

Printed Order of Service
First Sunday in Advent - Setting Three
November 29, 2020

Graphic Explanation - *Behold! Your King is coming!*

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN..... "The Advent of Our King" LSB 331 v. 1,2,5,6



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The new self now put on.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PSALM 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

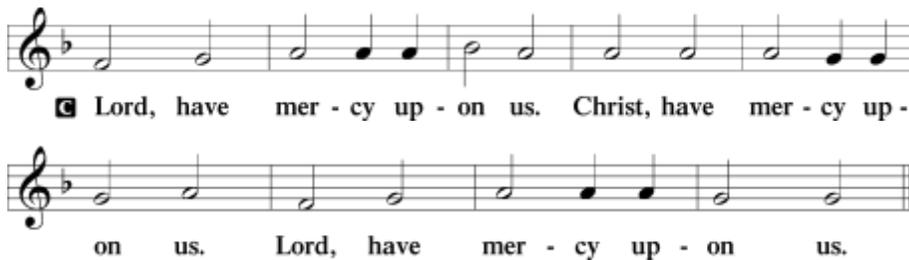
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

PRAYER 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— ²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY....."Once He Came in Blessing" LSB 333 v. 1,4

1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
 dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
 Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
 save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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SERMON **"Hope in Jesus - God's Plan for Salvation"** **1 Peter 1:17-21**

OFFERTORY

■ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN..... "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350 v. 1,4



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our
sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,
O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er
let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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Sermon Outline - November 29, 2020

“Hope in Jesus – God’s Plan For Salvation”
1 Peter 1:17-21

1. An _____

No favoritism

In what way(s) are you misusing the freedom you have in Christ?

2. The _____ of _____

Bought with His blood

How has Jesus’ death and resurrection affected you?

3. _____ and _____

Trust and assurance

What are you putting your faith and hope in?

Prayer Page - November 29, 2020



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Worship - Community - Mission

ST PETER PRAYER PAGE

Healing from COVID:

Dale Bohling

Major health issues with COVID:

Stephanie Schroeder (daughter-in-law of the late Ken & Norma Schroeder)

Healing:

Alan Bohling

Sue Mosier (at Parkview Haven)

For peace, patience & protection as they wait to get their adopted daughter, Ruby, from China:

Brett & Jessica (Betten) Brown and their family

Ongoing health concerns:

River Kruse (newborn at Children's Hospital, Omaha)

Pastor Delmar Klover (treatment for pancreatic cancer)

Mike Finke

Bernard Betten (Father of Don & Kent Betten, & Bev Harms)

Lodean Voss (father of Todd Voss)

Allen Schardt, Abby (Harms) Warm

Patti Mueller, Chase Laaker (battling seizures)

Cammie (Cahill) Freitag

Doug Grupe

Kylie Noojin (daughter-in-law of John & Tammy)

Lynnis Eitzman (battling cancer)

Whitney Watson (breast cancer - Rod & Cindy's daughter-in-law)

Aaron Fiet (Dale Endorf's brother-in-law)

Robin Sedlachek

Marlene Weideman, Harvey Weideman (back issues)

Donna Genung

Bridget Schnuelle (daughter of Brenda Betten)

Birthdays this week:

Reese Harms, Matthew Sasse, Jenscena Hansen, Myron Poppe, Colleen Hansen

Baptismal birthdays this week:

Cooper Laaker, Larry Lueders, Creed Renz, Mary Loontjer, Neil Bohling, Brett Finke, Lakin Schardt

Wedding anniversaries this week:

Marvin & Sharon Baden (53 years on December 2)

Douglas & Naomi Grupe (55 years on December 3)

▪ **Prayer requests from our missionaries, Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster:** Pray that the Holy Spirit would open up hearts to the Gospel in the Czech Republic

▪ **That God would use each of us** at St. Peter to encourage one another and to love those we come into contact with

▪ **For Deshler Lutheran School:** That our staff, families, and congregations would focus on our 20-21 year theme: "Sent to Serve" - Matthew 20:28

