

## **SERVANTS AMONG US**

**Lawn Care:** Pat Murken Family  
**Finance Comm:** Eloise Ericson, Ann Healy  
**Parish Fin. Secretary/Newsletter:** Veronica Wright  
**Custodian:** Deb Lancaster  
**Assist. Minister:** Abby Patterson  
**Lector:** John Fevold  
**Children Message:** Annette Owenson  
**Pianist/Organist:** Paul Hertz  
**Livestream/Ppoint/Sound:** Tim Patterson  
Pat Murken  
**Head Usher:** Healys  
**Greeters:** Chuck & Patty VanPatter  
**Ushers:** John Fevold, Karen Jacobson, Paul Ness  
**Coffee/Fellowship:** Janet Mortvedt, Nancy Carlson

### **Pastor Tim Malek**

Pastor's phone number: 515-598-6635  
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### **Church Office**

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### **Contributions** (General Fund)

December 21, 2025	\$6,387.	Attendance: 66
December 24, 2025	\$5,028.	Attendance: 168



## **ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

December 28, 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**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

December 28, 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

Prelude: Partita on *In dulci jubilo* Kevin Hildebrand

Confession and Forgiveness

Entrance Hymn – *Love Has Come* ELW #292

Greeting WOV p. 28

Hymn of Praise WOV p. 29

Prayer of the Day

First Reading – Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Second Reading – Hebrews 2:10-18

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel – Matthew 2:13-23

Sermon – Video Sermon, Pastor Steve Brackett,  
Assistant to the Bishop for Rostered Leadership

Hymn of the Day – *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
ELW #288

Nicene Creed WOV p. 32

Prayers of Intercession

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

...through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Peace WOV p. 34

Presentation of the Gifts

*Bring a Torch*, Jeanette, Isabella

arr. Christopher Uelhein

Offering Song – *In the Bleak Midwinter*

ELW #294 v. 3

Offertory Prayer

Dialogue WOV p. 36

Preface

Sanctus

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer WOV p. 39

Invitation to Communion

You are welcome to receive Communion at our services, regardless of age or church affiliation. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come forward with arms crossed over your chest. Please fill out a communion card, found in the pew pocket, & hand it to an usher when you come forward. (Please be sure your card is readable.) **White grape juice is available please indicate to the server.**

Communion Song – *What a Feast of Love*

ELW #487

Post-Communion Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn– *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

ELW #290

Our Mission & Dismissal

Postlude: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Aaron David Miller

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~~ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ~~

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Family of Curt Arends and Faye Arends  
(son and sister-in-law of Martha Arends),  
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:  
Kris Foss, Clarke Grinde,  
Barb Hermanson, Jennifer Knutson

**ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS** December 28

**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.

**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! ☺

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI**

Today Dec. 28

**NO Sunday School**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service - Communion

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Monday Dec. 29

9a-noon Quilt Making

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday Dec. 30

9a-noon Quilt Making

9a-3p Bethany Quilters

Wednesday Dec. 31

Thursday Jan. 1, 2026

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! OFFICE CLOSED**

Friday Jan. 2

Saturday Jan. 3

Sunday Jan. 4

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Property/Trustees Mtg

**11:15 a.m. Budget Forum** –Come learn about the council's budget information