

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Founded 1856*  
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*February 16, 2025*  
*The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany*

**Service Notes:** Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, and 150 in the front of the hymnal will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper. Prayers for worship preparation are on pages 10 and 11. A form for Communion preparation is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

### OPENING HYMN: #394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

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JUSTIFICATION

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### Blessed Are the Saints of God



1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with  
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the  
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a



Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;  
Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;  
heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,



Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered  
They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered  
Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered



may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Humphreys, b. 1720, alt.

Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



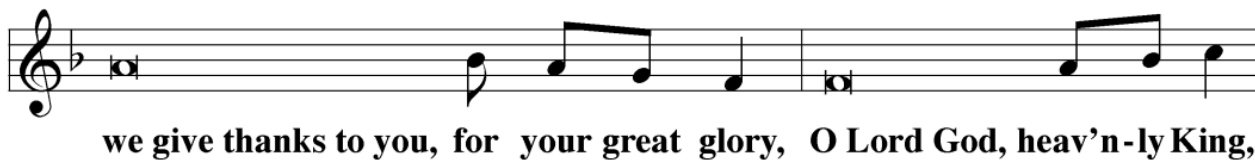
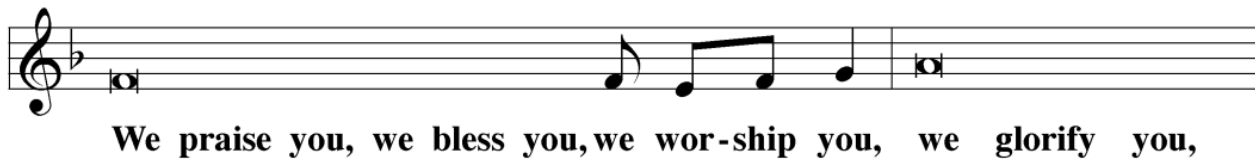
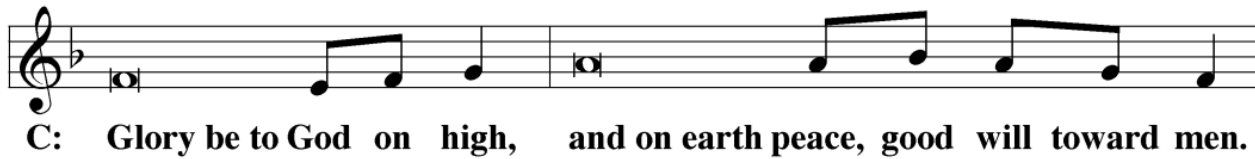
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

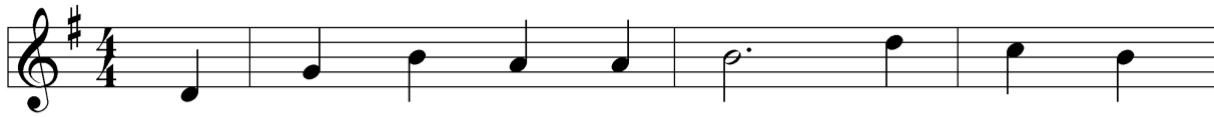
<sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 1** The congregation will sing **Hymn #475**, “The Man is Ever Blest.” Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

475

## The Man Is Ever Blest



1 The man is ev - er blest Who shuns the  
 2 But makes the law of God His stud - y  
 3 He like a tree shall thrive With wa - ters  
 4 Not so the wick - ed man! He no such  
 5 How will he bear to stand Be - fore that



sin - ners' ways, A - mong their coun - sels  
 and de - light A - mid the la - bors  
 near the root. Fresh as the leaf his  
 bless - ing finds. His hopes shall flee like  
 judg - ment seat Where all the saints at



nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
 of the day And watch - es of the night.  
 name shall live; His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
 emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing winds.  
 Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet?