▪ **For our missionaries:** The hundreds of men and women serving overseas bearing witness, showing mercy and living life together in and by our Lord, Jesus Christ, with others around the world

▪ **For our country; President Donald Trump; President-Elect Biden;** all leaders; our service men and women; Chaplains; for peace, guidance & safety in our land

▪ **Members/Relatives/Friends in service or in active service:** Jacob Noojin (son of John & Tammy); Mark Baden (son of Marvin & Sharon); Peter Magnus (nephew of John & Tammy Noojin); Brandon Lee (nephew of Galen & Melissa Sasse); Isaac Ralston (grandson of Virgil & Lola); TJ & Emily Wiebe, (brother & sister-in-law of Jocelyn Berggren)

▪ **For Hope Pregnancy Center:** That God would bless this ministry as it reaches out to families in our local area and defends life

▪ **For our members in assisted living, nursing home & care centers:**

Mary Loontjer and Dale Bohling @ Parkview Haven

Larry Schardt, Blue Valley Care Home, Hebron

Sandra Meyer, Region 5 Group Homes, Hebron

Roger Finke, Lakeview Assisted Living, Firth

Nick Bartling, Life Care Center of Elkhorn, Omaha



FAITH PRAYER PAGE

Health Issues:

Murray Family

Karen Prellwitz - healing

Lynda Johnson - recovering from surgery

Lisa Johnson (daughter-in-law of Lyle & Lynda Johnson)

Marla Braithwait

Cammie Freitag

Pastor Richard Gudgel

Birthdays:

Anniversaries: Dean & Barb Bincow (December 4)

Announcements

St. Peter Lutheran, Deshler and Faith Lutheran, Hebron
First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2020

WELCOME! We pray that God will bless you through the power of His Word. If you are a guest or visitor, we are so thankful you joined us. If you would like to hear more about Jesus or our congregations at St. Peter and Faith, please contact Pastor Brian. A Live Stream of the service takes place at 9:45 a.m. on St. Peter's Facebook and YouTube pages. Full printed services and announcements are available for you in the Narthex. Please visit stpeterdeshler.org for updated news and events.

General Announcements for St. Peter and Faith

Serving at St. Peter	Serving at St. Peter	Serving at St. Peter	Serving at Faith
Pastor - Brian Francik	Acolyte - Campbell Bohling	Sound - Doug Schardt	Pastor - Brian Francik
Elder - John Noojin	Screen - Sharon Houtwed	Video - Reinold Kruse	Organist - Cheryl Walsh
Organist - Anita Harms	Usher -	Flowers - Becky Reinke	

Memory Verse of the Week

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

Weekly Devotion - Email a request to Pastor Brian if you would like to receive the weekly devotion based on the Memory Verse of the Week. You will receive it by email on Wednesdays.

DLS Backpack Program - Suggestions of food appropriate for this program are available at stpeterdeshler.org under Connect - News/Announcements. Fliers with appropriate food suggestions are available in the Narthex at St. Peter. Please leave food items in the totes marked DLS Backpack Program. For more info, please contact Rachel Werner @ 402-768-8826. Thank you to those who have supported this program in any way.

Radio Broadcast Sponsors Needed for Sundays in 2021

"Your Hour of Worship with Centennial Lutheran Church," broadcasts every Sunday morning over KRFS 1600 AM at 9:00 a.m. This broadcast affords us the "special opportunity" to bring the Gospel Message to those in our listening area who are unable or, for some reason, do not attend worship services.

Won't you consider sponsoring one or more broadcasts this coming year? They are priceless in their value to the sick, the shut-ins, and others who listen every Sunday. Suggested occasions for sponsoring broadcasts include - special blessings, memorials to loved ones, birthdays, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and anniversaries.

Sponsor forms are in your mailbox. If there is a special Sunday in 2021 when you might wish to sponsor a broadcast, simply fill in the form below and return it to Centennial Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 231, Superior, NE 68978. The cost of a radio broadcast is **\$45.00** per Sunday. Checks payable to 'Centennial Hour of Worship'. *Please consider putting an alternate Sunday in case the one you choose is already filled.*

We are deeply grateful to God for His continued blessings upon our radio ministry, to the members of Centennial, and to our listeners who so generously support our broadcasts. It is our sincere prayer that Centennial may be able to continue to share the "good news" of the Gospel Message through this vital means.

