

# 24th Sunday after Pentecost



**St Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost**  
November 12, 2023 – 8:45 AM

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✝ **Gathering** ✝

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

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**Prepare now to give thanks to God:** Place an envelope in the offering plate on the way to Communion *or* use the QR code *or* download the Vanco Mobile app on your smart phone. Search on “York” and choose St Peter’s Lutheran. It’s easy! Give thanks generously for God’s abundant grace.

## 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.**

Lord Jesus, you look on us with compassion and seek us when we are lost. Lord, have mercy. **C: Forgive our straying from your path and help us to forgive others. Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have mercy on all who need healing and comfort. Christ, have mercy. **C: Forgive us when we forget to turn to you in our troubles. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you plead for sinners at the throne of judgment. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we try to defend ourselves instead of trusting you. Lord, have mercy.**

*The presiding minister announces God’s forgiveness with these or similar words.*

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 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.**

### Apostolic Greeting

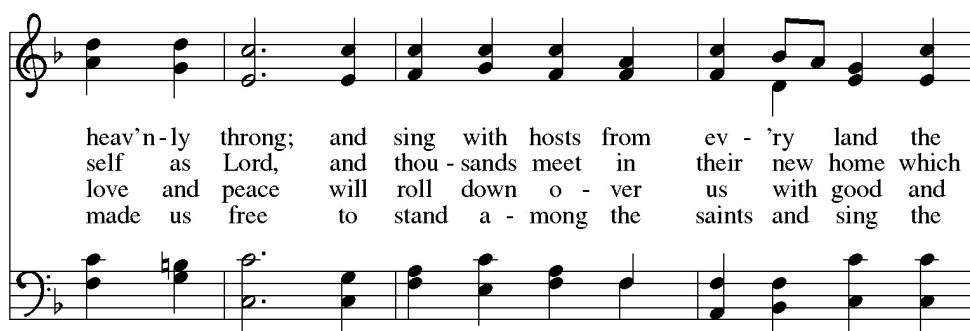
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn  
Of Praise  
#441  
ELW


## Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the  
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. composite  
Music: LOBT GOTTE, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561  
Text st. 1 © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress; text sts. 2–4 © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 — Amos 5:18-24**

*A reading from Amos*

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; <sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festi-

vals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

**Psalm 70**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to de-<sup>l</sup>iver me; O LORD, make <sup>l</sup>haste to help me.

<sup>2</sup>**Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth-<sup>l</sup>er dismayed;  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over <sup>l</sup>me turn back, because they <sup>l</sup>are ashamed.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be <sup>l</sup>glad in you;  
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great <sup>l</sup>is the LORD!”**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am <sup>l</sup>poor and needy; come to me speedi-<sup>l</sup>ly, O God.

<sup>6</sup>**You are my helper and <sup>l</sup>my deliverer; O LORD, <sup>l</sup>do not tarry.**

**Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*A reading from 1 Thessalonians*

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means

precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia.* Keep awake therefore, for you do not know  
on what day your Lord is coming. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 24:42)

## Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

The Gospel According to St. Matthew

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for

our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

## The Message

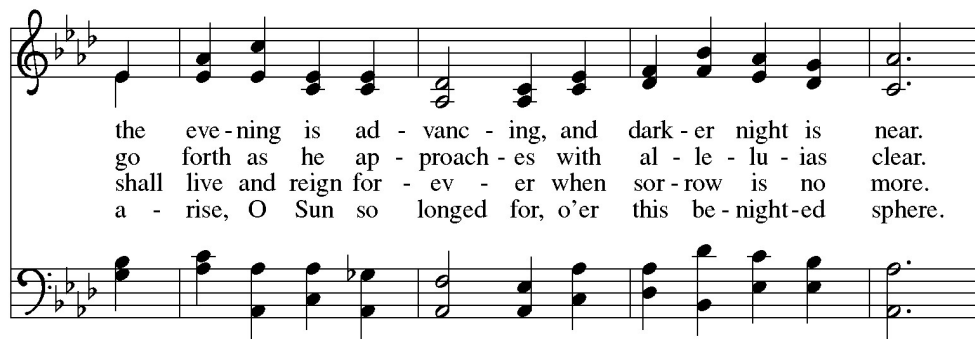
*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

