

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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November 7, 2026 – 5:00pm
November 8, 2026 – 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
Rev. Adam McDowell, Associate Pastor
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Rev. James Sharp, Missionary to Puerto Rico
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Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

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CALL TO WORSHIP "All Hail, King Jesus"

(Praise Team)
All hail, King Jesus, all hail, Emmanuel:
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity I'm going to praise Him,
And forevermore I will reign with Him.

(All)
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"Majesty"

Majesty, worship His majesty,
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE "Forever Reign"

(Praise Team)
You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me.
You are love, You are love on display for all to see.
You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in.
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.

(All)
You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling.
You are true, You are true even in my wandering.
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.
You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.

(Praise Team)
Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace; Light of the world forever reign.

(All)
You are more, You are more than my words will ever say.
You are Lord, You are Lord. All creation will proclaim.
You are here, You are here in Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God, You are God, of all else I'm letting go.

Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace; Light of the world forever reign.

(Praise Team)
My heart will sing no other name: Jesus, Jesus.
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(All)
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(We rise.)

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We**

have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father,

C **Send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING — Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house
and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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

PSALMODY Psalm 70

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
O LORD, make haste to help me!
C **Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!**
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

P Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, "Aha, Aha!"
C **May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!**
May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

P But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!
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.

SONG OF RESPONSE "Always"

(Praise Team)
My foes are many
They rise against me
But I will hold my ground
I will not fear the war
I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way
My help is on the way

Oh my God
He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear

His promise is true
My God will come through always
Always

(All)
Trouble surrounds me
Chaos abounding
My soul will rest in You
I will not fear the war
I will not fear the storm
My help is on the way
My help is on the way

Oh my God
He will not delay
My refuge and strength always
I will not fear
His promise is true
My God will come through always
Always

(Praise Team)
I lift my eyes up
My help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up
My help comes from the Lord

(All)
I lift my eyes up
My help comes from the Lord
I lift my eyes up
My help comes from the Lord

Oh my God
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EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

SONG OF RESPONSE "Sing to the King"

(Praise Team)
Sing to the King Who is coming to reign,
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Come, let us sing a song
A song declaring we belong to Jesus
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus.
Sing to the King.

(All)
For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Come, let us sing a song
A song declaring we belong to Jesus
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus.
Sing to the King.

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Lift up a heart of praise.
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus.
Sing to the King.
Sing to the King. Sing to the King.

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING — Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast,

and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(10:30 – During the Song of Response, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend "Kids of the Kingdom" children's church. They will return following the sermon.)

(We are seated.)

SONG OF RESPONSE "Soon and Very Soon"

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

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SERMON "Delayed"

Text: Matthew 25:1-13 – Pastor Adam McDowell

(We rise.)

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.
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.

(We are seated.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG "Here's My Heart"

(Praise Team)
Here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord
Here's my heart Lord
Speak what is true

I am found I am Yours
I am loved I'm made pure
I have life I can breathe
I am healed I am free

(All)
Here's my heart Lord
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Speak what is true

I am found I am Yours
I am loved I'm made pure
I have life I can breathe
I am healed I am free

(Praise Team)
You are strong You are sure
You are life You endure
You are good always true
You are light breaking through

(All)
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(A brief silence.)

P You illumine the Church with the hope of Your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of Your kingdom, that we might awaken to Your mercy and grace at work all around us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P You create and sustain the earth so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of Your creation; make us careful stewards of our common home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options *(especially for those we have named and those we name before You in our hearts…)*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter, help us to move more intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by Your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your steadfast love, heavenly Father, we entrust all for whom we pray; through 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

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

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.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(We are seated.)

SENDING SONG "Go Out As People of God"

(Praise Team)
Go out as people of God. Go out as people of hope.
Go out as people renewed. Your sins are forgiven,
You are made whole, Now walk in the light of God.

(All)
Go out as people of God. Go out as people of hope.
Go out as people renewed. Your sins are forgiven,
You are made whole, Now walk in the light of God.

(Praise Team)
We are the people God made as His own.
Made in His image, no longer alone.
His seal is on us, His Spirit divine,
Called to be people of God.

(All)
Go out as people of God. Go out as people of hope.
Go out as people renewed. Your sins are forgiven,
You are made whole, Now walk in the light of God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

"Go Out As People of God"