



GOD SPEAKS

WELCOME!

Families are valued here! Thank you for trusting us with your time and spiritual care. Kids activity sheets and crayons are available on tables as you enter worship.

Two family-friendly rooms are located to the left and right of the main level sanctuary. One room is exclusively for nursing moms while the other is available for families who might need a quieter environment or simply more space to move during worship.

Kids Care is available during the 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM worship services in the Kids Ministry hallway. Little ones (Birth–Pre-K) will be welcomed into an engaging and fun experience. They will learn how much God loves them, what a special creation they are, and how Jesus wants to be their best friend forever!

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper as instituted by Jesus the night before He died. In keeping with 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, we ask everyone seeking communion to examine themselves by asking:

Am I sorry for my sins and desire forgiveness?

Do I believe that Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness?

Do I believe that I receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and wine?

Do I desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sinful ways?

All who trust in these words of Christ, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," who share our confession of faith, and can answer "Yes!" to the questions above, are invited to join us in this celebration!

If you choose not to commune with us, we invite you and any children who have not yet received communion instruction to come forward to receive a blessing. To communicate that you want a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms when you come forward. For those who prefer, we offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays, and you can ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come forward.

Our worship assistants and ushers are available to bring communion to those unable to come to the rail. To indicate that you need this service, please speak to one of our team members with the blue-colored lanyards before communion, and they will make sure to bring it to you.

*Please speak with a Pastor before the service
if you have questions regarding communion.*

Announcements

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Invocation

Shout Hosanna

Take You At Your Word

Confession & Absolution

- P** God's Word in 1 Timothy 3 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." And still, before a holy God, we confess that we neglect this gift, ignoring His Word even though it alone equips us for every good work. So this morning let us confess the lack of our good works to our Heavenly Father.

Time for silence and self reflection.

- C** **Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not lived as Your redeemed people, and we have failed to carry out our good works done in love.**
- P** Gracious God, You have breathed out Your Word to teach us and make us wise for salvation.
- C** **Yet we confess that we often neglect the Scriptures You have given us. We know Your Word gives life, but we don't run towards it. We know Your Word is true, but we do not remain in it. We listen to many voices but are slow to listen to Yours. Forgive us for treating Your Word as optional. Forgive us for treating the good of our neighbor as optional. Forgive us for treating You like You're optional. Amen.**
- P** In the Garden of Eden, God breathed His life giving breath into the nostrils of Adam and called all of His creation good. That same breath is breathed into scripture and He calls it good. That good and living Word now speaks a better word over you. Through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, God breathes forgiveness, life, and salvation into sinners. As a called and ordained 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.
- C** Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Words of Institution

Communion

Here I Am

Psalm 23

The Way

Communion Dismissal

Prayers

We give thanks to the Lord for the baptism of Lucas Christopher Schutte.

We pray for our mission team in Puerto Rico.

We pray for peace among the nations and wisdom for our country's leadership.

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

The 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.

Offering & Connect



2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 6:63-69

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Message

Benediction

This Is Our God

Closing

SERMON NOTES

Main Idea: The Bible is God-breathed, and through it God teaches us who He is, who we are, and what He has done for us in Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

January Quest Groups (Birth-6th Grade)

Quest Groups (Birth-6th Grade) meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:30 AM in the Kids Ministry hallway! This month, our kids are learning that when we follow Jesus and live out the things we hear and learn, the Holy Spirit helps our faith grow. Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org

Play & Grow Dates

Grownups with kids birth through kindergarten are invited to be a part of these fun play dates at St. Peter's. Older homeschooled siblings are also welcome! This is a great time to get to know other families through play and Jesus centered activities! If you would like notifications, contact Katey at kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org. Upcoming dates:

Meetings: 2/6, & 2/20 @ 9:15am in Kids Ministry Rooms

Mom's Night Out: 1/28 Pickle Ball in Old Gym @ 6:30pm
(event registration is open)

Field Trip: 2/13 Kids Commons @ 10am

Quest Family Ice Skating

On Saturday, February 14th from 5:30–7:30pm, Kids Ministry is spreading the love with a special night of fun at Hamilton Ice Arena. Kids of all ages — grown-ups too — are invited to bundle up, gear up, and lace up for a memorable evening on the ice. Be sure to register ahead of time to save your spot!



Ice Skating

YOUTH MINISTRY

Trek (7th-8th Graders): Sun, January 25, 4-5:30pm @ St. Peter's in The Den. Join us for games, worship, and community. Questions: Contact [Bethany bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org](mailto:bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org)

Explore Family Lunch: Sun, Feb 1 at St. Peter's in The Den, 12pm. Join us for our monthly check-in. Please bring your Guided By Truth journal, a pen or pencil, and any questions you might have.

Venture (9th-12th Graders): Sun, January 25 at St. Peter's, 6-8pm. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and small group time.

