

108 West Maple Street Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin Thank you for worshiping with us. May God bless your day!



"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted on the earth." Psalm 46:10

Stewardship III

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church We Exist to Share Christ!

November 25/26, 2023

TO OUR VISITORS: Thank you for joining us for our worship today. It is a pleasure to have you with us and please come again soon. May God bless you through this celebration!

IF YOUR CHILD becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Parenting Room which is located just off the front entryway to the church.

HEARING LOOP devices available or please set hearing aid to telecoil.

LARGE PRINT Worship Folders (with entire liturgy) found in entryway to the church.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION about St. Peter's and its activities, please speak with one of the pastors to arrange an appointment or call the church office at 920-743-4431 during the week.

Series Theme: A Time for Everything

Stewardship is the lifelong management of all the resources God has given us. That includes a quickly-depleting resource called "time." So much competes for it. Taking the time to manage the time we have left has huge implications on how we individually and as a church use it for Christ and each other. Our Worship Series is called - "A Time for Everything" and draws attention to the precious time we have left in our lives. Make time to PRIORITIZE - time to PLAN – and time to PAUSE.

Worship Focus: A Time to Pause

Rest is something we usually do at the end, when everything is all done or when we are too tired to go on. For the Christian, it's different. We pause to thank God for everything good each week that we come to church. We find needed rest, spiritually, in God's promises. In this last week of the Church Year, our Savior does what he has done all year—point us to his Scriptures which assure us that because of Christ our king, we have all we need. Christ is on his throne in heaven, so we can sing with the hymn writer:



Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow. God, you are my God, and I will trust in you and not be shaken.

Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest in you alone, to rest in you alone.

(CW 834:1)

Order of Worship:	Morning Prayer, p. 207
Hymns:	620, 850, 748, 511
Psalm:	62A



Opening Hymn

620 O Worship the King

Stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Declaration of Grace

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever. **Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips.

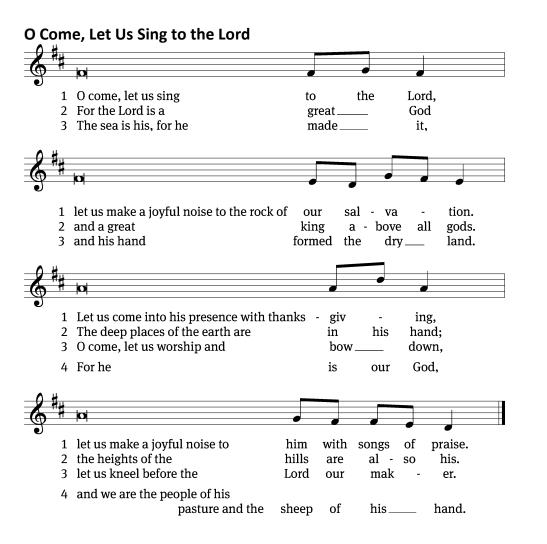


Hasten to save me, O God.



Jesus Christ is Lord of all, praise and thanks to God!





CW 208

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God! So we make every effort to enter that rest by resting, that is, by listening to the living and active Word of God.

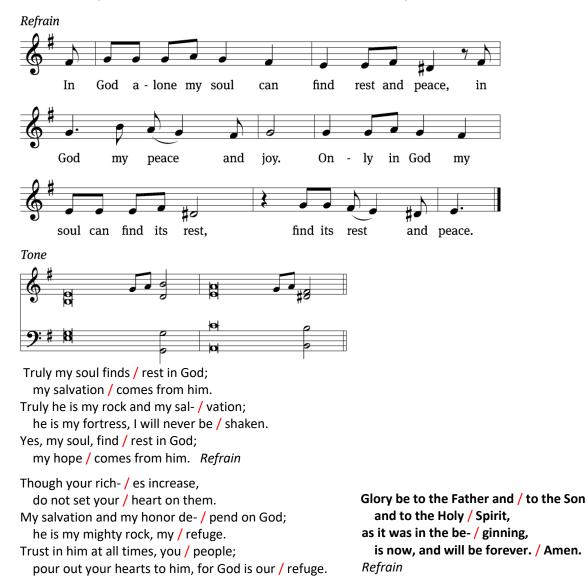
¹Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. ² In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. ³Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest. It happened just as he vowed when he said: So I swore an oath in my wrath, "They will never enter my rest." And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way: And God rested on the seventh

day from all his works. ⁵ And again in this statement: They will never enter my rest. ⁶ Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷ God again set a certain day, namely, "today," when he later said through David, as quoted before: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. ⁸ For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For the one who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. ¹¹ Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Hebrews 4:1-13



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Vocalists-Ellen Boyette and Marnie Ostrand