St. Peter Announcements

Screen Graphic Explanation
Behold! Your King is coming!

OFFERING REPORT	Received Nov. 15	Needed Weekly	Year to Date	IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE
General Fund	2,070.00	6,350.52	207,855.39	Church - 40
General Fund - Direct Deposit	600.00		44,350.00	Visitors - 2
General Fund - Online (Tithely)	131.76		1,333.42	
NE District/Missions			3,195.00	
Special Mission (Kasters)			1,170.00	
Christmas Eve Program	20.00		70.00	

Direct Deposit Offerings - Automatic withdrawal is available as a way to give your offerings here at St. Peter. Signup forms are available in the Narthex, or if requested can be mailed or emailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Sara Kresser, at 402-984-2453 or fourleafclover9@hotmail.com

Giving Online - You have the opportunity to give online using a debit or credit card. Click on the "Give" tab on www.stpeterdeshler.org, then select "Click to Give." **Please note: There is a fee for using a debit or credit card. It will be deducted from your offering unless you choose to cover the fee.**

Sunday School Christmas Eve Program Cancelled

We have decided to cancel the Sunday School Christmas Eve Program due to COVID-19 mandates and conditions. We know this is a huge disappointment for kids and families but we believe it is the wise thing to do. We are still planning to have a Christmas Eve service as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brian.

Christmas Eve Service Preparation



Because of current statewide mandates in regard to occupancy and social distancing, we are considering different options for worship on Christmas Eve (such as adding a second service). We are asking for your feedback:

Under the current conditions, will your family be attending, in-person, the Christmas Eve service? Please contact the church office and let us know by **Sunday, December 6 if your family will be attending and how many will attend so we can plan accordingly. Thank you so much.**

Election of Officers

The final list of candidates for officers will be available Sunday, December 6. The voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 13, following worship. At that meeting, election of officers and setting the budget for 2021 will take place.

Flowers Volunteers for 2021

We are looking for volunteers to "adopt a month" for flowers in 2021. This is a simple way of serving by placing flowers on the stands beside the altar. A nice supply of flowers is available upstairs and sometimes fresh flowers are available. Buddy up with someone for a month if you like. Substitutes are available if needed. The sign-up sheet and a page of flower info/details are located on the LWML table. Consider taking a month or two in 2021.

Flowers in December



We are looking for someone to take care of flowers in December. This would be regular flowers for the first Sunday and poinsettias the rest of the month. The sign-up sheet is on the LWML table.

Religious Christmas Cards

Christmas cards and Christmas napkins are available for purchase in the card bookcase.

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Advent Devotional Booklets (by *Lutheran Hour Ministries*) are available in the Narthex. You may also access the devotions from lhm.org/advent where you can read the daily devotion or hear it as a podcast. During the Advent season, you can receive these devotions as a daily email, beginning Sunday, November 29.

2020 Christmas Committee

2nd year: Jeremy & Addisin Schardt, Brian & Julene Schardt

1st year: Mike & Nicole Zucker, Brody & Leanna Renz



Music Ministry Update

Jamie Calkins is working to get our vocal choir and small groups back going. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of choir or a small vocal group, please contact Jamie. If there are any adults or kids that would like to play an instrument for church, contact Jamie if you need someone to accompany you.

Food Ministry

We are offering a ministry of providing and delivering meals to people going through major changes in life (major illness, death in the family, new baby, loss of a job, etc.) This is a way to serve, not only our members, but people in the community as well. If you would like more information or to sign up to be on the Food Ministry Team, please contact Shamlynn Francik at (402) 710-6635 or shamlynn.francik@gmail.com. If you know of people at church or in the community that we should reach out to, please contact Shamlynn.

