4th Sunday In Lent



St Peter's Lutheran Church March 19, 2023

St. Peter's Lutheran, York

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Sunday, March 19 — 8:45 AM

Gathering

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



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 smartphone. Search on "York" and choose St Peter's Lutheran. It's easy! Give thanks generously for God's abundant grace.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please meditate on the Psalm during the prelude.

Psalm 23

'The LORD' is my shepherd; I shall not ' be in want.

²He makes me lie down'in green pastures and leads me be-'side still waters.

³He re-1 vives my soul and guides me along right pathways 1 for his name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall 'fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they 'comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who 'trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is 'running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of me life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Confession & Forgiveness

In the Name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self examination

Most merciful God,

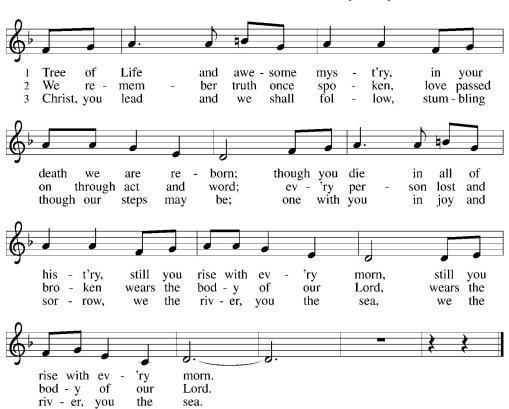
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew

us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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.**



Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own; stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light. Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright.

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

Kyrie eleison: C: Lord, have mercy. C: Christ, have mercy. Kyrie eleison: C: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

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

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father 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.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from 1 Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his

stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." "Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Sam-uel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eves, and was handsome. The LORD said. "Rise and anoint him: for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Second Reading *Ephesians 5:8-14*

A reading from Ephesians

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

Gospel Acclamation The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Jesus says, I am the light of the world;*
whoever follows me will have the light of life. [John 8:12]

Holy Gospel John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

'As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" "He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to

Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." 13They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." 18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but we do not

know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 25 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him. saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do

not know where he comes from, and vet he opened my eyes. 31We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." 40Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The assembly is seated.

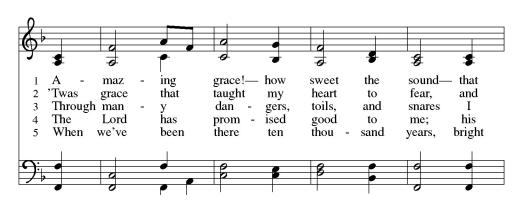
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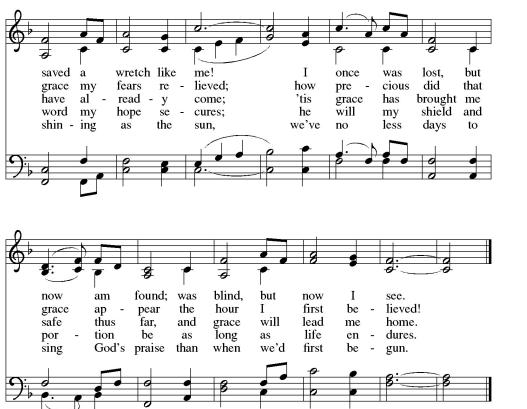
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

Hymn of the Day #779 ELW

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound





Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

The Prayer of the Church

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, make us aware that you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love, as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that obstruct the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lead your people beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve, especially those we name before you...... Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Grant us to take our place at your table where you fill us with more than we could ever ask. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people, especially Joseph, Guardian of Jesus. We praise you for the ways the saints formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Keep us close to them by faith in you. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your stead-fast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; 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 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 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.

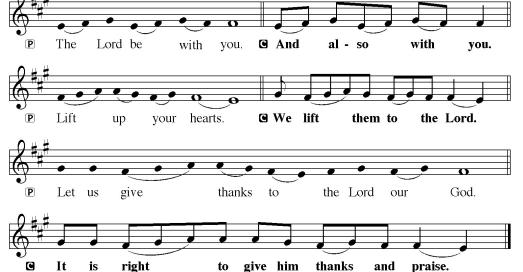
The Great Thanksgiving - The Eucharistic Meal

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.

