

# 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!

## Prelude

## Announcements

## Welcome

*Please stand*

## Passing of the Peace

## Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Almighty God, You have given us your Word as a guide for our lives. Help us to understand its teachings and apply them to our daily lives. May we grow in our knowledge and love for you through Scripture, being equipped for every good work in your service. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, God has breathed out His Word to make Himself known and to shape us as His people.

**C** Yet we confess that we have listened more closely to the voices of the world than to the voice of God.

**P** The Scriptures teach us who You are, O Lord, and who we are in Your Son.

**C** Yet we confess that we forget our Baptism, seeking our identity in things other than Your promises.

**P** God's Word calls us to lives formed by truth and mercy, prepared for good works in Christ.

**C** Yet we confess that we resist Your shaping, and follow our own wisdom rather than Your Word.

**P** Hear the good news: In Holy Baptism, you were buried with Christ and raised with Him. God has spoken His final Word to you in Jesus Christ. 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. You are God's own child, sealed by His Word and promise, freed to live in the good works He has prepared for you.

**C** Amen.

## God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long

in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:

Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je - sus, cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -

tre - sures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -

more than an - y That brought me sal -  
did re - lease me In a dear for -  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

*Please be seated*

## Baptism of Lucas Christopher Schutte

*Son of Andrew and Lindsay Schutte; Sponsors are Brittany Robinson and Tiffany Browder*

*(Sunday)*

## Offering & Connect



## Epistle

*2 Timothy 3:16–17*

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated*

## Alleluia and Verse

A musical score for a three-part setting. The top part consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The middle part consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The bottom part consists of a single melodic line on a bass clef staff. The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:  
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

John 6:63-69

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>63</sup>The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> 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. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.” <sup>66</sup> From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. <sup>67</sup> “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve. <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

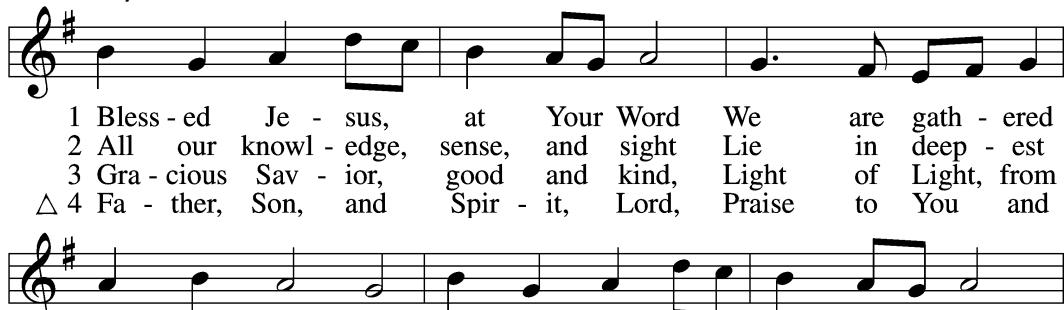
*Please be seated*

## Kids Message

(Sunday)

## Sermon

### Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may Your Word,

Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach-ings,  
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -  
 sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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*Please stand*

## 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

**C** 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.

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1. Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with  
2. Thanks we give and ad-o-ra-tion For Your Gos-pel's  
3. Sav-iор, when Your love shall call us From our strug-gling  
joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos-sess-ing,  
joy-ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal-va-tion  
pil-grim way, Let not fear of death ap-pall us,  
Tri-umph in re-deem-ing grace. O re-fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a-bound. Ev-er faith-ful,  
Glad Your sum-mons to o-bey. May we ev-er,  
O re-fresh us, Trav-eling through this wil-der-ness.  
ev-er faith-ful To Your truth may we be found,  
may we ev-er Reign with You in end-less day.

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## Postlude

*St. Peter's is a place where you can breathe and belong. So we'd love for you to join us for coffee and donuts in the cafeteria! Afterward, stick around for Sunday Morning Bible Groups, Quest, and Youth Bible Study – there's a place for everyone!*

## 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

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#### **January Quest Groups (Birth-6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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**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](mailto:julie@theclores.com)

## CONCERT SERIES

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### 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

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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

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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](mailto:pmeredith@stpeters-columbus.org).

## BIBLICAL WORKSHOP: 5 TARGETS OF A DISCIPLE

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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

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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 prizes will be awarded. Please scan the QR code to register your team online.

## ST. PETER'S FOUNDATION EVENT

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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](mailto:MHumes@stpeters-columbus.org) or 812-372-1571 x2000.



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY

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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](http://stpaulcolumbus.org) or contact the director, Jennifer Probst, at 812-376-6504 or [director@stpaulcolumbus.org](mailto:director@stpaulcolumbus.org).

## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP COLLECTION

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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 Leader: Pastor Adam Rodriguez

Organist: Lindsey Fugill

## 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](http://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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FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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#### SPECIAL GIFTS

Support ministry-specific projects or where most needed, **both in-budget and out-of-budget**. Gifts help to ensure budgeted projects are implemented.

YTD: \$281,763

YTD Budget: \$105,525

Difference: +\$176,238

**Goal for year: \$245,975**

#### FOR SGO-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

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