

Printed Service
Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 20, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN....."Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332 v. 1,3, 4, 8

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
Δ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the
here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be
That the Lord chose such a birth.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.
Now and through 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

HYMN....."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357 v. 1, 5, 7



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.
Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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OLD TESTAMENT: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: ROMANS 16:25-27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

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

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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....."What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" LSB 342



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,
3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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SERMON "Hope in Jesus - The Cornerstone of the House" 1 Peter 2:4-8

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 Long-Expected Jesus" LSB 338 (Tune 700)

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2. Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Sermon Outline - December 20, 2020

“Hope in Jesus – The Cornerstone of the House”
1 Peter 2:4-8

1. _____

His life gives you life

In what way(s) has Christ’s victory impacted you?

2. _____

The Father’s plan

Do you see yourself as valuable to God? Why or why not?

3. _____

Highly value

What value have you discovered in following Christ?

Prayer Page - December 20, 2020



ST PETER LUTHERAN
CHURCH - DESHLER NE
Worship - Community - Mission

ST PETER PRAYER PAGE

Comfort for the family of:

Mary Loontjer passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16
Funeral service here Monday, Dec. 21 @ 10:30am

Major health issues with COVID:

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

Healing:

Angel Kniep (stepmother of Shamlynn Francik)
Ellen Schmidt
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 (expecting dismissal from Children's Hospital, Omaha, soon, then will stay in Lincoln to be close to the hospital)
Pastor Delmar Klover (treatment for pancreatic cancer)
Mike Finke
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)
Lynn Eitzman (battling cancer)
Whitney Watson (breast cancer - Rod & Cindy's daughter-in-law)
Aaron Fiet (Dale Endorf's brother-in-law)
Donna Genung, Robin Sedlachek
Marlene Weideman, Harvey Weideman (back issues)
Bridget Schnuelle (daughter of Brenda Betten)

Birthdays this week:

Jayne Roskilly, Barrett Harms, Jason Poppe, Madison Sasse, Logan Schmidt, Harvey Weideman

Baptismal birthdays this week:

William Larkins

Wedding anniversaries this week:

Gerald & Cindy Sasse (25 years on December 25)
Gregory & Janice Hornbostel (51 years on December 26)

Prayer requests from our missionaries, Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster:

- The services of Christmas to draw people to Christ
- Resolution to our continuing computer problem
- God to give us a vision for how best to serve

▪ **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:**

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:

Lori Hergott (sister-in-law of Gary Hergott)

Dean Blineow

Karen Prellwitz - healing

Lynda Johnson - recovering from surgery

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

Marla Braithwait, Cammie Frietag

Pastor Richard Gudgel

Birthdays: Amy Tietjen (12/20), Nancy Elting (12/25)

Anniversaries:

General Announcements

St. Peter Lutheran-Deshler and Faith Lutheran-Hebron

December 20, 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.

Serving at St. Peter	Serving at St. Peter	Serving at St. Peter	Serving at Faith
Pastor - Brian Francik	Acolyte - Logan Schmidt	Sound - Steve Harms	Pastor - Brian Francik
Elder - Dale Schardt	Screen - Amber Deepe	Video - Jon Peters	Organist - Cheryl Walsh
Organist - Joyce Schmidt	Usher - Tyler Harms	Flowers - Barb Schardt	

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

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.

Drive-Through Nativity in Fairbury

A Drive-Through Nativity will be held at McNish Park in Fairbury tonight from 6-8 PM. This night-lit Christmas story will be presented by the Grace Lutheran Fairbury Youth and others. You will be able to stay in the comfort of your car and listen to the Christmas story on your car radio as you drive through McNish Park. A variety of scenes from the Christmas story will be displayed, all with live participants and an animal or two! We hope you are able to join us.

Read Through the New Testament in 2021

We invite you to join us as we read through the New Testament in 2021. We will be using the S.O.A.P. model of daily reading as we dive into the New Testament.

Check out the S.O.A.P. section on our website where we have provided a reading plan for the year, a brief explanation of the S.O.A.P. model, and blank S.O.A.P. sheets to use. Pastor Brian has also done a video walking through the S.O.A.P. model that you can find on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. These resources can be found at church also.

We encourage you to invite others to join us during 2021 in reading through the New Testament and share what God teaches you throughout the year.

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.

St. Peter Announcements

Screen Graphic Explanation - *The mystery of Christ has been revealed to all people.*

OFFERING REPORT	Received Wed. 12/2	Received Sun. 12/6	Received Wed. 12/9	Received Sun. 12/13	Needed Weekly	Year to Date	IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE
General Fund	121.00	1,935.00	100.00	19,884.11	6,350.52	234,960.50	Wed. 12/9 Church - 31
General Fund - Direct Deposit		1,000.00		1,850.00		48,300.00	Sun. 12/13 Church - 65
General Fund - Online						1,333.42	Sun. 12/13 Visitors - 0
NE District/Missions		120.00		25.00		3,365.00	
Special Mission (Kasters)		50.00		200.00		1,470.00	

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.**



Christmas Eve 6:15 PM Hymn Sing & Christmas Video
 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service

Christmas Morning 9:45 AM Worship

Services are in-person and by live stream on Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo.