Offering Prayer

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **C: Amen.**

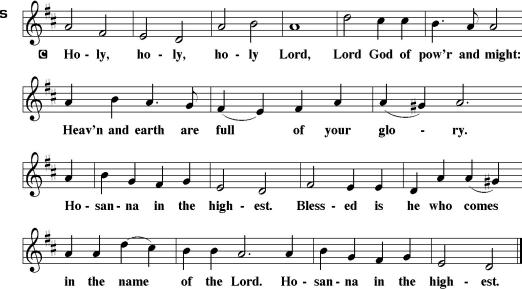




Preface

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



Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You created us in your image; and in the mystery of your great love for us you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, born of Mary by the power of the Spirit. Led by that Spirit he was tempted as we are tempted; He proclaimed your forgiveness to sinners; he loved even his enemies. Despised and rejected, he bore the alienation of the world as he stretched out his arms on the cross; and by this all-sufficient sacrifice he has drawn all people to himself, giving his life as a ransom for many.

As we gather in his name and celebrate his testament, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the very body and blood of your Son, Christ Jesus, redeemer of the world.

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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. By your Son's life-giving passion and death, and by His resurrection and ascension into glory, our Lord Jesus continually intercedes for us and for all he has claimed as his own. As we now share together this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, unite us with all your faithful people in the forgiveness of sins, and bring us, at length, to that eternal celebration of life at the Lamb's high feast.

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

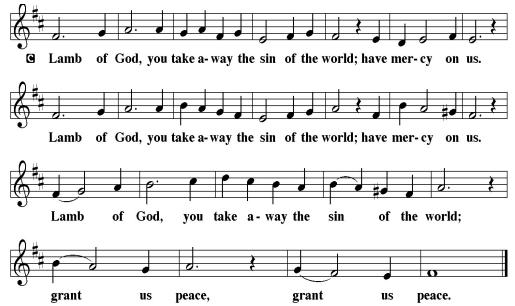
Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread

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.

When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ; when we drink this Cup, we share the Blood of Christ.

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

Agnus Dei Please join in singing during the distribution of the sacrament.



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. **C**: **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 Song #776 Blue



Dismissal

Postlude



—APRIL 2—

Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday
Procession with Palms
Reading of the St. Matthew Passion.
8:45 AM — Holy Communion
St. Peter's Lutheran
10:30 AM — Holy Communion
Christ Manchester

-APRIL 6-

Maundy Thursday
3:30 PM — Holy Communion
St. Peter's Lutheran
7:00 PM — Holy Communion
Christ Manchester
Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar

-APRIL 7-

Good Friday **3:30 PM** — Adoration of the Cross **7:00 PM** — Service of Darkness

Adoration of the Cross

St. Peter's Lutheran

—APRIL 8—

Holy Saturday 7:00 PM — Vigil of Easter @ St. Paul's [W Springettsbury Ave]

-APRIL 9-

The Festival of the Resurrection
7:00 AM — Sunrise Service of
Holy Communion
St. Peter's Lutheran
Held outdoors in the Prayer Garden,
Weather permitting

8:45 AM —Holy Communion St. Peter's Lutheran 10:30 AM —Holy Communion Christ Manchester



MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Brusan—Evelin Burgos—Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Bishop Elizabeth Eaton—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Shelva Gise—Bruce Harget—Samantha Hilker—Ken Humphreys—Lori Joseph—Phil Knobloch—John Lehr—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Philip Michael—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Jen Olson—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Jerry Schrum—George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—the family & friends of John Miller

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

The Parish Visitor was given to the glory of God

In celebration of spring! by Annette Roderick.

Community Meal - Sunday, APRIL 2, 11:00-12:30 PM - St. Peter's Lutheran

Easter Flowers — Tulips — \$11.50 Lilies — \$12.50 **Deadline: March 27** Order forms are located in the narthex.

March 12, 2023 OFFERING

General \$ 1,800.00 HVAC Project \$ 105.00 Masonry \$ 40.00 Lent \$ 110.00 Community Meal \$ 15.00 Capital Improvement \$ 40.00 Altar Flowers \$ 13.00

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"New Testament Writings of Paul"

Midweek Lent Vespers Services

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM - March 22-29

at St. Paul's Lutheran 25 W. Springettsbury Ave. York

6:00 PM — Soup & Bread Supper, Christ Hall

6:30 PM — Lenten Choir, Music Room

7:00 PM — Vespers with Preaching, Church Nave

Live Stream: YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church—South George St. York https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzk.Jo_Xvbdkxn2IYlg

MARCH 22: "Awake From Sleep, Live As Children of Light"

Preacher: Rev. Stan Reep Text: Eph. 5:8-14 Leader: Rev. William Snyder

MARCH 29: "Life In the Spirit"

Preacher: Nancy Bennett Text Romans 8:6-11 Leader: Rev. Beth Schlegel

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Next Week
CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Thursday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday

OFFICE CLOSED