:00 a.m. – Gym

#### Saturday, December 13

Worship - 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary

# **Coming Up...**



**Have You Heard?** Our Advent services are Dec. 10 & 17 (student-led), at 3:30 p.m. (Traditional) & 7:00 p.m. (Modern) in the Sanctuary. Our Christmas Eve services are 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. (Modern) and 1:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., & 9:00 p.m. (Traditional). Christmas Day worship is at 10:00 a.m.



Advent Devotionals "Born to You a Savior"
Advent devotionals are available in the Narthex at the Welcome Desk or in the Church Office. Please feel free to take a devotional focusing on the Good News of the birth of our Savior for this Advent & Christmas season.



**Medical Professionals** If you are willing to be called upon in the event of a medical emergency during our worship services, please contact our Church Office at (586) 781-3434 or churchoffice@splcs.net for further information.



St. Peter Mission Team Christmas Dearborn Ham & Motown Soup Fundraiser! Our St. Peter Mission Team is hosting a Christmas ham & soup fundraiser with our partners, the Dearborn Ham Company and Motown Soup! There are hams, kielbasas, & other tasty items, as well as an assortment of soups, including boxed sets, which make great gifts! This is the last weekend to purchase items in the Crossroads between services. Online orders are also available. If you have questions, please contact Darla Bratkowski at lighthousemich@gmail.com.



Place online orders here!



Pastor Kasper Retirement Celebration Please join the Michigan District in honoring Rev. Dr. Rob Kasper and his wife, Deb, at a luncheon on Saturday, January 3, from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at Fenton Winery & Brewery (1370 N Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI, 48430). All are welcome to attend. Cost is \$50/person. michigandistrict.org/event/rev-dr-robert-kasper-retirement-celebration/



Women's Ministry Cookie Walk December 13 & 14 the Women's Ministry is having their annual Cookie Walk in the south end of the Fellowship Hall after all church services. Free will donation--cash or credit card accepted. We appreciate shoppers and we always welcome bakers, too! Cookies can be dropped off at Door #1 on Saturday, December 13, between 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Place the cookies in a disposable container or shirt box and label them, please. For questions, please contact Lois Bellhorn (586) 770-3002. On behalf of the Women's Ministry, have a Blessed Christmas!



PTL December Restaurant Night Fundraiser Join us on Thursday, December 11, for lunch or dinner at Red Robin on Hall Rd. Mention you are with St. Peter Macomb and they will donate 20% of food sales back to our school. Dine in or order to go anytime from 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.



**2026 St. Peter "Woman of the Year"** Nominations are now being taken for the 2026 St. Peter "Woman of the Year." Nominees must be members of St. Peter-someone who has cheerfully and faithfully served in the church and community. The honoree will be acknowledged at the annual Council of Lutheran Women luncheon on Tuesday, March 24, at The Mirage. Please give your nomination(s) to either Women's Ministry Co-Chair Nanette Mapes (586) 243-1394 or Ruthann Bettcher (586) 623-1193 by Wednesday, December 31. The voting will be done by the Women's Ministry at their January 8 meeting.