



## Welcome to ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 65 Walnut Street, Winnipeg

### **WHO ARE WE?**

St. Peter's is our people, disciples of Christ, gathered in a Christian congregation in the Lutheran tradition, and part of the world-wide Church of all God's people.

We gather for worship weekly to hear God's Word and share in the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. In our worship we use music in a variety of styles and projected words and images to help communicate the Gospel. Our preaching proclaims God's grace at work in our everyday lives.

We engage together in Bible study, fellowship, and ministry groups and enjoy congregational fellowship meals. We care for each other both informally and purposefully through pastoral care and lay ministry.

We reach out with God's love and grace to our community and our world. We support the work of Siloam Mission in Winnipeg, Kuwala Christian Girl's School in Malawi, Africa, and other similar ministries. We work together in refugee sponsorship.

*We invite you to join us in our life and mission together as Jesus' disciples.*

### **OUR HISTORY**

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in 1930 by German-speaking immigrant people. Gradually, it transitioned from German language only into bilingual German-English. Now, with a scarcity of bilingual pastors and most members fluent in English, worship will be primarily in the English language. We will continue, though, to provide care in German for members who still pray in their mother tongue.

Our beautiful church building, designed by the firm of renowned Winnipeg architect Etienne Gaboury, was dedicated in 1969.

Over the years St. Peter's has associated with several Lutheran Synods, until recently the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). In the early 2010s the congregation left the ELCIC and affiliated itself with the newly formed North American Lutheran Church (NALC).

The NALC was founded in 2010 as a Church *solidly in the mainstream of Confessional Lutheran Theology*. Since its launch it has grown from 17 to almost 600 congregations, 40 of them in Canada.



## THE MISSION OF THE NALC

Our mission is to live faithfully in the calling we have in the *Great Commandment* and to respond fervently to the mission entrusted to us in the *Great Commission*.

*The Great Commandment:* Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "Your shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39). *This commandment expresses the heart of Christian life—total love for God and a self-giving love for others.*

*The Great Commission:* Jesus said to his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). *This commission is the Church's global and ongoing mission: to make disciples, baptize, and teach, all under the authority and presence of the risen Christ.*

## THE CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

### Christ Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of Bible as the final source and norm for faith and life—according to which all doctrines must be judged. We accept the ecumenical Creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true and faithful witnesses to the Word of God.

## **Mission Driven**

We believe that the Church's mission is to proclaim the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. Making disciples—in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world—is the Church's joyful calling and urgent priority.

## **Traditionally Grounded**

We affirm the ecumenical Creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We embrace the historic forms and practices of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church that are consistent with Scripture—especially the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with all faithful Christians.

## **Congregationally Focused**

We strive to be a church body organized to support the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership—providing resources, relationships, and shared wisdom for faithful mission.

*These core values shape our community life, guide our actions, and keep us focused as we navigate opportunities and challenges together.*

<https://thenalc.org/en-us/>

## **HOW DO WE CONNECT?**

Join us for worship Sundays at 11 am. Or contact us at:

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