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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 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places
of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes,

for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!

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

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer. **C: Amen.**

Let us make confession to God.

Silence for self-examination.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who in true repentance confess their 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.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen**

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray... Eternal God, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 prepare to celebrate new life by repentance through prayer, fasting, and care for the poor.

First Lesson — *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

A reading from Genesis

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land

to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson — *Philippians 3:17–4:1*

A reading from Philippians

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from

there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Cantor sings:

Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

C: The Son of Man must be lifted up,* that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
(John 3:14-15)

Holy Gospel — *Luke 13:31-35*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’” ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the message.

**Hymn
of the
Day**
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Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea - ry, blest re - deem - er, whom we love,
2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, breath - ing no re - pen - tant vow,
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove:
though we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing, see your thorn - en - cir - cled brow?
may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, gazed up - on the sin - ner's fall;
Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest;
till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless - ed Sav - ior's side,



yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all.
on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
grav - en in our hearts for - ev - er, dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–1498; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–1896, alt.
Music: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE, Hernhut, c. 1735

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, creator 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**

The Prayer of the Church

Drawn close to the heart of God our Father, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy One, gather your church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and help us pay attention to the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

Raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

Hear us when we cry to you. Look with mercy on those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving. We pray especially for those we name now..... Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

By your Holy Spirit, kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents and grandparents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

Accept our thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of 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.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

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

Let us pray. Compassionate God,

C: we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that, in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C; Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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**

Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **C: Amen.**

Sending

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

Benediction

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

Sending Song

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God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The Disciple Weekly is given to the glory of God

In honor of Pastor Beth Schlegel and her service to St. Peter's, by Annette Roderick.

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Community Meal — TODAY, 11:00-12:30 PM

Council Meeting — Tuesday, MARCH 15, 7:00 PM

Lenten Vesper Service — Wednesday, MARCH 16, 7:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran, York

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 Brusar—Evelin Burgos—Dick Crone—Rich Davis—Sharon Dietz—Cindy Dennis—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Shelva 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—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Mearl Williams—the family & friends of Kim Shayda.

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—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper—Bob Zeigler

MARCH 6, 2022

OFFERING

General \$ 3,405.37 Masonry \$ 120.00
Easter Flowers \$ 22.00 Capital Improvement \$ 399.00 Lent \$ 142.00

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 and teaching of the Word of God to all people. We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving.

—Wednesdays in Lent—

“Parables of Jesus”

Stories from the Gospel of Luke

LENTEN EVENING VESPERS

—7:00 PM—

MARCH 16—23—30—April 6

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25 W. Springettsbury Ave. York

Livestream: YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCFdMzkJo_Xvbdkx2IYlg

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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
OFFICE CLOSED