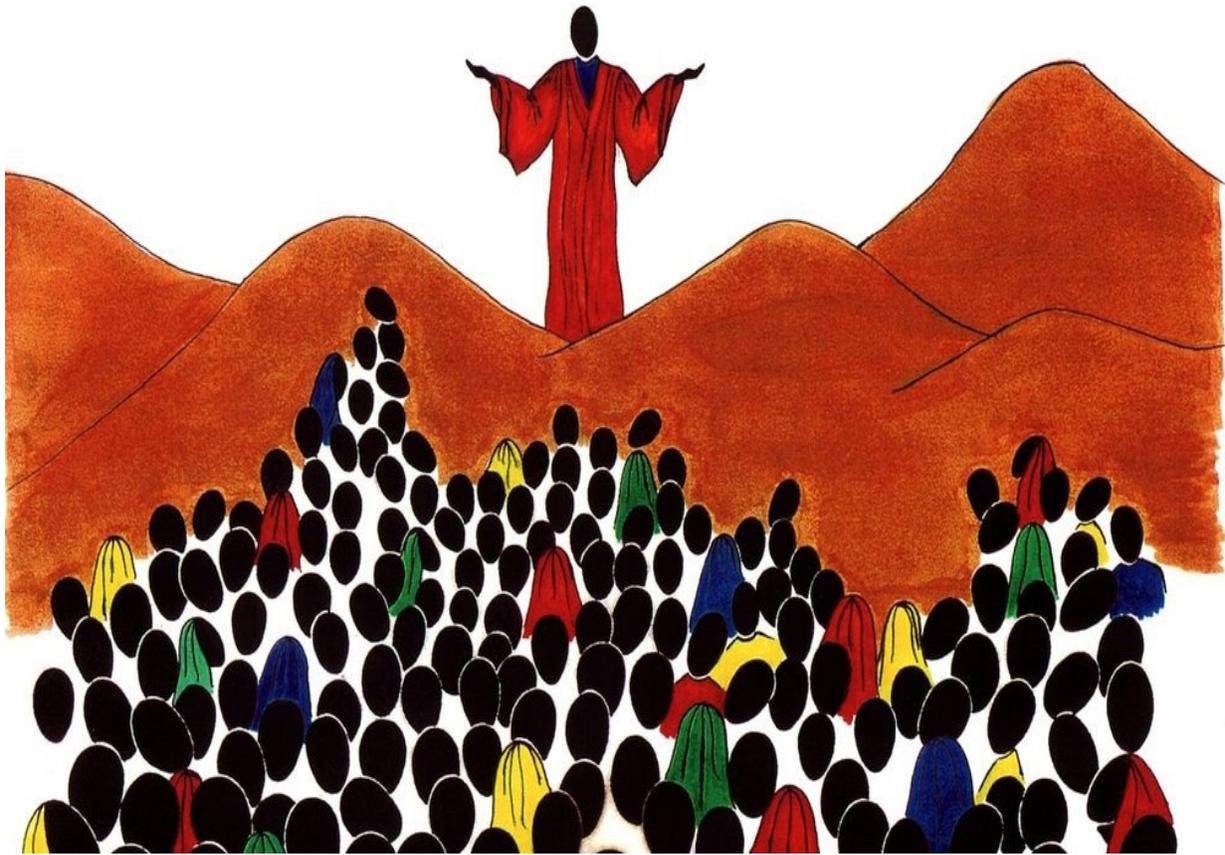


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Gathering

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 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on his law ¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither;
everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹ with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wick- ¹ ed is doomed.**

Confession & Forgiveness

In the Name of the Father and of  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

LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Second Lesson *1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—

whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Alleluia.

C: Alleluia. Rejoice, and leap for joy, * for surely your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia. [Luke 6:23]

Holy Gospel *Luke 6:17-26*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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, Son, and Holy Spirit, revealed in Jesus Christ, Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church, speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Search the hearts of those who govern, and grant that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Stand with those who tell the truth and those who challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer, especially those w3 name before you now....God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Renew our congregations in our shared mission. As we plan and dream for the future you are preparing, inspire us by the examples of Martin Luther and all the reformers. Bless new projects and new ministry partnerships. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Accept our praise and thanks for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you. Give us unending hope in the resurrection of the dead as we trust the signs of Jesus, risen from the dead. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

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.

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

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Song

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To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
 2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
 poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,
 all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the



ev-er near,
 right up-hold,
 love ex-pressed, al-le-lu-ia!
 church, re-joice,

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Dismissal

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

Community Meal — TODAY, 11:00-12:30 PM**Easter Flower Orders**

COST: \$10.50—Tulips COST: \$11.50—Lilies

Deadline: MARCH 20

Order Forms are available in the narthex or you may call the church office at 717-854-0589.

Payment is due when you order the flowers.

PRAYERS for MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Bruson—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.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Don Everhart—Bill Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Gloria & Phil Knobloch—Carla & Mike Lehr—Jean Leiphart—Joanne V. Martin—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper—Bob Zeigler

February 6, 2022**OFFERING**

General \$ 5,207.96	Masonry \$ 350.00	Community Meal \$ 224.00
Capital Improv. \$ 120.00	Youth \$ 210.00	Bulletin \$ 50.00

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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.

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 Edward Mwaikali.
- ◆ We are partners with Christ Lutheran Church, Manchester, PA

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This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday
OFFICE CLOSED