

St. Peter's Lutheran Church — Christ Lutheran, Manchester  
**Nativity of Our Lord — Christmas Day**  
**Joint Worship Service**  
December 25, 2023 — 10:00 AM

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✠ **Gathering** ✠

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

As we gather at the manger of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us purify our souls by confessing our sins.

*Silence for self-examination*

Lord Jesus, you have come from heaven to save us. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we try to save ourselves. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are God's Word made flesh who dwells with us. Christ, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we fail to share your grace and truth. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Emmanuel, God with us. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we do not seek your presence daily. Lord, have mercy.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

*The assembly stands.*

**Opening Hymn**

#50  
Green

**Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4  
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

### Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

### Canticle Of Praise #60 Green

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
 Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

*The assembly is seated*

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## ✝ Word ✝

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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### Kids in Christ

#### First Reading — *Isaiah 52:7-10*

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*A reading from Isaiah*

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see

the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>8</sup>Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.   **C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD<sup>1</sup> a new song, for he has done<sup>1</sup> marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup>**With his right hand and his<sup>1</sup> holy arm has he won for him-<sup>1</sup> self the victory.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made<sup>1</sup> known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight<sup>1</sup> of the nations.

<sup>4</sup>**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the<sup>1</sup> house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory<sup>1</sup> of our God.**

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you lands; lift up your voice, re-<sup>1</sup>joice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing to the LORD<sup>1</sup> with the harp, with the harp and the<sup>1</sup> voice of song.**

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound<sup>1</sup> of the horn shout with joy before the<sup>1</sup> king, the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the sea make a noise and all<sup>1</sup> that is in it, the lands and those who<sup>1</sup> dwell therein.**

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers<sup>1</sup> clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to<sup>1</sup> judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**In righteousness shall he<sup>1</sup> judge the world and the peo-<sup>1</sup> ples with equity.**

#### Second Reading — *Hebrews 1:1-12*

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*A reading from Hebrews*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

<sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sus-

tains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his

Father, and he will be my Son"? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." <sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." <sup>10</sup>And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; <sup>12</sup>like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."<sup>1</sup>

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel  
Hymn**  
#291  
ELW

*Sing stanzas 1 & 2 before the Gospel and stanzas 3 & 4 afterward.*

## Let Our Gladness Have No End



1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
3 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!



for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
our true ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Refrain*



On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to



save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr, unknown  
Music: NARODIL SE KRISTUS PAN, Bohemian carol, 15th cent.

## Holy Gospel — John 1:1-14

The Christmas Gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The

true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Message

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn  
Of the  
Day  
#42  
Green

## Of the Father's Love Begotten



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
prom-ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite  
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

## Nicene Creed

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all people, according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

O Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: enflesh yourself in your Church. Let its words "speak you," the Living Word. Let its teaching be a star of hope, burning in the world's darkness. Let its deeds of mercy draw many to kneel in awe and wonder before you, and there find life. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

O loveliest blooming rose, adorn the suffering of your persecuted followers with the beauty of your goodness. Be their refuge and Lord. Gladden their hearts. Shine so brightly in their lives that their enemies turn to you in repentance and faith. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

O mighty king and gentle friend, draw near to our congregations. Let us love you as heaven's gift and treasure. Caress us with your blessing. Let all we do help others to trust and worship you. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, our Emmanuel, lay your glory aside "to raise each child of earth." Bring light and life to those who do not know you or believe that you are God, veiled in human flesh. Give them eyes to see your divine love, and hearts to enthrone you as Lord, God, and King. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

O Heaven-born Prince of Peace, reconcile all peoples, nations, races, and tribes under your glorious and gentle rule. Lift up all whose forms bend low beneath life's crushing load. Free them from all that afflicts them. Make us all, from greatest to least, children of your light, and partakers of your peace. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

O Savior of our fallen race, bestow a measure of your peace to all who stand in harm's way, protecting others, in this death-shadowed world. Renew their courage and purify their hearts. Use their labors to bring hope and healing in communities fractured by hatred and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

O Wonderful Counselor, child of Mary, feel our human woe. Bring healing, peace, and hope to all who suffer and to all who mourn, even on this holy and joyful day. O Sun of Righteousness, rise upon them with healing in your wings! Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

O Redeemer, King of Glory, show us how you have triumphed over our ancient foes: sin, evil, and death. Accept our thanks for your love, which guarded, guided, and kept our loved ones in your care until their life's end. And now, Lord Jesus, dearest friend: With all the saints, bring us at length to heaven and into your endless day, where, with all whom you have redeemed, we shall praise, adore, and delight in you; for with your Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign forever and ever and unto the ages of ages. **C: Amen.**

## Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace. Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.



## OFFERING - WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY



Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering plate when you are dismissed for Communion **Or** use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. You may also mail your offering to the church office or give through our website [www.stpeterslutheranyork.com](http://www.stpeterslutheranyork.com)  
Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card.

*Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory. We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.*

### Offering

### Carol

#40

Green

## What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898  
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

## The Great Thanksgiving – The Eucharistic Meal

As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet.

Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil  
 by his body and blood from his death on the cross.

In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation.

He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread.

When we share Jesus' meal, we receive the Holy Spirit to live in hope and joy.

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **C: Amen.**

### Dialogue

**P** The Lord be with you. **R** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **R** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



### Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son, Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

### **Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the true bread that has come down from heaven; he is our Emmanuel, God with us. **C: Lord, feed us with your love.**

### **Distribution**

*The pastor will commune. Then she will commune those with infirmities in the pew. Then the congregation. Place your offering in the offering box. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and hold onto it. Then proceed to the assisting minister to carefully dip the host into the Blood of Christ. BE SURE NOT TO GET YOUR FINGERS WET. Return to your seat by the side aisle. Give thanks to God for such grace!*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

**C: Amen.**

Please join in singing during the distribution of the sacrament.

**Communion  
Carol**  
#98 Green

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,  
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way; as the Light of light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -  
in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the  
from the realms of end - less day, comes, the pow'rs of hell to  
as with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



scend - ing comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.  
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

Communion  
Hymn  
#45 Green

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*  
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## Post Communion Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## ✠ Sending ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.  
 What happened here today is just the beginning.  
 We have been given life, the Holy Spirit, and purpose.  
 Now, God sends us out to tell others of the great things we have experienced here.  
 God sends us into the world as the living Body of Christ.  
 We are blessed to be a blessing.

## Benediction

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day through the Word made flesh. **C: Amen.**

May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. **C: Amen.**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## Sending Carol

#70  
Green


## Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

### Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest! **C: Peace to God's people on earth!**  
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God**  
In memory of *Barbara Roach*, by Donna Roach & family.

**The Bulletins are given to the glory of God,**  
In memory of *Samuel & Ruth Shettel*, by Susan Shettel.

**The Christmas Candles were given to the glory of God**  
In memory of *the Callahan & Shettel families*, by Susan Shettel.

### Announcements

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the narthex.

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**The Christmas Poinsettias  
are given to the Glory of God . . .**



In memory of *Altoona family*, by Gail Bentzel.

In memory of our parents, *Charlie & Mary Innerst, and Richard & Millie Geisler*  
by Rick and Joan Geisler & family

In memory of my sister, *Sharon Blankenship*, by Rick and Joan Geisler & family

In memory of *our precious parents Mary Innerst & Charlie Innerst and Pat & John Miller*  
*our grandon's dad, Brent Amspacher & brother, Wyatt Amspacher*  
*our sweet sister & brother, Joleen Brown and Jim Miller.*  
by Chuck & Johnna Innerst & family.

In memory of *my husband, Dennis O. Nace*, by Carolyn A. Nace.

In memory of *Helen & Sam Quickel and Jean & John Yates, Quickel*, by their loving family

In memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Clinton H. 'Whitie' Roderick*, by their daughter, Annette Roderick

In memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rohrbaugh*, by their granddaughter, Annette Roderick

In memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Roderick, Sr.*, by their granddaughter, Annette Roderick

In memory of *Brent Schlegel*, by Pastor Schlegel

In memory of *Bill & Betty Schlegel*, by Pastor Schlegel

In honor of *David Stoverschlegel*, by Pastor Schlegel

In honor of *Brad Schlegel*, by Pastor Schlegel

In memory of *Samuel & Ruth Shettel*, by Susan Shettel

In memory of *departed family and friends*, by Sandy & Mearl Williams

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**MEMBERS & FRIENDS**



Susan Becker—Tom Brusano—Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Don Gise—Shelva Gise—Bruce Harget—Cheryl Hibner—Samantha Hilker—Ken Humphreys—Marsha Humphreys—Lori Joseph—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Michele McFarland—Philip Michael—Brenda Croumer Miller—Pr Judy McKee—Charlie Neff—Howan Neff—Scott Neff—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Bill & Rachel Sanders—Nancy Stough Miller—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—Lois Yates—Stephen Young—family & friends of Dot Barnett.

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Evelin Burgos—Stu & Linda Eisenhart—Bill Everhart—Don Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Carla & Mike Lehr—Jean Leiphart—John Lehr—Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

## POTLUCK BRUNCH PARTY AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, DECEMBER 31, 10:30 AM

St. Peter's Lutheran

Carol singing following to follow.



## EPIPHANY WORSHIP

Sundays, JANUARY 7 thru FEBRUARY 11

At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 W. Springettsbury Ave., York

8:00 AM — Early Service [No 8:45 AM service at St. Peter's]

At Christ Lutheran, Manchester — 10:30 AM

\*ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 3:30 PM — at St. Peter's

\*\* Sunday, FEBRUARY 18 — Worship will resume at St. Peter's Lutheran

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**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
947 North George Street, York PA 17404  
8:45 AM—Worship Service

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Terri Schroll      Secretary  
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### This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday  
Holiday—Office Closed  
Wednesday & Thursday  
8:00 AM — 1:00 PM  
Friday  
OFFICE CLOSED