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

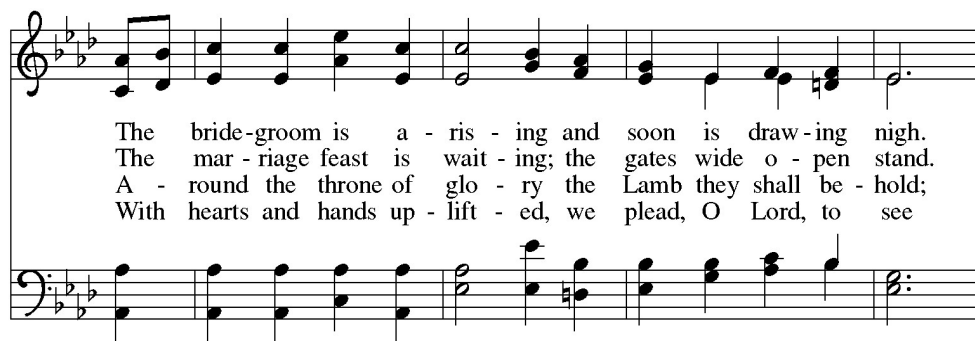
Hymn  
Of the  
Day  
#25  
Green

## Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907  
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

## 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.**

### **Prayers of the Church**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray to the Father for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

Father in heaven, grant your Son Jesus to come quickly to your people, bringing the fullness of your salvation. By your Holy Spirit, center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith as we worship you and receive the means of grace, and send us out to live in your justice and truth. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Restore your creation, corrupted by humanity's sin. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Let your justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. Support the veterans of this community, and provide for their needs. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Provide for all in need and especially those who experience homelessness or hunger. Support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are grieving or suffering this day, especially those we name now..... (*pause*)..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Fill our worship with hymns to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Accept our thanks for our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve, and grant us all to long for the day when Christ will come to bring the new heaven and the new earth. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Heavenly Father, remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

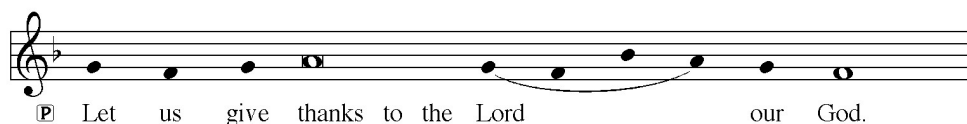
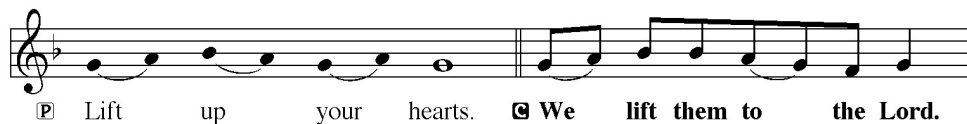
*The ministers make ready the bread and wine*

### 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





### 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

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. **C: Through him, with him, 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.**

✠ **Sending** ✠

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

**Benediction**

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

**Sending Hymn**

#744  
Blue

**Soon and Very Soon**

1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



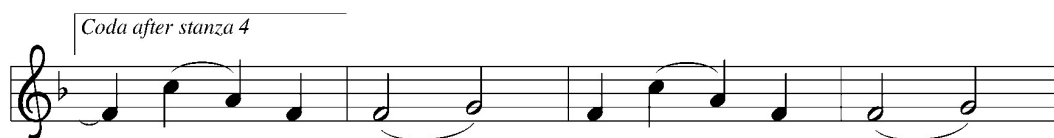
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 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

**Thank you to the supply pastor Pastor George Fitch.**

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

In memory of *Robert E. Rohrbaugh*, by his granddaughter, Annette Roderick.

**Pr Schlegel will be on Vacation—**

While the pastor is away, Pastor Stan Reep will be on call.

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

**2023 Annual Report** will be available NOVEMBER 12 in the narthex.



**COST: \$16.00**

**Deadline to order: Monday, NOVEMBER 27**

Order forms are included in the Parish Visitor and available outside the sanctuary or in the church office.

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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—Fabian Marro—Michele McFarland—Philip Michael—Brenda Croumer Miller—Pr Judy McKee—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Emma Smyser—Nicole Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—Lois Yates—Stephen Young—the family & friends of Dick Crone.

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Evelin Burgos—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

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**NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

**OFFERING**

General \$ 1,609.53

Masonry \$ 150.00

Community Aid \$ 187.65

HVAC \$ 55.00

Capital Improvement \$ 25.00

# 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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**947 North George Street, York PA 17404**  
8:45 AM—Worship Service

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

Monday thru Thursday  
**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Friday  
**OFFICE CLOSED**