





Music: Plainsong

## Hymn Of Praise

*Isometric*  
#229  
Blue

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, 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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## First Reading — *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*A reading from Jeremiah*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their

ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after

those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

## Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;  
God shall help her at the break of day.**

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

**<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow,  
and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.**

<sup>11</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

**<sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

## Second Reading — *Romans 3:19-28*

### *A reading from Romans*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

<sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he

himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what

law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

**Celtic  
Alleluia**  
#174  
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**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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*Alleluia.* If you continue in my word, you are truly <sup>1</sup> my disciples, <sup>\*</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will <sup>1</sup> make you free. *Alleluia.* (John 8:31-32)

**Holy Gospel — John 8:31-36**

The Gospel According to John

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

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

**The Message**

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

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

Hymn  
Of the  
Day  
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## Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;  
2 Theirs was a false, mis - lead - ing dream who thought God's law was giv - en  
3 And yet the law ful - filled must be, or we were lost for - ev - er;  
4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;  
5 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it,



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us  
that sin - ners might them - selves re - deem and by their works gain  
there - fore God sent his Son that he might us from death de -  
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -  
the God who saved us by his grace; all glo - ry to his



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for  
heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to bring the  
liv - er. He all the law for us ful - filled, and thus his  
ceas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our  
mer - it. O tri - une God in heav'n a - bove, you have re -



all the world a - tone; he is our me - di - a - tor.  
in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.  
Fa - ther's an - ger stilled which o - ver us im - pend - ed.  
neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.  
vealed your sav - ing love; your bless - ed name we hal - low.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book*, 1912, alt.  
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL. *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

## 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

### Prayers of the Church

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy and Eternal Father, by the love and mercy of your Son Jesus, heal the church's many divisions. Bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body sharing the truth of Jesus Christ. God of grace. **C: hear our prayer.**

Grant us to appreciate the works of your hands that have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Give us hope that when the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Be our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer with illness, grief, or other distress, especially those we name before you now....

*(pause)....* Be their rest and comfort. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Softener our hearts as you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected signs of your love, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people seeking to live out their baptism. Stir in us all a desire for your wisdom. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

Accept our thanks that you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of eternal salvation and especially for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther. Give us courage to hold fast to your Word as we long for the day when we will see your new creation. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; 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.

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.

*The assembly is seated.*

## 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.*

## 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.

*The ministers make ready the bread and wine*

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**



## Dialogue

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.  
 ☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.  
 ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 ☑ 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

We praise you, Almighty God, for your faithfulness to us. We thank you for the promise of the new covenant to the houses of Israel and Judah, whereby all people will know you and praise you. In the fullness of time you sent your Word of Truth, Jesus Christ, who, in taking our human form, redeemed us, though we were lost, with His holy suffering and innocent death, claiming us as His own, giving us His kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit you call, gather, enlighten and sanctify us. By that same Spirit, bless these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, signs of your new and everlasting covenant 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

As we remember before you our Lord's sacred Passion, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His return to make all things new, we ask you to keep us ever steadfast in him who is your Word made flesh, the One who is your eternal Truth, Jesus.

**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 — 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 and He is the heavenly Bridegroom who welcomes the Church as His beautiful bride.

Happy are those who are called to the marriage feast of the Lamb.

**C: Blessed be God forever.**

## Agnus Dei

♪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

### 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 and then take an empty cup. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and then proceed to the assisting minister to receive the Blood of Christ. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your emptied cup into the bowl of water. 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.**

### 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. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. **C: Amen.**

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### ✠ Sending ✠

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

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### Benediction

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

**Sending  
Hymn**  
#230  
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## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

### Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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**Hand Bell Rehearsal — Thursdays, 6:30 PM — at St. Peter's Lutheran**

**Reformation Day — OCTOBER 31**

**All Saints Sunday — NOVEMBER 5**

**Annual Congregational Meeting — Sunday, NOVEMBER 19**

**“Hope Pursued” Women’s Conference** [Christ Lutheran Church, Manchester]  
**Saturday, NOVEMBER 4, [9:00 AM -12:00 PM]**

The event will include several speakers with Pr Beth Schlegel giving the main sermon.  
COST: \$20 Brunch included. Forms to attend are located outside the sanctuary.  
*Return form to Christ, Manchester by November 1.*

### **Announcements**

**Gwenever Griest**, daughter of *Jennifer & Dewayne Griest* and granddaughter of *Chuck & Johnna Innerst*, will be valedictorian of her graduating class in June from Capital Area School for the Arts located in Harrisburg PA. Congratulations to Gwenever and to her family.

The **annual audit** of the congregation’s finances is underway. Please report any possible discrepancies with your individual giving statements to Fred Botterbusch.

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### **MEMBERS & FRIENDS**



Susan Becker—Tom Brusan—Evelin Burgos—Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Don Gise—Shelva Gise—Bruce Harget—Cheryl Hibner—Samantha Hilker—Ken Humphreys—Marsha Humphreys—Lori Joseph—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Philip Michael—Brenda Croumer Miller—Charlie Neff —Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Emma Smyser—Nicole Smyser—Michelle Solkenroth—Nancy Stough Miller—Mia Snyder—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—Lois Yates—Stephen Young.

### **REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—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

**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God**

**In memory of *Clinton H. Roderick Sr.*, by his granddaughter, Annette Roderick.**

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### **OCTOBER 22, 2023**

#### **OFFERING**

General \$ 2,140.00

HVAC \$ 179.44

Facility Use \$ 40.00

# 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 & teaching of the Word of God to all people. We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving, in worship, fellowship, and witness to Jesus Christ!

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## We belong to:

- ◆ The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
- ◆ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- ◆ The Lower Susquehanna Synod—Bishop James Dunlop.
- ◆ The York Conference—The Rev. Stanley Reep, Dean  
Trinity, Wrightsville; St. James, Hellam; St. Mark, York; Advent, York; Christ, York; Union, York; St. Matthew, York; St. Jacob, York New Salem; Shiloh; Trinity, York; Grace, York; Zion, York; St. Peter's, York; St. Paul, York; Luther Memorial, York; Christ, Spry; St. James, York
- ◆ We are companions with the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and sister congregation to Iyunga Parish. Bishop / Rev. Geoffrey Mwakihaba.
- ◆ We are partners with Christ Lutheran Church, Manchester, PA

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### **This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday — Thursday  
**8:00 AM — 1:00 PM**

Friday  
**OFFICE CLOSED**