6 God knows and he approves  
 The way the righteous go,  
 But sinners and their works shall meet  
 A dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: ST. MICHAEL (SM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

## SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

<sup>7b</sup> a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (Cantors) John 6:68

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## **GOSPEL:** Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the



Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin  
Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is**

**worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

***BE SEATED***

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #283 “Speak, O Savior; I Am**

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## 283

## Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low  
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your  
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y  
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure  
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den  
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing  
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
 You give peace and words of par - don.  
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

# SERMON

STAND

## PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: 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 your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH-EPIPHANY SEASON (page 124)

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**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**C:** You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

**M:** Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph. **C: Amen.**

**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.**

***BE SEATED***

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

***NOTE:*** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

***STAND***



**THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.



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C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: Cantors “Blessed are the Pure in**

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**Refrain:** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall \_\_\_\_\_. Blessed are they! Blessed are they, for they shall \_\_\_\_\_, they shall \_\_\_\_\_.

1.see God

2.find peace

3.They shall ascend the hill of the Lord, and stand in that holy place. They shall receive God’s blessing; they shall look upon God’s face. **Refrain v.1**

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #499 "O God of Mercy, God of Might"

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CHRISTIAN LOVE

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## O God of Mercy, God of Might



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and  
2 You sent your Son for all to die That fall - en  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for  
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Je - sus  
5 In sick - ness, sor - row, want, or care May we each



mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
man might live there - by. Oh, hear us, for to  
those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and  
o - ther's bur - dens share; May we, where help is



in your sight, To live our lives to you.  
you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.  
word and thought May work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, To love them all in you.  
need - ed, there Give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
All those who live to live in love  
Till you receive in heav'n above  
All those who lived for you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.  
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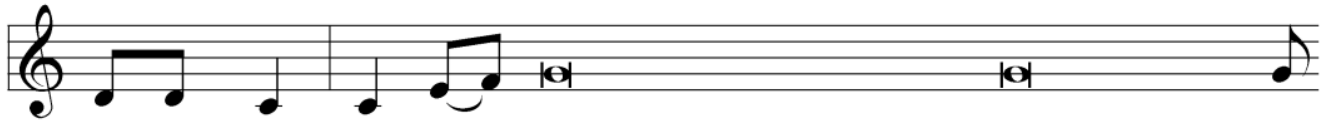
## THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

### SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

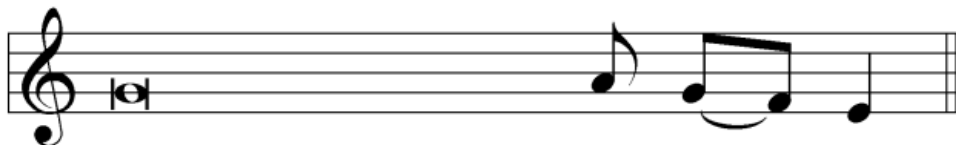


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

### OFFICIANTS:

Preacher and Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistant: Ron Bude

Soloists: Sarah Burcon and Carol Schwartz

### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:30 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
-10:30 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

**Serving Feb. 23:** Altar Guild – Jan Jacobi; Ushers: #3

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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## PRESCHOOL/YOUNG 5S AND PARENTS AND TOT REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year for our church members and returning families. It will open up to everyone on February 16.

We have a Parent and TOT program for two year olds and their caregiver (parent, grandparent, nanny, etc.). This program meets once a week for 1.5 hours and will begin in September. Please speak with Carol Schwartz if you have questions about this program.

Our Preschool is for ages 3, 4, and for those turning 5 in the fall. (all children in preschool must be potty trained.). We offer two-days (Tuesday/Thursday), three-days (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) and all five days as options. All classes run from 8:30 – 11:30 am. You may choose the number of days based on the needs of your child as well as availability. Please speak with Rebecca Lohrmann or Chris Abbott if you have questions regarding our preschool program. (Early Bird Special for all that register for Preschool/Young 5s by March 15<sup>th</sup>).

Our Young 5s program is for those children turning 5 in the summer. It is a 5 day program from 8:30 – 11:30 am.