Sunday Morning Bible Study (7th-12th Graders): Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Summit (youth room). Join us for a new in-depth exploration of God's Word. Starting in the book of Mark, we will study Jesus' life on earth and delve deeper into what it means to live as He has directed us. Questions: Julie Clore at julie@theclores.com

CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, February 15, 2026 @ 3:30pm - Dueling Pianos

Featuring performers from Jeffrey Bowen Music in Indianapolis, Dueling Pianos is a high-energy, interactive performance. Their team of full-time professional musicians has performed at top venues across the country, including in Las Vegas, New York, Chicago, and numerous locations throughout the Midwest. They pride themselves on years of experience and a passion for live entertainment. (*St. Peter's is proud to present this concert through the support of all of our patrons and sponsors, especially our Platinum Sponsors: Rusty and Holly Downey at Carpenter Realtors, and Jean and Annette Donica at Remax.*)

SERMON SERIES: GOD SPEAKS

Most Americans, 90% to be exact have a Bible in their home, and of that 90%, a majority of them have more than one. So having a Bible isn't the problem, reading it is. Only 11% of Americans read their Bible daily. So according to the math that means that 79% of Bibles go untouched in a day. God Speaks is a sermon series in partnership with Lutheran Bible Translators, looking to tackle that problem. Scan either of the QR codes for more resources.



Devotional



Amazon Link

2026-2027 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Members of the St. Peter's congregation and other LCMS congregations may turn in an enrollment application beginning January 26 (SPL families will receive priority), and all other students that do not have a sibling already enrolled at SPLS, or are not a member of SPLC or another LCMS congregation may turn in an enrollment application beginning February 2. For prospective new students, the \$75 non-refundable registration fee does not need to be turned in until the student has been accepted. If you have questions about our enrollment process, or would like to learn more about our amazing school ministry, please contact our school principal, Mr. Paul Meredith, pmeredith@stpeters-columbus.org.

BIBLICAL WORKSHOP: 5 TARGETS OF A DISCIPLE

You want to grow in your faith—but taking that next step can feel overwhelming? That's why we're inviting you to a one-day workshop with Zach Zehnder, pastor and author of the *Red Letter Challenge*.

Together, we'll explore five powerful ways to follow Jesus more fully: being, forgiving, serving, giving, and going.



WINTER TRIVIA NIGHT



Trivia Night

St. Peter's will be hosting our annual Winter Trivia Night on Saturday, February 28, 2026, starting at 7:15pm in room 2164. This will be "General Knowledge" but there will be some special Trivia about St. Peter's staff members. We encourage you to bring an intergenerational team if you would like. The goal is fun and fellowship! We ask you to bring a snack to share - drinks will be provided. Door prizes, prizes each round, and a grand prize will be awarded. Please scan the QR code to register your team online.

ST. PETER'S FOUNDATION EVENT

Please join the St. Peter's Foundation to celebrate **God's faithfulness over the past 60 years** in expanding His Kingdom. An evening will include celebration stories and testimonies of individuals who have benefited from the faithful generosity of Foundation donors over the years. We will also hear from our special guest, Lora R. Mount, Owner & Partner at Voelz, Reed, & Mount LLC, as she shares the value of estate planning and how it can leave a legacy of support for future generations at St. Peter's. **Thursday, February 26 at 5pm at Yes! Conference Center**, located on 4th Street, across from the Post Office parking lot exit. Scan the QR code for more information or to RSVP by February 18. You can also contact Molly Humes at St. Peter's at MHumes@stpeters-columbus.org or 812-372-1571 x2000.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year at St. Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Ministry has begun! They offer preschool classes for three and four-year-olds, as well as a comprehensive half-day kindergarten program. To register or learn more, please visit stpaulcolumbus.org or contact the director, Jennifer Probst, at 812-376-6504 or director@stpaulcolumbus.org.

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP COLLECTION

On Venture youth group's annual mission trip to Guatemala over Spring Break, Megumi Going will add her passion to the ministry this year: dentistry. To accomplish this, she will be speaking around town and in St. Peter's school classrooms, Sunday School classes, Connect Groups, and Bible studies about poverty in Guatemala and its impact on dental health. **She is asking Columbus families to donate toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss, which she will then take on the mission trip to Santiago Zamora. All donations need to be received by Sunday, March 8.** The youth group typically prepares an exciting Vacation Bible School program for the children of the village, and this year it has been arranged for Megumi to go to local schools (even a public one!) to teach about dental hygiene (something she does here in Columbus with the C4 program at East). Please pray that many donations of dental supplies will be collected and that Megumi will teach the Guatemalan children dental health along with the importance of their health in God's eyes as His beloved creations. She chose Psalm 139:14 as her theme verse because *"although I am interested in serving physically, helping bodies to be healthy, I wanted to point out how wonderful our bodies are. I wanted to tie into the Gospel, not just a verse about the body, and this verse talks about God's works, so can connect to His work of salvation, too."*

SERVING

Preacher: Pastor John Cordrey

Worship Leaders: Pastor Adam Rodriguez and Daniel Bodemann

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6pm Saturdays and 10:45am Sundays

Traditional: 8am Sundays and 7pm Wednesdays

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Call 812-372-1571 x2121 or complete the Prayer Request Form at stpeterscolumbus.org

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CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

How our donations add up to fuel our Mission!

JULY – DECEMBER 2025 ACTUALS

OFFERINGS

Where donations are most needed to support our ministries.

YTD: \$2,048,266

YTD Budget: \$2,032,500

Difference: +\$15,766

Goal for year: \$3,731,440



SGO GIFTS

Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization

A creative way to support our School Ministry.

YTD: \$907,954

Goal: \$856,000

Difference: +\$51,594

Goal for year: \$954,000

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