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Contributions (General Fund)

December 14, 2025 \$6,276. Attendance: 88



ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

804 Grand Ave., Story City, IA 50248
Pastor Tim Malek

December 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Our Mission:

**We are disciples of Jesus Christ,
called to grow in Christ,
and to invite all to follow him.**

ST. PETRI LUTHERAN CHURCH - STORY CITY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025 10:00 a.m.

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

WOV = With One Voice (Blue Hymnal)

p. = Liturgy pages in front of hymnal;

= Hymn numbers

Confession and Forgiveness

Entrance Hymn – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
ELW #254

Greeting WOV p. 28

Song – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
ELW #257 vs. 7, 8

Prayer of the Day

First Reading – Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Second Reading – Romans 1:1-7

Children's Message

Fourth Week of Advent

O house of David, come,

**let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel,
comes to be with us. Amen.**

Song – *We Are Waiting for Jesus* insert
(sung while lighting Advent Wreath)

Gospel – Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon – “Jesus, Emmanuel” Pastor Tim

Hymn of the Day

In a Far-Off Place, Jesus Comes insert

Nicene Creed WOV p. 32

Peace WOV p. 34

Offering

He Came Down ELW #253 vs. 1 & 4
(sung as offering is brought forward)

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

...God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

...through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer WOV p. 39

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn– *Joy to the World* ELW #267

Our Mission & Dismissal

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~~ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ~~

OUR PRAYER LIST

Darlene Patterson, Kevin Keech,
Judy Schnurstein, Larry Reisetter

PRAYERS OF ONGOING CONCERN

Linda Fevold, Paul Wiersen

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT NEAR TO US

Pat & Jacqueline Bencke-Japan ELCA Missionaries
Soldiers; Peace Workers; & Humanitarian Aid
Workers; For those in Ukraine and Russia

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION

Baptism anniversaries this week:
Brooke Andersen, John Hinz, Brian Jones,
John Fevold, Murray DeRidder, David Murken

In a Far-Off Place, Jesus Comes



1 In a far - off place, Je - sus comes to earth.
2 For the poor in heart, Je - sus comes to earth.
3 In our deep - est night, Je - sus comes to earth:



Sheep and cat - tle grace the site. As the
Hum - ble shep - herds start the news. For each
ra - diant star to light our way. Sum - mer's



an - gel songs be - gin, like the whis - per of the wind,
home - less in - fant born, for the meek and those who mourn,
heat or win - ter's chill, with a warm and lov - ing will,



na - ture's hope a - wakes a - gain; Je - sus comes.
for the wear - y and the worn, Je - sus comes.
to a world that needs him still, Je - sus comes.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TENTH NIGHT, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI

Today Dec. 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Party

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Monday Dec. 22

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Remembrance Service at Grace UMC

Tuesday Dec. 23

9a-3p Bethany Quilters

Wednesday Dec. 24

OFFICE CLOSED

**4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Communion**

Thursday Dec. 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!**

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday Dec. 26

Saturday Dec. 27

Sunday Dec. 28

NO Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Communion

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS December 21st

Our sympathies to the family of Ronald Ihle (Nicole Bauman's father) who passed away Dec. 8th. May his family and friends be comforted with God's peace.

Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Alberta Olson, who passed away Dec. 9th. May God's comfort and peace surround her family and friends.

St. Petri's Blessing Box, on the NW corner of the church, is being heavily used. If you would like to donate, you may bring food items to the church office.

A Remembrance Service is open to all who need some peace, comfort, and hope this Christmas season. Sometimes we need some space for reflection, especially if we've lost a loved one or are amid life's struggles. This Remembrance Service will be held Monday, December 22nd at 6:00pm at Grace United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.

St. Petri's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00pm. Come join this festive and joyful time with family and friends! Children, bring your small bells to ring during songs!

If you are able and interested in moving snow at the church, there is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the church office.

Please join us in celebrating Gladys Peter's 90th birthday! An open house will be held Sunday, January 11, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at Bible Faith Church in Story City. Your presence is the only gift needed! If unable to attend you're welcome to send a card to 519 Marvick Ave., Story City, IA. This celebration is given by her family.

The Birthday Smile Project

No child should miss out on the joy of a birthday celebration. Our community program provides a free birthday cake to children from families facing financial hardship in the Roland-Story Schools.

What we offer: A custom-made birthday cake completely free of charge, available for children 1-18.
How it works: Families can sign up directly; the custom cake is ordered; pick up the cake and make their day!

How to apply: Contact Alyssa Loots via text message to 515-290-9899

Help us spread the word! Together we can make every child's special day filled with sweetness and smiles! ☺