

St. Peter Lutheran

December 2025 Newsletter

Dec. 3rd - Council Meeting. 7:30 p.m.

Dec 6th - Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. Study leader is Pastor Czymbor. Breakfast server is needed.

~ Dakota Jubilee is singing in Pierre at the Capitol at 1:00 p.m.

Dec. 7th - Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

~ Free Will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs' "Reaching the Unreached"

Dec. 8th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 14th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

~ Congregational Meeting to elect new officers and discuss Pastor's Salary

Dec. 21st - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

~ Muffin Sunday – Ladies K - V are asked to bring the Muffins

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Sunday School Program, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 25th – Christmas Day Worship service with Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 28th - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 1, 2026 – New Year's Day service, 9:00 a.m. Message focus – "The Book of Ruth"

Usher's List: Dec. 7 – Doug VanZee & Dwight Brenner

Communion Lay Assistant – Jeremy Fink

14 – Ervin Fink & Jack Hartmann

21 – Jeff Grosz & Jeremy Fink

28 – Jeris Cleveland & John Engelland

Cleaning List: Dec. 1 -7 Renee Engelland & Samantha Lau

8 – 14 Sara Wright & Tami Fink

15 – 21 Shelby Punt & Tammy Bamberg

22 – 28 Dee Fink & Renee Engelland

Dec. 29 – Jan. 4 Amy Cleveland & Andrea Wright



Go and Tell

In December, we anticipate the Advent of our Lord and look forward to celebrating the remembrance of His birth. Life is so precious that we often get excited and proclaim to many when we are expecting the arrival of a new child, whether it is our own or that of an extended family member or even a friend. There was approximately 4000 years of time from the Fall of Adam & Eve until the arrival of Jesus Christ, the promised and expected Messiah. During that time there were many faithful who trusted in God. Many of them recorded in the Biblical history for us to learn about. But there were many, most actually, whose knowledge of God and trust in Him grew dim and eventually went out. They lost sight of the future promise and new life through God's working of a miracle birth, such as every birth truly is, a miracle and blessing of God. In losing sight of that future result the lost sight of God Himself and instead of were distracted by the trappings of daily life.

I hope you have not lost sight of God and His future work as we await His second Advent where He will come to Judge the heavens and the earth. I hope that you are excited about preparing for the arrival of Jesus, along with me and a cloud of witnesses from the past, present, and future. We do many Advent activities in our household to help us teach the history and excitement of that first Advent in order to remind us of the work of God then, currently, and coming in the future. And as we teach and learn what the Lord has done it encourages and reminds us that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* (Hebrews 13:8) And that *"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."* (2 Peter 3:9).

I pray our song for this month, #44 **"Go Tell It On The Mountain"** and our verses for this month, **Psalm 9:1-2 "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High."** will help us in remembering God's working and His command and our obligation to proclaim to all the world what He had done and is doing.

I close here with some of the content from a great Bible study resource, bibleref.com.

What does Psalm chapter 9 mean? (from <https://www.bibleref.com/Psalms/9/Psalms-chapter-9.html>)

Psalm 9 opens with David's intention to praise the Lord joyfully for all His wonderful deeds. The acts David has in mind were probably military victories, by Israel, against her attackers. David remarks on the total victory possible through God's power; this imagines enemies staggering in their effort to escape (Psalm 9:1–3).

In the same style, David also praises God as a sovereign dispenser of righteous judgment. The term "the nations" often refers to the Gentile people—those not part of the nation of Israel. In that way, it is often used as a symbol of the ungodly world. God's destruction of those who reject Him, or oppose Him, is so thorough that it effectively erases their name from remembrance. Not even a memory of the wicked nations remains (Psalm 9:4–6).

Contrasting the annihilation of the wicked is God, forever in His position of power and status. From that vantage point, God administers justice and righteousness. David also describes God as a haven for those who are oppressed. The language here implies a high, fortified sanctuary. When the ungodly world attacks, those who have faith in the Lord can take refuge in Him. The Lord never forsakes or forgets those who belong to Him. Because of this, the natural reaction of God's people should be praise (Psalm 9:7–12).

After celebrating God's righteousness and justice, David calls on God to rescue him from enemies who hate him and place him in jeopardy of death. David's plea here is trusting, even though he gives no reason for God to save him other than pure grace. This song directly connects God's answer to prayer with instinctive praise from His people (Psalm 9:13–14).

David completes this psalm by previewing the total ruin of all who oppose God. All the wicked and all the nations that refuse to acknowledge God will perish. However, the needy will not be forgotten, and the hope of the poor will never perish. Though David is speaking of his own era, and his own experiences, this serves to foreshadow the total victory of Christ when He returns (Revelation 19:11–15). David closes Psalm 9 with the prayer that the Lord judge the nations, put them in fear, and remind them that they are simply men (Psalm 9:15–20).