Available In the Narthex throughout the Week

Sunday Bulletins, Pastor Brian's Weekly Devotion, **December-February My Devotions**, *Portals of Prayer*, *Advent Devotions*, Text Alert Signup Sheets, Cloth masks and hand sanitizer

Are You On Facebook?

Check out the St. Peter, Faith, and Deshler Lutheran School Facebook pages, like, and follow them to get updates on your feed. We are continuing to find ways to encourage the body of Christ in the technology world.

Video of Services - A DVD of each Sunday service is available in the white basket on the mailbox shelf around 10:00 a.m. on the following Thursday. All videos are available for anyone to take home, watch, and return.

St. Peter-Deshler Calendar			
Sun., Nov. 29	9:00 AM	Worship Songs	
	9:45 AM	Worship Service (1 st Sunday of Advent)	
Wed., Dec. 2	1:53 PM	DLS Early Dismissal	
	5:45 PM	Midweek Confirmation (Virtual)	
	7:00 PM	Advent Service	
Thurs., Dec. 3	9:15 AM	DLS Chapel	
Fri., Dec. 4	- - - -	Pastor's Sabbath	
	1:00 PM	Bulletin Folders	
Sun., Dec. 6	9:00 AM	Worship Songs	
	9:45 AM	Worship Service	
Mon., Dec. 7	7:00 PM	Elders	
	8:00 PM	Church Council (to prepare the 2021 budget)	

The St. Peter worship services are live-streamed via the St. Peter Facebook page, YouTube, and Vimeo.

Faith-Hebron Announcements

Christmas Cards - There is an assortment of Christmas cards for sale on the back table at church.

Voters Meeting - Faith voters meeting on Thursday, December 3 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Faith-Hebron Calendar			
Sun., Nov. 29	8:30 AM	In-person Worship Service	
	9:30 AM	Sunday School	
	9:45 AM	Live Stream St. Peter Service	
Thur., Dec. 3	5:30 PM	Voters Meeting in the Sanctuary	
Sun., Dec. 6	8:30 AM	In-person Worship Service	
	9:30 AM	Sunday School	
	9:45 AM	Live Stream St. Peter Service	

Deshler Lutheran School Announcements

2020-2021 School Theme: "Sent To Serve!"

Kindergarten - Juli Reinke
 First & Second - Debra McDonald
 Third & Fourth - Rachel Werner
 Fifth & Sixth - Amy Voss
 Seventh & Eighth & Principal - Todd Voss

Pray for our DLS Family of the Week - (3rd) Jaydin and (4th) Haylyn Mackey; Danielle & Konrad Russ

The 5th-8th musical was performed (wearing masks) on November 20. *Not Your Average Joe!* is the Biblical story of Joseph told with a 50's twist. The story and message of Joseph is amazing and extensive. If you would like to see it, the musical is still posted on Facebook. Go to the DLS website at deshlerluth.org.

We are currently on an extended Thanksgiving Break and look forward to returning to school on Monday, November 30. The junior high girls' basketball season will wrap up and the boys will get started. The 7-8th grade class chapel is scheduled for December 17.

Faith Lutheran Church

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See below for Pastor Contact and Worship Times

<p>Deshler Lutheran School School Office: 402-365-7858 School Email: deshlerluth@gpcom.net Street Address: 509 E. Hebron Ave. Mailing Address: PO Box 340 Deshler, NE 68340 Mr. Todd Voss, Administrator Todd Voss Cell: 402-720-5590 School Website: www.DeshlerLuth.org</p>	<p>St. Peter Lutheran Church Church Office: 402-365-4341 Secretary Email: stpeterdeshler@gmail.com Street Address: 400 E. Hebron Ave. Mailing Address: PO Box 69 Deshler, NE 68340 Pastor Brian Francik Info: Home: 402-365-4217 Cell: 402-710-6679 Email: pastorbfrancik@gmail.com Church Website: stpeterdeshler.org</p>	<p>Sunday Worship Schedule</p> <p>Faith Lutheran, Hebron 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>St. Peter Lutheran, Deshler 9:45 a.m. Worship</p>
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