

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Please stand

Passing of the Peace

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

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Invocation

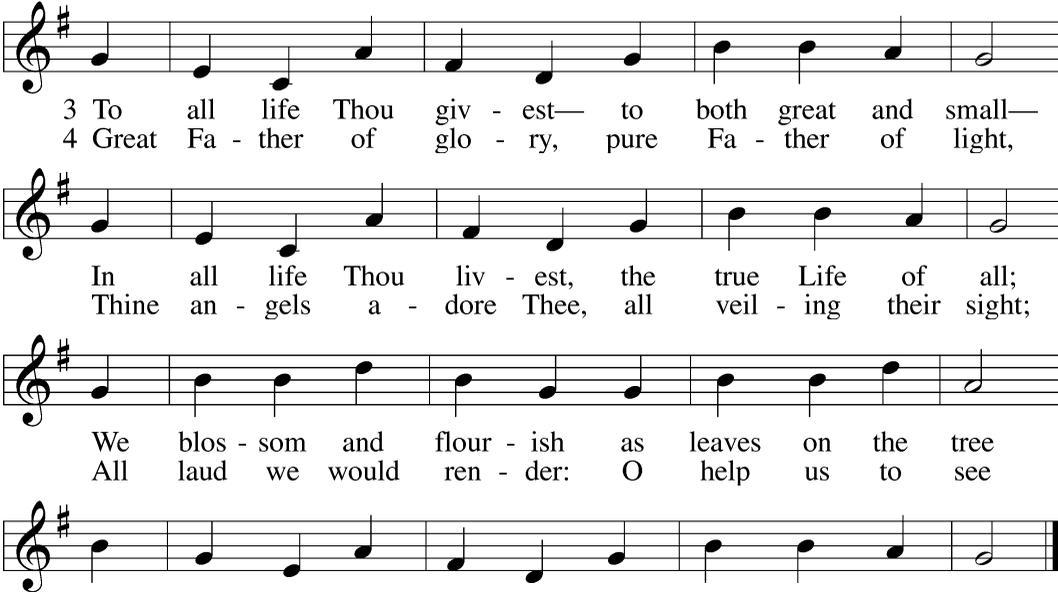
P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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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.

Please be seated

Kids' Message

Offering & Connect



Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. ¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart.

Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Lent Verse



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:19–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last And our e - ter - nal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727 Text and tune: Public domain

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Sermon

Please stand

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86 Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918 Text and tune: Public domain

Prayers

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

We pray for the Holy Spirit to continue guiding and directing the search for a Youth Minister.

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.

On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. Tune: John Darwall, 1731-89 Text and tune: Public domain

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: Life pulls us toward what is immediate, paychecks, possessions, popularity. But all of it fades. Solomon called it vanity, and Jesus warned against storing up treasure on earth. Paul directs our eyes to what is unseen and eternal. This week reminds us to live not for what is passing, but for what lasts forever in Christ. In Christ, we already share in eternal life that never fades.

NEW MEMBERS:

Stacy Elliott
Brian Federle
Eryn Federle
Christopher Judd
Holly Judd
Emily Lekens
Justin Lekens
Nick Likens
Chris Means
Heather Means
Dewayne Mullins
Christina Shelton
Taylor Wetherald
Zach Wetherald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

March 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! During the month of March our kids will learn how following Jesus influences the way we treat others. Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org

NO Quest: March 15 & 22 - Spring Break

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 - April 10 & 24, May 8th @ 9:15AM

Field Trip – Friday, March 13 @10AM Not Just Popcorn, RSVP today space is limited

Mom's Night Out - 6:30PM at Upland Thursday, March 26

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

NO Trek and Venture: March 15 & 22 - Spring Break

Youth 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.

TREK APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP 2026

You won't want to miss this year's Trek Mission Trip for current 6th-7th graders. We will be headed to West Virginia from June 13-18 to explore the Appalachian region in June! Praying Pelican Missions will be guiding us through our week as your students learn to be better leaders, to better use teamwork skills, and to grow in their own faith. STUDENT COST: \$600 per student. The cost covers transportation, food, lodging, and our Friday day of adventure! QUESTIONS? Contact Bethany Hayes at bhayes@stpeters-columbus.org or (317) 496-8445.



VISION ROADMAP TOWN HALL

The Vision of St. Peter's is **"To effectively connect the next generation to Christ and lead them to lifelong discipleship"**. Over the past several months, our leaders have been prayerfully working on the next step in what we're calling the **St. Peter's Vision Roadmap**. Simply put, this roadmap turns our Vision into real, practical ministry priorities—projects and initiatives that will guide where we're headed and how we get there.



High School Students and Adults - Please join the Church Council and Pastor John for the **Vision Roadmap Town Hall on Sunday morning, April 12, 9:30 am, in the Old Gym**. Together, we'll look ahead to what God is calling St. Peter's toward as we seek **to transform lives and grow God's Kingdom**. This gathering is for high school students through adults, and we hope you'll be part of the conversation. To prepare, please scan the **QR code to access a copy of the Vision Roadmap**, or pick one up in the lobby. We look forward to discerning God's path forward—together.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6.*

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep our mission team in your prayers:

1. Safe Travel - Friday morning, March 13, and Saturday, March 21
2. No interruption in Customs - Friday, March 13, 2-3 pm EST.
3. Keep us all healthy and strong.
4. Stretch us out of our comfort zone.
5. Help us surrender to let the Spirit take control.
6. May God strengthen and deepen our faith and relationships with one another.
7. May our work for the Kingdom in Santiago Zamora be fruitful and well-received.

Mission Team Members: Kate Andrews, Maggie Andrews, Daniel Bodemann, Izzy Burbrink, Stefani Christopher, Elijah Clark, Abby Collins, Jon Collins, Kiersten Collins, Liz Collins, Mel Freeman, Meg Going, Bethany Hayes, Mike Hinckfoot, Aaron Littmann, Henry Meredith, Tess Mormino, Ben Sylva, Jon Sylva, and Josh VanValkenburg.

YOUR FAVORITE VERSE

During our previous series, God Speaks, we put out a Bible for all of St. Peter's to mark their favorite verse(s). This was such a hit that we have decided to keep it out. If you haven't had an opportunity yet, or if another verse comes to your mind, you can find the St. Peter's Bible next to the Gethsemane window in the Church Lobby.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHING OPENING

St. Peter's Lutheran School is seeking candidates to fill an open 7th and 8th grade math position for the 2026-2027 school year. Candidates must be licensed to teach Algebra I and Geometry. Please reach out to our school principal, Mr. Paul Meredith, pmeredith@stpeters-columbus.org, to learn more about the position!

SPRING SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUPS (MARCH 29-MAY 17)

No-Drama Discipline - Pastor John & Desiree Shaw, Old Gym

Inspired by the research of Dan Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson, No-Drama Discipline explores the powerful connection between a child's developing brain and a parent's response to misbehavior—showing that discipline is truly about teaching, not reacting. In this engaging and practical class, you'll learn how to calmly connect with your child, navigate tantrums with empathy, redirect big emotions, and turn meltdowns into moments of growth. Together, we'll identify your personal philosophy of discipline and practice nurturing, respectful strategies that still hold clear and consistent boundaries. This is a class designed to strengthen your home, deepen your relationships, and help you parent with confidence and compassion.

A Strong Faith for a Loud World: The Augsburg Confession

Pastor Adam, Room 2164

You are living in a world that is loud, opinionated, and absolutely convinced it is right about everything. You know you need courage to stand firm, but if you are honest, half the time you are not sure where you stand yourself. The Bible is a big book, culture is loud, and it can feel overwhelming just trying to figure out where to start. All of a sudden faith for you becomes more about vague ideas than deep convictions. Join Pastor Adam in A Strong Faith for a Loud World: The Augsburg Confession where you will gain a clear understanding of what Christians have confessed for centuries while building the kind of confident, courageous faith that you can actually pass on to the next generation.

Torah Club - Kari Spurgeon, India Room

Join Kari Spurgeon as she leads the Torah Club's study - End of Days is Just the Beginning. This study immerses you in the second-century Jewish prophetic worldview - the perspective that shaped Jesus, His apostles, and the first disciples. Like in the days of Noah, when people lived unaware of what was coming, this study calls disciples to wake up and prepare. This year-long Torah Club study begins in the Torah and traces the unfolding hope of redemption through the Prophets and Writings and into the book of Revelation. Along the way, it reframes your understanding of the end times with biblical clarity, historical depth, and spiritual urgency.

PODCASTS FOR VERSUS: BATTLES WE FACE, VERSE WE TRUST

Check out the Grow5X2 podcasts that supplement our current sermon series and Connect Group curriculum. Episodes are available under the resources tab of our church webpage or from your favorite podcast service.



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: TOUGH TEXTS

For most Christians, outside of a few familiar stories, the Old Testament is a strange, intimidating land into which many dare not venture. This class is set up to serve as a guide to this strange land that makes up three-quarters of the Bible. Rather than dodging the hard questions of the Old Testament, we will shine a light on those tough texts in a way that is easy to understand that lead to faithful and relevant conclusions. Starts Tuesday March 24 at 10 AM in Room 2164.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

Join us on **Monday, March 23 at 6pm in the Park** for a special Voters Meeting to Extend a Divine Call to Connor Colangelo, Director of Youth Ministry. The Call Committee's feedback was overwhelmingly positive, unanimous to extend a Divine Call to Connor Colangelo as one of our Directors of Youth Ministry. Connor is described as engaging, confident, relational, and deeply grounded in his faith. There was strong appreciation for both his spiritual maturity and his natural ability to connect with 7th-12th grade students and adults alike. Quote from a Committee member: "We really need this guy!"

THANK YOU FROM CONNOR:

Greetings St. Peter's,

Thank you all so very much for this past weekend. The hospitality was incredible from Mike Hinckfoot showing me around and being my "uber" driver, to Mark Kelly and Bethany Hayes showing me how Trek and Venture are run, to Micah Wettschurack, Jesse Clark, and Ryan Lienhoop showing me around the church and school, and everyone else who I met and sat with and had conversations with, you all had a large impact on my time there.

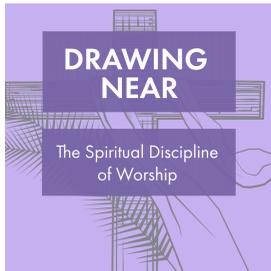
To everyone on the Call Committee, thank you guys so much for allowing me to be interviewed for this position. I truly enjoyed the time that we spent together on Sunday. To Pastors and Ministry Directors, thank you guys so much for taking time out of your day(s) to meet with me. I truly loved getting to know you guys and seeing how I could possibly fit at St. Peter's if the Lord allows it.

*I look forward to being back there in a couple of months for Casey Bartholomew's wedding and in the warmer weather - haha! All that to say, I really enjoyed my time this weekend and all that St. Peter's and Columbus have to offer, and I'm excited to see the next step in this process and look forward to the future plans that the Lord has in store not only for my career in ministry but in the future at St. Peter's. To HIM be the glory,
Connor Colangelo, Young Life Houston Southwest/Pilgrim Lutheran Youth Director Intern*

THIRD SUNDAY OFFERING - LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES

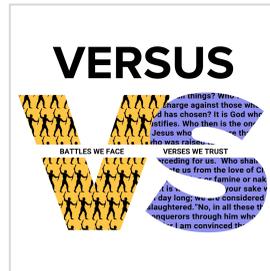
For generations, the Lord has blessed Lakeview Ministries, enabling us to provide Christian experiences of growth, inspiration, and recreation for thousands of people. You may have experienced first-hand the power of camp, or you may have seen camp's life changing effect on people you know and love. We are proud to be YOUR camp, your place, where so many of you have gathered, grown, and connected in Christ's love from generation to generation. The world needs camp today more than ever. People need an escape from the busyness of everyday life, from the loneliness of disconnection, from a media-saturated culture that tells us we must be more and do more and get more. For over 60 years God has been preparing this place for ALL who need it, we look forward to serving you, your family, and your church for Generations to Come. Be sure to visit our website for opportunities to volunteer, give, and become a member of this wonderful camp family. You can donate to the 3rd Sunday ministry using the PCO-GIVE dropdown on the church app or on the website.

LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



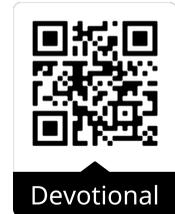
WEDNESDAYS OF LENT
March 11–March 25 (7 PM only)

WEEKENDS IN LENT
February 22–April 5



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Pick up a devotional booklet in the church lobby or scan the QR code for a digital copy. You can receive the devotion straight to your phone every day and either read it or listen to it! Simply text the keyword **lent** to 812-775-2300. Join in the life of discipleship here at St. Peter's!



PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

Traditional, Sunday, March 29 at 8am
Contemporary, Saturday, March 28 at 6pm and Sunday, March 29 at 10:45am
(Note: There will not be a worship service on Wednesday, April 1)

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

12:15 PM & 7 PM with communion

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 *(school and church offices closed)*

Traditional at 12:15 PM & 7 PM
Contemporary at 5 PM in the sanctuary
(Note: There will not be a worship service on Saturday, April 4)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Traditional Sunrise at 6:30 AM with communion
Traditional at 8 AM and 9:30 AM with communion
Contemporary at 11:15 AM with communion
(Note: There will not be a worship service on Wednesday, April 8)

PASSOVER SEDER MEAL

Torah Club is hosting a Passover Seder Thursday, April 2nd, at St Peter's in Room 2164, from 5pm-6:45pm. Cost is \$5 to cover Seder items. The meal will be a pitch-in/pot-luck.



SERVING

Preacher: Pastor John Cordrey
Worship Leader: Pastor Tim Carter
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

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