



# St. Peter Lutheran Church

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## To Our Guests and Visitors

We WELCOME all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

## † Service of Prayer and Preaching †

January 20, 2012

*Upon entering the Sanctuary, please turn off cell phones, pagers, etc. and use the time as a quiet time for personal reflection and meditation in preparation for worship. This is a time for anyone to join in praying for the service, and for the church in general.*

*(Lutheran Service Book, page 260)*

Opening Hymn     *O Holy Spirit, Enter In*     LSB 913

### Opening Versicles

- P This is the day which the Lord has made;  
 C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**     *Psalm 118:24*  
 P From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**     *Psalm 113:3*

### Common Responsory

- P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
 C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**     *Psalm 84:20*  
 P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
 C **Teach me Your paths.**     *Psalm 25:4*  
 P Sanctify us in Your truth.  
 C **Your Word is truth.**     *John 17:17*

- P From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**     *Psalm 113:3*  
 C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Canticle     (LSB page 261)     *Isaiah 12:2b-6*

*Refrain*

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

- P With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted."  
 C **Refrain**  
 P Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  
 C **Refrain**  
 P Glory be to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
 C **Refrain**

## Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading     *Isaiah 35:1-10*

- P This is the Word of the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading     *2 Timothy 4:1-8*

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Hymn *Canon of Praise*

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20

Choir Hymn *De Profundis "Out of the Depths"* Psalm 130

**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.**

\* *Christian*: the ancient text reads 'catholic,' meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

**Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn "O God Who Deigns to Dwell Below"** (Insert)

Choir sings opening verse,

Congregation sings vs. 2-3

**Sermon**

**Gathering of Tithes and Special Offerings**

**Prayer**

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

**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.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Almighty and most merciful God, though You are not contained in houses built by human hands, we pray that You will be pleased to dwell with us here and to make known to us Your glory. Be present in this place where we are gathered to receive Your forgiveness, hear Your holy Word, and praise Your holy name. Graciously hear the prayers we will offer to You; bless the marriages to be solemnized; comfort those who will mourn; and let harmony and peace rest upon all in this place. Bring us at last to the heavenly Jerusalem, where the Lamb is the temple, that we may unite with all the saints and angels in His praise; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### LORD'S Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

#### Hymn

#### Amazing Grace

LSB 744

#### Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### Luther's Morning Prayer *(spoken by all)*

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

#### Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

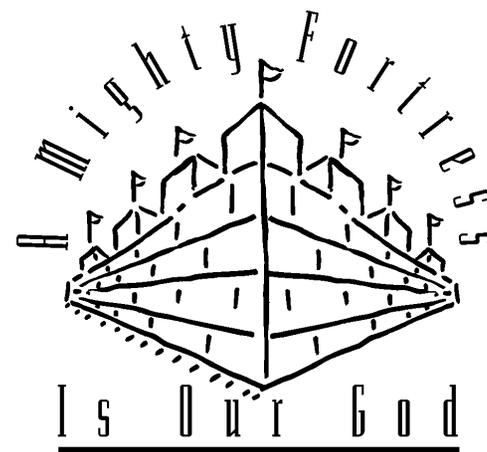
#### Benediction

St Peter Choir

#### Closing Hymn

#### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656



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## O God Who Deigns

**CHOIR:** O God who deigns to dwell below,  
Where trees of life and knowledge grow,  
Within the unburned bush aflame,  
In temple walls that house Your Name;  
O Word made Flesh, among us dwell;  
Make this Your house, Emmanuel,  
And clothe us in Your saving grace—  
A holy priesthood, chosen race!

**CONGREGATION:** The incense of our prayer ascends,  
As Father, Spirit, Son descend.  
Angelic choirs round heaven's throne  
Unite their voices with our own.  
For where the font and altar's found,  
There heaven's wed to earthly ground.  
Our God unveils His holy place  
To welcome us before His face.

The sacrifice of praise we sing,  
The offering of our lives we bring,  
To Christ, our Priest, whom we confess,  
Within this house of Sabbath rest.  
May Eden's joy be ours once more,  
This sanctuary, heaven's door,  
That weak and wounded souls find here  
The God who dries their every tear.

Text: Chad L. Bird / Tune: *O Grosser Gott* (LSB 810)



## OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY

Sunday School	9:30 am
Adult and Young Adult Bible Study	9:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am

### WEDNESDAY

Midweek School	4:00 pm
Confirmation Class	4:00 pm
Choir	6:00 pm
Adult Bible Study	7:00 pm

### THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study	9:00 am
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### FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study	6:00 am
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*Junior and Senior Youth activities as planned by leaders*

*Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

*Choir Practice*

*And many other adult & whole church activities*

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