1.Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side	In You I rest, in You I found my hope
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain	In You I trust, You never let me go
Leave to thy God, to order and provide	I place my life within Your hands alone
In every change, He faithful will remain	Be still, my soul
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend	
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end	
2.Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake	3.Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
To guide the future as He has the past	When we shall be forever with the Lord
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake	When disappointment, grief and fear are gone
All now mysterious shall be bright at last	Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know	Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past
	be still, my soul, when change and tears are past
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below	All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below	

In You I rest, in You I found my hope In You I trust, You never let me go I place my life within Your hands alone Be still, my soul (X2)

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Second Reading

When we worship, we glorify Christ the King who gives us perfect rest in heaven.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ²And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, "Look! God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away." ⁵The one who was seated on the throne said to me, "Look, I am making everything new!" He also said, "Write, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me: It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty, I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

850 It is Well with My Soul

Children are welcome to come forward for the children's message after stanza 3

Sermon Text

Psalm 46:1-2, 10

¹God is our refuge and strength, a helper who can always be found in times of trouble. ²That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea. ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted on the earth."

A Time to Pause and Be Still

We Praise You, O God



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Be seated

Offering

Offering plates are located in the entryways to the sanctuary. You may mail your gifts to our church office or securely contribute online through a link found on our website, stpeterslutheran.net, or with the QR code to the right.

Please sign the Friendship/Guestbook and pass it on to others in the same pew. Then pass the book back to its original position. Please leave the sheet attached in the booklet.



Offering Hymn

748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly st. 1



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Prayer of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Let us praise the Lord.



The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Closing Hymn

511 Crown Him With Many Crowns

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Assistants in Worship (November 25/26)	Last Week
Preacher/Presiding Minister – Pastor Carl Schroeder	Weekend Services: 286
Organist – Leah Kuchenbecker	General: \$13,231
Broadcast – Levi Brunette	Building: \$200
	Missions: \$430
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The Radio broadcast is sponsored by the Wednesday morning Bible Class.

The Worship Folder is sponsored in praise and thankfulness for the 63 wedding anniversary of Wendell and Fern Vandertie by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Saturday	Sunday
(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(1)	(2)	(3)
7:30 /10:05 AM Worship 8:45 AM Sunday School	6:30 PM Adult Choir	4:15 Adult Membership Course (Library)	6:30 AM Bible Study at St. Peter's Social Hall	6:00 PM Griefshare (Library)		5:00 PM Worship w/comm.	7:30 /10:05 AM Worship w/comm. 8:45 AM Sunday
8:45 AM Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 15- 16 10:05 AM Worship Broadcast Online / Radio		(2.2.017)	Midweek Advent 1 Worship 10:00 AM AND 6:30 PM 5-6:30 PM PSC Confirmation Classes Grades 7-8 only	6:00 PM Shepherding Committee Meeting			School 8:45 AM Bible Study: Lifestyle Witnessing 10:05 AM Worship Broadcast Online / Radio

This Week at St. Peter's

Current Bible Studies:

Sunday:	8:45 – 9:45 am	Sunday Morning Bible Class: Stewardship Legacy;
		A <u>Time</u> for Everything (taught by Peter Brickner)
	8:45 – 9:45 am	Sunday School for students in preschool through grade 5.
Wednesday:	6:30 – 7:00 am	Breakfast Bible Study in St. Peter's Social Hall studying the
		Gospel of Mark (taught by Pastor Vertz)

Church News

In Memory of our sister, Judith Meier, whom the Lord carried home on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at the age of 94 and whose funeral was conducted by Pastor Joel Sauer at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on November 17, 2023. Her mortal remains were laid to rest at Grace Lutheran Cemetery in Valders, WI. *"Brothers we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

<u>Call Meeting</u> At the voters meeting on November 15, the congregation called Mr. Seth Arps to serve as 7-8 grade teacher/Athletic Director and Miss Kari Tiarks to serve as 5-6 grade teacher. Please keep both of them in your prayers as they deliberate where they may best serve.

<u>Christmas Parade</u>: Thank you to Miss Diener and the many people who put together our St. Peter's float for the parade and who marched in the parade! May God use us to share the true meaning of Christmas with Door County!

<u>Christmas Decorations</u> If you would like to make a monetary donation to help decorate the church, please send it to the church office or place it in the collection plate marked "Christmas Decorations." Thank you.

<u>Church Christmas Decorating</u> As it has been our tradition over the past few years, we will be decorating the church and school for Christmas on **Sunday, November 26, from noon-3pm**. We are seeking volunteers to help make the church beautiful. There will be snacks, beverages, and Christmas music during the decorating. Join us for some fellowship as we begin the Advent Season.

