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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

We are here because God wants to be with us in a special way.

We are here because we want to be with God and with others who belong to God.

We are here because others need us to be here with them.

We are here because God has called us together.

We are holy people in the holy presence of God.

Let us prepare ourselves to be with God together.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude During the Prelude, please prepare for worship using the Psalm.

Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

²In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

Confession & Forgiveness

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

As we prepare to come into the light of Christ, let us call to mind our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for self-examination.

Lord Jesus, You call us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess that we have tried to hide our sins and stay in the shadows. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, You come with God's light of compassion and love. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess our weakness and seek the Spirit's strength. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, You come with signs of healing and new life. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us when we do not see your presence in our lives. Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.**

LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

Second Lesson *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all

things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

P: Alleluia.

C: Alleluia. You shall go to all to whom I send you.*

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Alleluia. (Jer. 1:7, 8)

Holy Gospel *Luke 4:21-30*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six

months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Apostles' Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Prayer of the Church

As the Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so with the Son, we are bold to pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all people, according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Give refuge to all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit, especially those suffering from COVID, those caring for children and the elderly, and those we name before you..... God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Bless the gifts of children and young adults in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to welcome their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.

P: 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 box when you are dismissed for Communion. Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card. **You may also give by text (717) 366-6865 or online at www.StPetersLutheranYork.com.**

*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.*

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.

Offertory Prayer

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.

God of all creation, all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Dialogue

Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus *Please sing softly*

C: Holy, holy, holy! The LORD of hosts is holy!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, O God. You surround us with your glory and mercy, and in the splendor of your heavenly light you lead us through the darkness of this world. You led your people Israel by a pillar of fire, as you delivered them from oppression and brought them to the promised land. By the light of Bethlehem's star you led the sages to your beloved Son, revealing him to the nations as King of kings and Lord of lords. In words, signs and wonders your Son gave the light of hope to the disappointed and healing to the disenchanting. Then, at the appointed time, he stretched out his hands on the cross

showing forth the brilliance of a life freely given, that all may have life in him.

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.

In joy we proclaim the mystery of faith: **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Gracious Father, we give you thanks for the light of our Lord's suffering and his victory over the grave. We rejoice that you have made us your people, objects of Christ's redeeming love. We pray that by your Holy Spirit you will bless and sanctify this Holy Communion, that we may be illumined in faith, renewed in the forgiveness of sins, and joyous in our hope for your eternal kingdom, as we partake of Christ's body and blood.

C: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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—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.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

C: Amen. Dwell in us, Lord Jesus, the Light no darkness can overcome.

Distribution of the Sacrament

The pastor will commune.

*She will then commune those with mobility needs in their pews. Then the ushers will dismiss worshipers to come down the center aisle, receive the host, and **return to their seats by the side aisle.***

When all have communed, the service continues.

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

Nunc Dimittis

Women: **Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;**

Men: **your word has been fulfilled.**

Women: **My own eyes have seen the salvation**

Men: **which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**

Women: **A light to reveal you to the nations**

Men: **and the glory of your people Israel.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey.

Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **C: Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song

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O Word of God Incarnate

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Let Christ's light shine in you. C: Thanks be to God.

We thank you to our supply pastor, Pastor Richard Jorgensen.

2022 Offering Envelopes & Contribution Statements are located in the narthex.

Community Meal — Sunday, FEBRUARY 13, 11:00-12:30 PM

A Tribute Gift to the Memorial Fund was given to the glory of God

In memory of *Mildred Zeigler*, by Bob Zeigler.

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God Has a Mission!

As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching and teaching of the Word of God to all people.

PRAYERS for MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Brusar—Evelin Burgos—Dick Crone—Rich Davis—Sharon Dietz—Cindy Dennis—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Frank Guerrini & family—Bruce Harget—Mike Hinkle Jere Hohenwarter—Gary & Karen Hollenbough—Phil Knobloch—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Deborah McIntyre—Philip Michael—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Shirley Rearich—Betty Roach—Donna Roach Rick Robinson—Jerry Schrum George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—Chris Thatcher—James Thompson—Jeanette Tracey—Kelsey Wagner—Amber Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Mearl Williams.

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January 23, 2022

OFFERING

General \$ 4,225.00	Masonry \$ 403.00	Community Meal \$ 5.00
Altar Flowers \$ 300.00	Bulletins \$ 180.00	Eternal Candle \$ 20.00

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8:45 AM—Worship Service

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This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 AM — 1:15 PM

Friday
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