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***This Week at St. Peter's  
Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2024***

**Prelude** "He Shall Feed His Flock," George Frederick Handel

**Gathering Hymn #265** "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven  
Came"

**Scripture Readings** Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55  
Luke 1:39-45

**Hymn of the Day #248** "People, Look East"

**Musical Offering by the Bell Choir** "O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel / Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"  
Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

**Communion Hymns:**

**#723** "Canticle of the Turning"

**#257** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**#292** "Love Has Come"

**Sending Hymn #267** "Joy to the World"

**Postlude** "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts"  
Camille Saint-Saens, Arr. Albin C. Whitworth

**Prayer of the Day:** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Prayer List Update:**

**The grieving friends and family of:** Jilly Endres (12/14 friend of B. McWilliams) and Gerhard Holleck (12/15 Pr. Christian's father)

**At Home:** Norma Avellar, Carolyn Dorné (B. McMillan's sister), Jonathan Lampson, Connor Mansbach (great grandson of Rev. Robert and Mary Mansbach)

**Under Hospice Care:** Timmy Coulter (nephew of B. McWilliams)

**In the Hospital:** Terri Emery (Dartania's mother with seizures of unknown origin)

Prayer requests can be given to the church office or be made online via the **Pastoral Care page on our website.**

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

**Greeters:** Carol Vrlik

**Ushers:**

**Liturgist:** Lucie Carlsen

**Communion Assts:** Kathy Glifort, Aline Glifort

**Altar Care:** Trish Crocker

**AV Tech:** Lou Meyer

**Coffee Hour:** Worship & Music Committee

The worship leader sign-up form is in the narthex.

**The Blue Christmas Service** will be **TODAY, Sunday, December 22 at 11:15 am.** This service is for those who feel at odds with or estranged from the general feeling of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. You may have suffered a personal loss: death of a loved one, divorce, illness or job loss. This service seeks to comfort you by reminding you that you're not alone and your feelings

**Collection for Seafarer's in Boston.** The Esther Circle with the help of everyone collected 24 dirty bags with a variety of goodies for the New England Seafarers Mission in Boston. A member of another congregation nearby volunteers there and will deliver them for us! Thanks again for your generosity!



**On-line Donations:** This QR code will connect you to a variety of giving options. Simply use the camera on your phone and hold it over the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



**Altar Flowers:** Today's flowers are from Aline Glifort in loving memory of her parents Carl and Helen Haje and Arnold and Frieda Glifort. The 2025 Flower Chart is now up on the sacristy door.

### December Worship Schedule:

- **December 22 @ 9:30 am Service**  
11:15 am, *Blue Christmas*
- **December 24 @ 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service**
- **December 25 @ 9:30 am Christmas Day Service**
- **December 29 @ 9:30 am Service**

The church office will be closed for the week starting on December 24 and will reopen on December 30.

Merry Christmas to all!

**Loaves & Fishes Pantry:** Thanks for all the holiday shopping gifts. LCOC was thrilled to get our donations because the pantries have signed up 40% more children than last year. Items on our pantry wish list for the next few weeks include crackers, pudding or Jello mixes and tissues. Your kindness is appreciated!

**Christmas Eve, One Service at 4:00 pm:** Why only one service? After several meetings, the Worship Committee made this recommendation which the council approved. For the last several years, the choir has made up almost half of the people attending, and the total number of attendees has been steadily declining. Other options were discussed, and the decision was not made lightly. Changing traditions are always difficult. Please refer to the article in the upcoming newsletter that will further explain the reasoning for the decision.

**Offering Envelopes for 2025** are in the narthex. If you don't see any for you, and you'd like some, please get in touch with Lois Thomas.

**Advent Season** is one of preparation for the actual event. Thus, the Christmas tree can be set up in the sanctuary, but it should not be decorated nor lit until the child arrives. Outside the sanctuary, trees may be decorated and lighted. In the same way, Christmas carols and music are not to be played until the birth of the child, however many traditions and congregations sing carols in the latter part of Advent as people enjoy singing their beloved favorites and the Christmas season is often brief.

### **IN THE COMMUNITY**

**Carol Sing, Monday, December 23 at 3:00 pm,** Performing Arts Center, 95 Southern Eagle Cartway, Brewster. Free!

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church Calendar  
Week of December 22**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 22**

9:30 am Worship / Live Stream, Sanctuary  
11:15 am Blue Christmas Service, Sanctuary

**MONDAY, December 23**

9:30 am Monomoy Bridge, Fellowship Hall  
1:00 pm Loaves & Fish Pantry (open until 3:00 pm)  
6:00 pm Men's AWOL, Luther Room

**TUESDAY, December 24—Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm Worship / Live Stream, Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, December 25—Christmas Day**

9:30 am Worship / Live Stream, Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, December 26**

**FRIDAY, December 27**

10:00 am Loaves & Fish (open until 12:00 pm)  
12:30 pm Monomoy Bridge, Fellowship Hall

**SATURDAY, December 28**

4:00 pm SMMC Worship, Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY, December 29**

9:30 am Worship / Live Stream, Sanctuary