Sit.... Sip..... and Socialize is back for the Advent Season! The St. Peter's Outreach team will again be hosting a coffee hour immediately following the **10:00 am Wednesday morning Advent services** on **November 29, December 6 and December 13**. Please join us in the Social Room for coffee and snacks following the morning service.

The Shepherding Committee will be meeting Thursday Nov. 30 at 6:00 PM.

Advent Meals There will be Advent meals served from 5-6:00 pm on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13. These will be hosted by our LES team, CPO team, and Senior Choir. Thank you to our host teams!

<u>CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDERS</u> The Special Christmas SCRIP order form is located at both church entrances, as well as with our SCRIP Team. Feel free to look over one, fill one out and place your order with us. **Due date is December 3.**

Advent by Candlelight: It's Back!!!! Ladies, you won't want to miss this year's Advent by Candlelight on **Dec 3, 2023 at 1:00 pm** located in the St Peters Gym. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of visiting, beautiful music and delicious desserts/finger foods provided by your table host. All women of St Peter's, Salem and St John's are invited and encouraged to invite their family and friends to prepare their hearts for the Advent Season. There is no charge for this event but seating is limited. If you would like to reserve an individual seat or host a table, **please reserve by calling Dixie at 920-495-3926, by November 26.** (Hostesses to provide table settings, candles, holiday table decor and dessert or finger food for their table. Tables sizes are for 6 or 8- 10 people, if you have less than 6 you can possibly join another table. We will have limited pre-hosted seating also available) Let us know if you have questions. Thank you, *Ann VanderMissen, Dixie Flinn and Kari Carper*

Christmas Request: Increased tuition rates and lowered student discounts have created additional financial struggles for some of our school parents. Our CEEF for members and TAF for nonmembers can only stretch so far (especially TAF). If you are in the generous mood and feel the urge to be helpful to other Christians, consider donating for school tuition financial aid!

<u>Meditations</u> devotional booklets are available at both church entrances with a suggested donation of \$3.50 to cover our expenses for these devotionals. Thank you.

<u>Choir Christmas Concert</u> The weekend of **December 9/10** is our annual Choir Christmas Concert at 5pm on Saturday and 10:05 on Sunday. The choir has been busy preparing for this special worship. We pray that you enjoy this celebration of our Savior's birth in song.

**Please note that there will be NO service at 7:30 am on December 10.

<u>2024 Offering Envelopes</u> are available on the tables next to the library. Please pick up your envelopes. Please DO NOT use these envelopes until next year! Thank you for your support of your church as we share Christ together.

Christmas Giving Tree On display until January 1, you will see the giving tree by the Library. The Giving Tree gives you a wonderful opportunity to contribute to any of the following missions, organizations, and institutions: African Missions, Native American Missions, Germany Mission, Campus Ministry, Christian Life Resources, Manitowoc Lutheran High School, Martin Luther College, St. Peter's Building Fund, St. Peter's Hot Lunch Program, St. Peter's School, St. Peter's Tuition Assistance, St. Peter's Youth Group, Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and Institutional Ministries. Simply write



your check payable to St. Peter's with the name of your selected mission, organization or institution on the check or envelope and place it in the Christmas box next to the tree. Then take an ornament out of the basket for each mission, organization or institution you wish to support and hang them on the tree. Let's fill the tree with ornaments!

Upcoming Advent/Christmas Worship Opportunities:

<u>Midweek Advent I</u>- Wednesday, Nov 29, 10:00 am and 6:30 pm "Message of the Advent Candles"

<u>Weekend Worship with Lord's Supper</u> - Saturday, Dec 2 at 5:00 pm, Sunday, Dec 3 at 7:30 am and 10:05 am

<u>Midweek Advent II</u> - Wednesday, Dec 6, 10:00 am and 6:30 pm "Message of the Advent Candles"

<u>St. Peter's Christmas Concert</u>- Saturday, Dec 9, 5:00 pm and Sunday, Dec 10, at 10:05 am. (*No 7:30 am worship*)

<u>Midweek Advent III</u> – Wednesday, Dec 13, 10:00 am and 6:30 pm "Message of the Advent Candles"

Children's Christmas Worship- Saturday, Dec 16. 5:00 pm in the gym.

Weekend Worship with Lord's Supper - Sunday, Dec 17, 7:30 am and 10:05 am



Weekend Worship - Saturday, Dec 23 at 5:00 pm, Sunday, Dec 24 at 10:05 am (No 7:30 am worship)

Christmas Eve Worship - Sunday, Dec 24, 5:00 pm Candlelight, 10:00 pm Candlelight

Christmas Day with Lord's Supper- Monday, Dec 25, 10:00 am

<u>New Year's Eve Weekend Worship with Lord's Supper</u>- Saturday, Dec 30, 5:00 pm, Sunday, Dec 31 at 7:30 am and 10:05 am

Advent Collection for Joni's Pantry

Please support the St. Peter's Outreach Team's Advent collection by donating food and non-perishable goods to Joni's Pantry. A table will be set up by the mural at the top of the stairs at the Larch Street entrance from **November 29 through December 13** for donations.

