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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 37:1-12, 41-42

¹Do not fret yourself because of ¹ evildoers; do not be jealous of those ¹ who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither ¹ like the grass, and like the green grass ¹ fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD¹ and do good; dwell in the land and feed ¹ on its riches.

⁴**Take delight ¹ in the LORD, and he shall give you your ¹ heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD and put your ¹ trust in him, and he will bring ¹ it to pass.

⁶**He will make your righteousness as clear ¹ as the light and your just dealing ¹ as the noonday.**

⁷Be still be-¹ fore the LORD and wait patient-¹ ly for him.

⁸**Do not fret yourself over the ¹ one who prospers, the one who succeeds in ¹ evil schemes.**

⁹Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads on-¹ ly to evil.

¹⁰**For evildoers shall ¹ be cut off, but those who wait upon the LORD shall pos- ¹ sess the land.**

¹¹In a little while the wicked shall ¹ be no more;

you shall search out their place, but they will ¹ not be there.

¹²**But the lowly shall pos- ¹ sess the land; they will delight in abun- ¹ dance of peace.**

⁴¹But the deliverance of the righteous comes ¹ from the LORD; he is their stronghold in ¹ time of trouble.

⁴²**The LORD will help them and ¹ rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek ref- ¹ uge in him.**

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 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.**

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 *The cantor will sing once and the congregation may repeat in either language.*

Of Praise

Gloria

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**May be sung as a round.*

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies; in our words and deeds help us to be like him through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

God engages us in holy conversation – speaking and listening. Let us open our ears and hearts to hear God's voice in the words spoken to us. Let us hear the good news of Jesus risen from the dead!

First Reading — *Genesis 45:3-11, 15*

A reading from Genesis

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you

who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come— so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — *1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50*

A reading from 1 Corinthians

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a

spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Alleluia

***Alleluia.* Love your enemies, and you will be children of ^lthe Most High;* forgive, and you will ^lbe forgiven. *Alleluia.* (Luke 6:35,37)**

Holy Gospel — *Luke 6:27-38*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you

hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

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.

Lord, Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy, just as we have first received mercy. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Look upon our world with mercy, and grant us to delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Help us to disagree respectfully and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Console hearts that long for your mercy and forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled, especially those we name before you.....God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes, and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Accept our thanks and praise for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. 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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**Sending
Song**
LS 125

Forgive Our Sin as We Forgive

1 "For - give our sins as we for-give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent-ment cease;

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

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Dismissal

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE —

MARCH 2, 3:30 PM—St. Peter's **7:00 PM** — Christ Lutheran, Manchester

The Altar Flowers were given to the glory of God

In memory of *Clinton H. 'Whitie' Roderick*, by his daughter, Annette Roderick.

A Tribute Gifts was given to the General Fund

In memory of *Helen Quickel*, by Joe & Venona Detrick.

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.

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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 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 Kim Shayda—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 13, 2022

OFFERING

General \$ 1,860.00

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This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday
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