

Printed Service
First Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN....."Angels from the Realms of Glory" LSB 367 v. 1, 4, 5

1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
△ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,
all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing
Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.
Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;
Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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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 111:1-5

¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever. 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



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

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

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

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

NICENE CREED

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY....."Now Sing, We, Now Rejoice" LSB 386 v. 1, 2

1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.

He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;

Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,

Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!

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SERMON **"Hope in Jesus - Identity & Purpose"** **1 Peter 2:9-10**

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....."From East to West" LSB 385 v. 1, 2, 5

1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry
 2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
 Δ 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the

heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
 fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
 Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O

Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.
 mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
 Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sermon Outline - December 27, 2020

“Hope in Jesus – Identity & Purpose”
1 Peter 2:4-8

1. _____ in _____

You Belong to God

Which of these descriptions is meaningful to you? Why?

2. _____ as a _____

Declare His praises

Who will you declare Christ to this week?

Prayer Page - December 27, 2020



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ST PETER PRAYER PAGE

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:

Stephanie Schroeder (daughter-in-law of the late Ken & Norma Schroeder) major health issues with COVID
River Kruse (at home in Deshler, prayers for continued growth)
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:

Audra Capek, Dale Hoops, Kristine Miesner, Steavan Sedlachek, Don Betten, Nicholas Houtwed, Gina Scollin, Shelby Farnstrom, Alesha Vieselmeyer

Baptismal birthdays this week:

Logan Schmidt, John Noojin, Paula Voss, Julian Voss

Wedding anniversaries this week:

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 Blincow

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:

Anniversaries:

General Announcements

St. Peter-Deshler and Faith-Hebron

December 27, 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 - Anita Harms	Usher - Justus Harms	Flowers - Barbara Schardt	

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

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.

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 - *Jesus, the Light, shines in the darkness for all people.*

OFFERING REPORT	Received Wed. 12/16	Received Sun. 12/20	Needed Weekly	Year to Date	IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE
General Fund	100.00	1,525.00	6,350.52	236,485.50	Wed. 12/16 Church - 30
General Fund - Direct Deposit		600.00		48,900.00	Sun. 12/20 Church - 65
General Fund - Online					Sun. 12/20 Visitors - 7
NE District/Missions		100.00		3,465.00	
Special Mission (Kasters)				1,470.00	
Christmas Eve		25.00		95.00	

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.**

2021 Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you want a box of 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.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper Next Sunday

We will return to celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday. We will have prepackaged communion wafers and wine in the Narthex. For all those planning to receive communion, we invite you to pick it up in the Narthex before church and take it with you to your seat. Please wait until the time of distribution during the service to open it and then we will receive the Lord's Supper together (remaining seated). **Please note: There will be gluten free wafer and wine available also.** There will be an elder in the Narthex if you need assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brian or an elder. Thank you for your continued patience throughout this time.

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	(Under the Financial Secretary)
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 Borgen
- 6) Anonymous

St. Peter-Deshler Calendar		
Sun., Dec. 27	9:00 AM	Worship Songs
	9:45 AM	Worship Service
<i>Mon., Dec. 28 - Wednesday, Dec. 30 - Pastor Brian gone</i>		
<i>No school Wednesday, Dec. 23 -Monday, January 4 - Christmas Break</i>		
Fri., Jan. 1	9:45 AM	New Year’s Day Worship Service
Sun., Jan. 3	9:00 AM	Worship Songs
	9:45 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion and *Installation of Newly-Elected Officers
* (All newly-elected officers will be asked to stay at their seats and stand for the installation)		

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. 27	8:30 AM	Worship Service @ Faith
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Live Stream St. Peter Service
Fri., Jan. 1	9:45 AM	New Year's Day Service @ St. Peter
Sun., Jan. 3	8:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Live Stream St. Peter Service

Faith Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Faith Lutheran, Hebron
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School

St. Peter Lutheran, Deshler
9:45 a.m. Worship

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS)