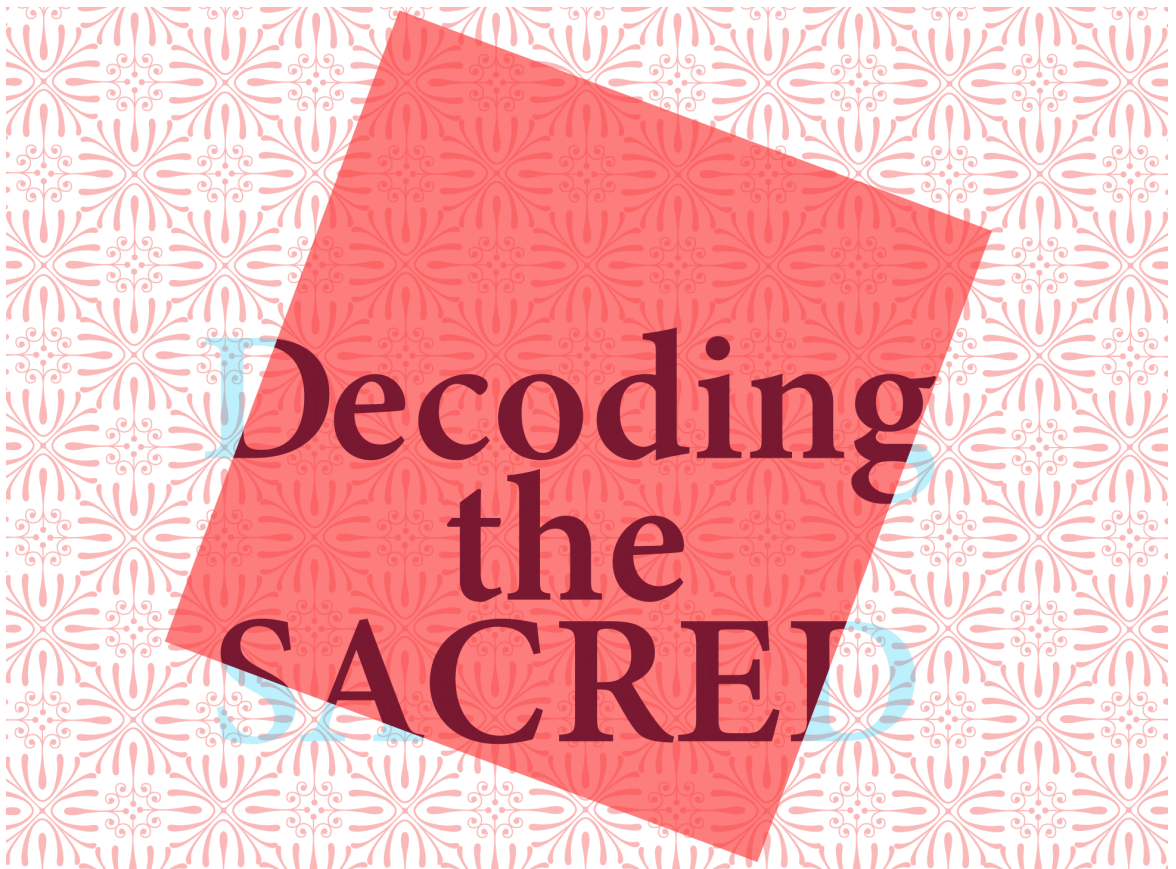




WELCOME!

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!

Today we start a new teaching series called *Decoding the Sacred*.
The goal of this series is to hand down the faith and teach the story of salvation
that we practice and rehearse in worship.

The first step in obtaining this goal is recognizing one thing:
some of our worship practices in the Christian
and Lutheran church are really strange.

Maybe you are a longtime member of St. Peter's
and no longer notice the strange things we do.

Maybe you are new to the faith wondering the "why"
behind certain things in worship.

Most people want to understand why the Christian Church
has been doing these strange but sacred things for millennia,
but have never had something to help them
decode what they mean or why they matter.

To help us do just that, your worship bulletin will look
a little different throughout this series.

Alongside each part of the worship service,
you'll find a brief explanation of why we do it
and where that practice is rooted in Scripture.

Our hope is that these notes help you see that the things we do in worship
aren't random and aren't empty in meaning.

They are rooted in God's Word and meant to point us to Jesus again and again.

Welcome to Decoding the Sacred.

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Please stand

Passing of the Peace

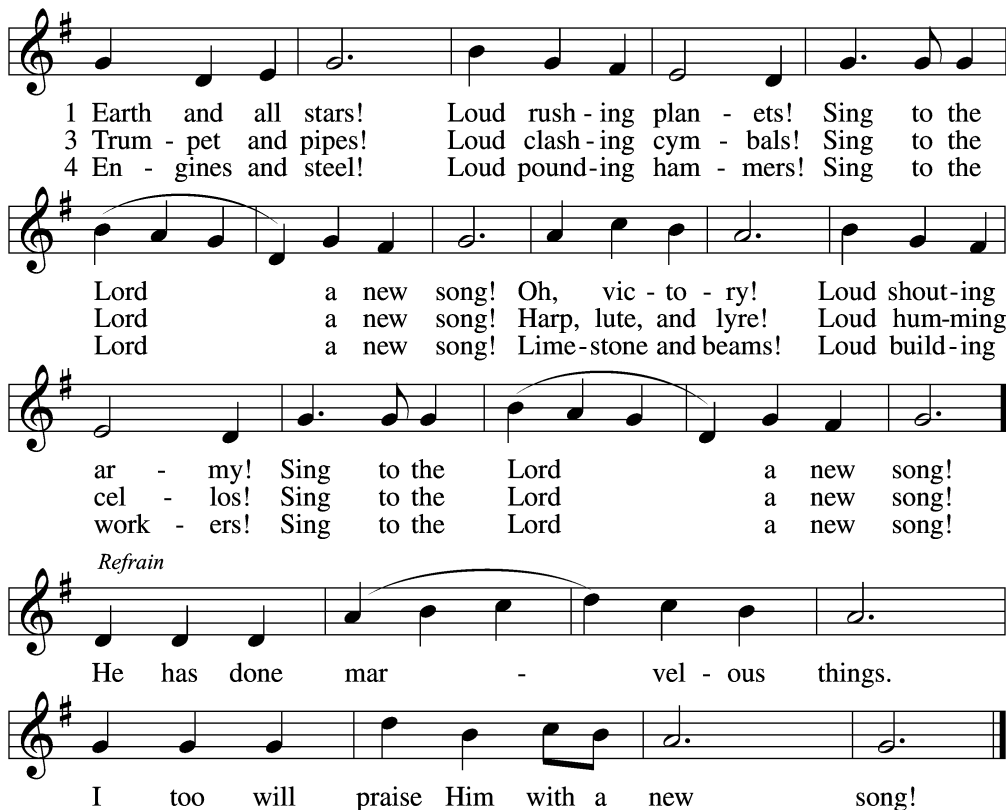
A tradition that traces back to the New Testament, echoing Jesus greeting His disciples with "Peace be with you" after the resurrection. (John 20:19)

Why we do it: Today we use this time to speak the words of Christ to each other as we greet one another, establish connections, and recognize the value of every person gathering in worship.

Earth and All Stars

Hymns, songs, or spiritual songs are sung throughout the service (Psalm 98:1).

Why we do it: Hymns and songs can proclaim God's Word, teach the faith, and encourage the congregation to respond to God's grace together as a unified community.



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the

Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing
Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing

ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song!

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Invocation

*The service opens with, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
(Matthew 28:19b)*

Why we do it: It reminds us of our Baptism, stakes a claim on Jesus' promise to be among us, and establishes who is gathering us.

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

Responsive Sentences: Psalm 98

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- C** **The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- C** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**
- P** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- C** **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!**
- P** Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
- C** **He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Collect: A brief, structured prayer that changes weekly. (2 Timothy 4:22)

Why we do it: It "collects" the themes of the day's Scripture readings into a single, unified prayer.

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
Merciful God, You have given us the gift of song that we may know You, learn about You, and praise Your holy name. Open our lips to declare Your praise that we may sing of Your righteousness for all eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices



Oh, that I had a thou - sand voi - ces
O all you pow'rs that He im - plan - ted,
All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion,
Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore You



To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!
A - rise, keep si - lence now no more;
That thron'g the earth, the sea, the sky,
To li - sten to my earth - ly song



My heart, which in the Lord re - joi - ces,
Put forth the strength that God has gran - ted!
Come, share with me my heart's de - vo - tion,
Un - til that day when I a - dore You,



Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs
Your no - blest work is to a - dore.
Help me to sing God's prai - ses high.
To - ge - ther with the an - gel throng



To all, wher - ev - er I might be,
O soul and bo - dy, join to raise
My ut - most pow'rs can ne - ver quite
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing



What great things God has done for me.
With heart - felt joy our Ma - ker's praise.
De - clare the won - ders of His might.
E - ter - nal an - thems to my King!

Apostles' Creed

Recitation of either the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. (Romans 10:9)

Why we do it: We join the historic Church to publicly confess the faith into which we were baptized.

- 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

(Sunday)

Lincoln Thomas Bonnell, son of Michael and Whitney Bonnell; sponsors are Adam and Courtney Lienhoop

Offering & Connect

*A response of thanksgiving, usually accompanied by a song.
(Psalm 116:17-19)*

Why we do it: We return a small portion of the financial firstfruits God has given us as an act of worship and gratitude.



GIVE



GUEST

The Scripture Readings: Many times an Old Testament reading, or Epistle (New Testament letter), and a Gospel reading. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Why we do it: Specific readings in the service highlight the importance of hearing God's Word and they are put together to teach the theological theme and point of the day.

First Reading

Revelation 5:6-14

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You

have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” ¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” ¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Ephesians 5:8–20

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

The alleluia and verse is a sung verse of Scripture used to prepare the congregation for hearing the gospel reading. (John 6:68)

Why we do it: We sing alleluia, or “Praise the Lord,” to joyfully welcome the reading of the gospel and express the joy we have in the salvation of Christ.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 14:12–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

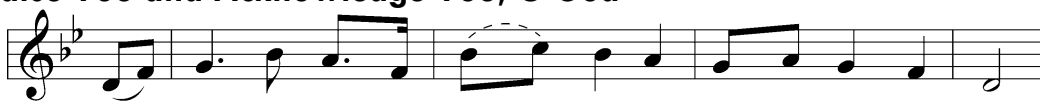
On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. ¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?” ²⁰ “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” ²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” ²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵ “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry one:
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
 The mar - tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no - ble throng,
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
 So help Your ser-vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 “O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re-prieve—
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com-fort-er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
 You o - pened heav-en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Sermon

The pastor proclaims God's Word, rightly dividing Law (our need for a Savior) and Gospel (what Christ did for us). (Acts 2:14)

Why we do it: It interprets the historical biblical text directly into our present-day lives.

Voices Raised to You We Offer



1 Voice - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!

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Please stand

Confession and Absolution

*We corporately acknowledge our sins and hear the pastor speak Christ's words of total forgiveness.
(1 John 1:8-9, John 20:19-23)*

*Why we do it: We cannot approach a holy God on our own merits. Cleansed by the Absolution
(forgiveness), we can stand before Him in confidence.*

- P** Let us confess our sins before God, who calls us to worship Him with thankful hearts and joyful praise.
- C** We confess that we have not always praised You as we should. We have been silent when we should have sung, distracted when we should have listened, and slow to give You thanks. Forgive us, Lord, and renew our hearts for worship.

- P** “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”
(*Psalms 51:10*)
- C** “Open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.” (*Psalms 51:15*)
- P** Upon this confession, and by the authority of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” (*Psalms 150:6*)
- C** Praise the Lord! Amen!

Voices Raised to You We Offer

5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—
Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

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Prayers

The prayers of the church where the pastor leads the congregation in intercession, thanking God for His grace, confessing sin, and lifting up the needs of the local community and the world. (Philippians 4:6)

Why do we do it: *Scripture tells us to pray often and always as God is our Heavenly Father eager to hear and respond to us.*

We pray for our sick and hospitalized.

We give thanks for the baptism of Lincoln Thomas Bonnell, son of Michael and Whitney Bonnell.

We pray for our country as we remember the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and ask God to bring comfort, peace, and healing to all who continue to be affected by that tragedy.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is the very words of Jesus instructing us how to pray. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Why we do it: *While serving as a general model, it also serves as a specific, all-encompassing prayer for the congregation to speak together. It begins by honoring God and then turning to our own needs.*

- 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.

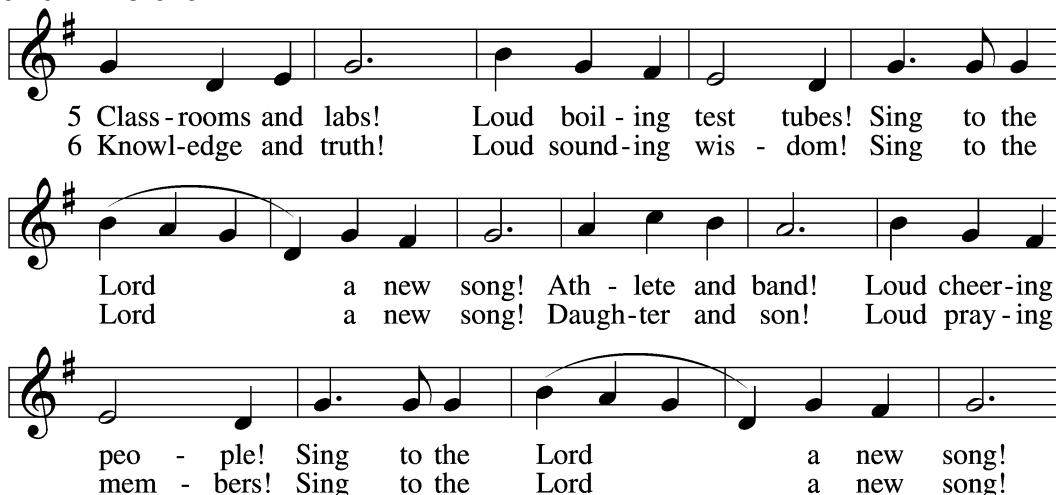
Benediction

The historic blessing from Numbers 6 ("The Lord bless you and keep you...") spoken over the congregation. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Why we do it: *God gets the last word in the service, sending us back into the world marked with His holy name.*

- 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.

Earth and All Stars



5 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes! Sing to the
6 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom! Sing to the

Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing
Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing

peo - ple! Sing to the Lord a new song!
mem - bers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song!

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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 – there's a place for everyone!

SERMON NOTES

Main idea: From the outside, congregational singing can feel like church karaoke. A room full of ordinary people sing together, whether they feel like singing or not. Scripture shows us that singing is one of the ways God's people proclaim His victory, teach the faith, encourage one another, and join the song of heaven. We sing because Christ has won the victory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS MINISTRY

Quest Groups (Birth–6th Grade) meet on Sundays in the Kids Ministry hallway (9:30-10:30am).

Babies & preschoolers will learn how God is always with them. “God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

K-3rd graders will understand how to hear from God while learning John 10:27 (NIRV):
“My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”

Preteens will dig into Scripture to answer these big questions: Does God care about how I use my time? Is what the Bible says about me true? Does God really expect me to love everybody?

Questions? Contact Desiree Shaw dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org.

Play & Grow

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! Join us on Fridays @ 9:15AM for Play and Grow 2x per month. Upcoming dates are September 25 and October 23. This is a great time to get to know other families through play and Jesus centered activities! Groups are always open! Questions about the field trip or getting connected to a Play and Grow group? Email Katey Meadows at kmeadows@stpeters-columbus.org.

Field Trip: Fall Scavenger Hunt

Come explore Donner Park with your little one before winter hits on Friday, October 2 at 9:30am. We'll enjoy a fall scavenger hunt as we take in the beauty of God's creation. We'll wrap up at the Donner playground which is good for all ages. *If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll head to the library instead. This field trip is FREE to attend but please register so we can send you weather updates as needed! Registration will close on October 1st.



Moms Night Out Event



Hog Molly

Moms of ALL ages are invited to Moms' Night Out for a fun social event at Hog Molly on Wednesday, September 16 @ 6:30pm. Mom's night is a great way to meet new friends and old friends over easy conversation and food. :)

Please RSVP by the September 15th. Also for venue information check out <https://hogmollybrewing.com>

YOUTH MINISTRY

Venture (9th-12th Graders): Sun, Sep 13 at St. Peter's, 6-8pm. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and small group time.

Trek (7th-8th Graders): Sun, Sep 13, 3:30-5:30pm @ St. Peter's at The Den. Join us for games, worship, and community.

EXPLORE (7th-8th Graders)

EXPLORE is our junior high confirmation program. For more information, please contact Pastor John (jcordrey@stpeters-columbus.org) or Julie Dietrich (jdietrich@stpeters-columbus.org).

Sunday, September 13 - 7th grade will begin meeting weekly in The Summit, 9:30-10:30am; 2026 Confirmation Class (9th graders) will meet in The Den from 9:30-10:30am

Sunday, October 4 - 8th grade will begin meeting weekly in The Summit from 9:30-10:30am

SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



At the Voters Meeting this past May, it was announced that Mike Hinckfoot would be retiring as Executive Director of Ministries at the end of June 2027. The succession plan, in light of some organizational structure changes, is for Aaron Littmann to move into the slightly revised role and lead our new Ministry Operations department as the Executive Director. His current role, Director of Ministry Operations, is being divided between the Director of Campus Operations and the new Director of Finance.

We are now actively seeking names for the position of Director of Finance. This position The Director of Finance oversees the financial stewardship, tuition management, and employee support functions to measure and maximize our overall financial ministry.

If anyone comes to mind for consideration, please send qualified candidate names to Aaron Littmann at alittmann@stpeters-columbus.org. Scan the QR code for the full job description.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

St. Peter's offers an open gym in our Den for pick-up basketball games. Usually this is on Thursdays from 8-10pm, but will flex depending on the school athletic usage. The coordinators use a GroupMe text for reminders and updates on times. This is for high school and older players, male or female. To get on the GroupMe list or for more questions, call or text Tim Ernst at 812-344-2580.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Serve Columbus 2026

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in your community? Serve Columbus is the place for you! On Sunday, October 4, we will be serving throughout Columbus at local organizations such as Orphan Grain Train, Love Chapel, Camp Lakeview, and more. We eat lunch together in the Old Gym after the 10:45 service, pray together, and then go out and make a difference. Scan the QR code to register!



Seeking Service Sites

Serve Columbus is scheduled on Sunday afternoon, October 4. During this event, participants work in teams at various locations around the County such as Love Chapel and Camp Lakeview. This year, as part of the Serving Challenge, we would also like to include the homes of members and neighbors who could use a little extra help. If you, or someone you know, needs a little extra help doing yardwork, painting, storage cleanup, or even light construction, you can request to have a team assist. Follow the link below to give us the details.

Auto Maintenance Day

The fall event is in need of volunteers for Saturday, September 19th (Rain Date: October 3rd) from 6:30am-2:00pm in the Den parking lot. Tasks include basic vehicle inspections, fluid level checks, air filter inspection, oil and filter replacement, etc. Not a Master Mechanic? No Problem! If you come across a problem, you can't fix, we've got an experienced team that can help! RSVP for any 3-4 hour block that is convenient for you to help us reach our goal of 50 volunteers! To RSVP, click the link or scan the QR code. Contact Ben Eckert at benjamin.eckert1@outlook.com for additional questions.



Serve Puerto Rico 2027

A call-out meeting to share information about our adult mission trip to Puerto Rico in January of 2027 will be held on Sunday, September 20, immediately after late service in Room 2164. We'll share past events, date and costs, and registration links. Contact George Denholm if you are interested but can't attend. (gdenholm@stpeters-columbus.org)

A Simple Way To Help Families

Have you ever wanted to help families in crisis but didn't know where to start? St. Peter's has partnered with Hands of Hope through the Care Portal to make this a simple reality. The Care Portal connects foster and kinship families in need of tangible resources with local churches, like St. Peter's, who can respond. We need you to help get this off the ground. Scan the QR code to sign up to receive requests for tangible needs from families in crisis in our community. For more questions, contact Melissa Clark at mclark@stpeters-columbus.org



LEMONADE FOR A CAUSE – THIS WEEKEND!

St. Peter's Jr. High students are sponsoring lemonade stands, in partnership with the Isaiah 117 House, after each service this weekend. Our students want to raise awareness for children who enter foster care. Please stop by for some lemonade, treats, and great conversation with our student advocates. Donations are welcome as we support this important cause.



TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT



Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon as we welcome our church, school and Lincoln Central Neighborhood families to our first Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 25 from 3:30-6pm. We are excited to create a safe, fun, and welcoming space where families can enjoy food, candy, music, games, crafts, and inflatables. We need your help to make it happen. Whether you can host a trunk, help with hospitality or serve behind the scenes, there's a place for you

to SERVE. Scan the Volunteer Code to sign up!



We're also collecting LOTS of candy to help make the event a success. Scan the Wishlist QR Code to shop our Amazon Wishlist and help us stock up for the big day. Thank you for helping us love and serve the families within our community!

MEN'S BEAST FEAST – FALL EDITION

Friday, September 25 at George Denholm's house. Come anytime after 5:30pm - grills will be on starting at 6:00 - you can leave when you must, but the fun continues until 10pm.

Items to bring: a meat to grill, a side dish to share, your preferred beverage, a lawn chair, and a friend if you'd like. **Provided:** tableware, grills, and water

We have an optional cooking competition featuring prizes for the most exotic meat (previous winners include camel, elk, and wild boar) as well as the tastiest dish! Lots of fellowship and fun! Mark your calendar now so you can join us.