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Large cans Bush baked	Ketchup	Granola bars (any kind)
beans		
Instant dry milk	Sliced black olives	Lemon juice
Spaghetti	Egg noodles	Rice Krispies
Golden Graham's cereal	Manwich sauce	Dill pickles
Small cans of green beans	Refried beans	Goldfish crackers
Instant lemon pudding mix	Animal crackers	Frosting (any flavor)
Juice boxes (not pouches)	Ziploc bags – snack, quart	Large size crock pot
	& gallon size	liners

Below are Joni's suggested items:

Gift Cards to Walmart or Tadych's

The Outreach Team thanks you for your support. Let's fill the pantry!

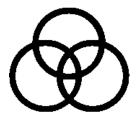




This is the last weekend of the **Church year**, which typically concludes the weekend of Thanksgiving.

We make use of an "annual pattern" of worship known as the Church Year. We follow the church year so that we walk with the Savior year by year to see and hear the great truths of His love for us and our relationship with him. Advent is the first season of the church year.

Like the earth year, the Church Year has a set of seasons. Unlike the earth seasons, church seasons do not mark changes in the weather. Instead, church seasons help us recall – once a year – the important events in the life of Christ.



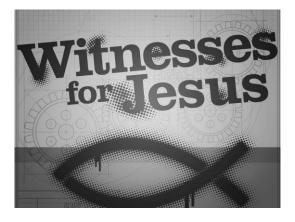
Christians also have added their own unique celebrations and adapted others to Trinitarian understanding. **Easter** is the principle feast day of the Church. It is the Son's Day of days as the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Our Lord. **Christmas**, The Nativity of Our Lord, celebrated on December 25, is the second great Christian feast and is most clearly the Father's Day. On this day, God gives His most precious gift to the world in the person of His Son, Jesus. Finally, **Pentecost** is celebrated with a specific focus on the Holy Spirit's presence, power and purpose. Pentecost is the Spirit's Day.

The Christian Church Year is retained in Christian Church bodies throughout the world for several reasons.

- 1- A regular calendar is helpful to keep Christ before us, as we celebrate what He has done and continues to do for us.
- 2- Christians consider the regularity of the Church year as a teaching aid, with the celebration of the events of Christ's life used to tell and retell the Good News.
- 3- Christians recognize that this life is not an end in itself. Christ's victory over death means that daily life focuses beyond the mundane to eternity. A calendar of Christian events unites present-day believers with those of the past as well as the future.

New Sunday Bible Study Opportunity

Beginning Sunday, December 3 at 8:45 am



Lifestyle Witnessing

"I wish I could share Jesus."

"I wish I was better equipped to talk about Jesus."

"How can I better seize the opportunities to talk to my family and friends about Jesus?"

"Christmas is coming and I want to invite my friend to church, but how?"

A couple years ago, St. Peter's participated in a self-assessment of our ministry. One of the areas that participants requested was training in sharing Jesus with others. This study helps to accomplish that goal. With the Christmas season upon us, this study will help you to share Jesus with your family and friends, as well as invite them to Christmas Worship with you.

What you will learn:

This study will encourage you and help you to share Jesus.

What you will take home:

Excitement!! Excited at being a child of God and equipped to share the gospel with your family members, neighbors and co-workers.

Lessons:

- Dec. 3 Begin with God's Word
- Dec. 10 Seize Opportunities
- **Dec. 17** Create Opportunities

Class starts on Sunday, November 5 at 8:45am in the Social Hall (*conveniently scheduled in between our Sunday morning worship.*) Drop off the kids at Sunday School, which meets at the same time, and join us.



Join Online: If you are not able to attend class in-person, you can join and participate with the class by using Zoom. Sign up on your computer/phone by going to zoom.us and creating an account. Email Pastor Sauer and he will send you the password to join the meeting (please do so before Sunday mornings). Thank you!

Hymn



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Hymn of the Day



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511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn



crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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St. Peters Ev. Lutheran Church and School

"We Exist to Share Christ"

1st and 3rd weekends

Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 7:30 am & 10:05 am

Sundays 10:05 am at stpeterslutheran.net

Local channel 989 – Wed. 9 am & 6 pm. Sun. 10 am & 7 pm.

Sundays 10:05 am on WDOR, 93.9 FM.



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Lord's Supper: Radio Broadcast:

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- **Worship Helps** Ready your soul for worship each week with these study questions...and answers...related to the appointed readings for the week.

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