Christmas Eve Offering

The elders have designated the Christmas Eve offering to go to Blue Valley Community Action in Hebron to help this organization as they minister to people locally. All checks (including those made to St. Peter) and all loose cash will go to BVCA. Please designate clearly if your offering is to be directed differently than BVCA.

2021 Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you want envelopes and haven't been assigned one, please contact financial secretary Leisa Bohling either by phone 402-364-3095 or by email at leisabohling@yahoo.com. Please pick up envelopes as soon as possible, but wait until January to use them.

Resuming Celebrating the Lord's Supper

We will resume celebrating the Lord's Supper on Sunday, January 3rd. There will be more details shared as we get closer to that Sunday.

Food Ministry Drive for Blue Valley



Please consider donating non-perishable food items to be delivered to Blue Valley Food Pantry in Hebron. Blue Valley is currently serving over 50 families in our immediate area. Bins are located in the Narthex. We will continue to collect donations through the month of December. Contact Shamlynn Francik (402-710-6635) with questions.

Voters Meeting Election Results

2021 Newly-Elected Church Council Members	2021 Envelope Committee
President - Steve Harms	<i>(Under the Financial Secretary)</i>
Vice President - Marvin Schardt	Mark & Barb Schardt
Elders - Doug Schardt, Matt Vieselmeyer	Hayden & Shelby Farnstrom
Trustee - Bruce Finke	Neil & Monica Bohling
Recording Secretary - Mark Varner	Brad & Heather Cooper
Financial Secretary - Leisa Bohling	
DLSA Board - Tyler Harms and Jeremy Schardt	
Cemetery Committee - Reinold Kruse	

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

Adopt a Month for Flowers in 2021

We are looking for volunteers for flowers in 2021. This is a simple way of serving by placing flowers on the stands beside the altar and sometimes also in the south windows. 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. The sign-up sheet and flower info/details are located on the LWML table. Consider taking a month or two in 2021.

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 Sign-up 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.

Volunteers Needed for Various Jobs in 2021

- ✦ Adopt a month for flowers
- ✦ Adopt a month to pack bags for the DLS Backpack Program



Thank you to the following for providing poinsettias:

- 1) Troy & Colleen Hansen family
- 2) St. Peter LWML
- 3) Mark & Barbara Schardt
- 4) Dale & Nancy Hoops in memory of family
- 5) Marilyn Bargaen
- 6) Anonymous

St. Peter-Deshler Calendar

Sun., Dec. 20	9:00 AM	Worship Songs
	9:45 AM	Worship Service
Mon., Dec. 21	10:30 AM	Mary Loontjer Funeral Service
	7:30 PM	DLS Board
<i>No school Wednesday, Dec. 23 -Monday, January 4 - Christmas Break</i>		
Th., Dec. 24	6:15 PM	Christmas Eve Hymn Sing & Christmas Video
	6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Fri., Dec. 25	9:45 AM	Christmas Day Service
Sun., Dec. 27	9:00 AM	Worship Songs
	9:45 AM	Worship Service

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

Faith-Hebron Announcements

Offering Announcements: Beginning in 2021, the individual giving statements at Faith will have a new look and will be completed using Google Sheets. Another change is that members will receive an updated giving statement twice per year in July and January rather than a quarterly statement. If anyone would like an update on their giving at any other time during the year, they may contact the Board of Finance: Lara Harms, Trent Tietjen, or Broderick Harms.

Faith Food Drive



During this season of giving, the Voter's Assembly on Thursday identified two areas of great need within our county:

Blue Valley Community Action Food Pantry and DLS Backpack program

BVCA Food Pantry Needs:

Lunchmeats (for kids during school Christmas break), crackers, snacks, pop tarts, granola bars, spaghetti, pasta sides, pancake mix, toiletries

DLS Backpack Program:

Store-bought treats: cookies, crackers, donuts

Canned fruit: peaches, pears

Canned vegetables: green beans and corn

Cereals

Please consider donating this Christmas season to one or both entities. Monetary gifts are always appreciated. There will be envelopes available. Donations can be placed on the table in the overflow area near the fig tree. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Faith-Hebron Calendar

Sun., Dec. 20	8:30 AM	Worship Service @ Faith
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Live Stream St. Peter Service
Thurs., Dec. 24	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service @ Faith
Fri., Dec. 25	9:45 AM	Worship Service @ St. Peter
Sun., Dec. 27	8:30 AM	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

Dean Baden Family: Dean (5th) and his parents Will & Sarah Baden and sisters Lucy and Caitlyn

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 21	Board of Education @ 7:30pm
Tuesday, December 22	Class Christmas Parties Last Day of 2 nd Quarter
Friday, December 25	The Savior is Born! Merry Christmas!
Wednesday, December 23	No School - Christmas Break Begins
Tuesday, January 5	School Resumes

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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