THIRD SUNDAY OFFERING - LCNFC

The Lincoln-Central Neighborhood Family Center is a full-service resource center situated in the heart of the Lincoln-Central Neighborhood in downtown Columbus, the neighborhood in which St. Peter's sits. Ensuring that all residents' voices are heard, the LCNFC provides a wide array of services and activities through a friendly stigma-free environment. Working in collaboration with individuals and groups from both the public and private sectors, including St. Peter's, the LCNFC helps cultivate neighborhood resident empowerment and programming (advocacy, neighborhood improvement, and human services) to ensure that residents with needs go through the right door at the right time. Approximately 30 programs are provided collaboratively, including two through St. Peter's – The Auto Ministry and Angels of Love. You can donate to the 3rd Sunday ministry using the PCO-GIVE dropdown on the church app or on the website.

FALL CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, September 27 @ 4pm

The Indianapolis Brass Choir is a large brass ensemble of musicians who volunteer their time and effort, without pay, to provide high-quality brass performances for area churches and to aid local charities. Founded by Delbert Dale in 1986, the choir has a membership of about 30 professional musicians and serious amateurs. The freewill offering collected at concerts is given to the charity of each church's choosing. To date, the IBC has raised over \$100,000 for various charities.



Sept. Concert

The choir includes trumpets, trombones, horns, euphoniums, tubas, and percussion. The IBC has been directed by Darin Sorley since 2014, a professional horn player who has studied at Butler University, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and Indiana University.

This concert's freewill offering will go to support Lincoln Central Neighborhood Family Center (LCNFC). The LCNFC opened its doors in 1994 and was born out of the desire to combat poverty, domestic violence, drug addiction, homelessness, and other issues in downtown Columbus. The LCNFC offers a wide array of programs and activities that address seven priority needs: safety, infrastructure, health, education, positive youth development, parent-child interaction and parent support. The LCNFC is proud to be a Certified United Way Agency. This concert is free and takes place in the Sanctuary.

Saturday, Nov. 14 @ 2pm

Columbus Indiana Philharmonic's "Lamentations and Luminance"

St. Peter's is proud to present the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic's choral program featuring the Philharmonic Chorus. Music selections will feature Mozart; the Czech composer Jan Dismas Zelenka, considered "the Czech Bach"; as well as J.S. Bach's Missa Brevis.



Tickets for this concert will be available at www.thecip.org.

Use the code StPetersVIP at the checkout page to receive your free tickets. This code is only valid for St. Peter's members.

ANGELS OF HOPE SUPPORT GROUP

Angels of Hope offers support for those who have suffered the loss of a baby by miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. We will resume our meetings on Weds., Sept. 16th at 6pm in room 2164 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Please enter through door A. Support meetings will be held at 6pm on the third Thursday of each month thereafter. Contact Melissa Clark at mclark@stpeters-columbus.org with any questions.

The Church Council and Pastor John invite you to join them for a Congregational Forum. St. Peter’s is exploring a new partnership with a ministry called **Isaiah 117 House**. Each forum is an opportunity to learn more about the growing need to advocate for children, the Isaiah 117 House ministry, and clear ways we can engage to bring comfort and safety to vulnerable children.

From the Founder of **Isaiah 117 House**:

*‘We’re a home that reduces trauma for children, lightens the load of caseworkers, and eases the transition for future placement. And we do it all under a roof with lots of grace, love, and joy. We want that home in Columbus, Indiana. We want the children of your community to be reminded that Jesus loves them, that He built a house for them, and that He will always go before them. **He’s never forgotten them, and they are not alone.**’*

Isaiah 1:17 says: "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

We believe that a partnership between St. Peter’s and Isaiah 117 could be a part of the solution.

At each forum, we plan to discuss 3 partnership components:

1. Strategic alignment with our Vision to Grow Younger and Deeper in Christ
2. Potential for our members to volunteer
3. Donation of land, specifically the west lot (the green space with the single tree)

We have three scheduled forums; hopefully one will work for you and your family. Each forum should last around one hour. *Youth and adults are encouraged to attend.*

Monday, September 28 - 6:00pm in 2164

Sunday, October 4 - 9:30am in the Old Gym

Monday, October 5 - 6:00pm in 2164



PREREAD

We have a pre-read (FAQ of sorts)
for folks to review before the meeting.

**SCAN THE QR CODES for a pre-read
and more information about Isaiah 117 House.**



3 min video

SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Adam Rodriguez
Worship Leader: Pastor John Cordrey
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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In remembrance of Megan Renee

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

-until we meet again

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