# 5th Sunday In Lent



St Peter's Lutheran Church March 26, 2023

## St. Peter's Lutheran, York

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Sunday, March 26 — 8:45 AM

## Gathering

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



## Prepare now to give thanks to God:

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#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Prelude**

Please meditate on the Psalm during the prelude.

#### Psalm 130

'Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, 'hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

<sup>2</sup>If you, LORD, were to note what is 'done amiss, O Lord, 'who could stand?

<sup>®</sup>For there is forgive- I ness with you; therefore you I shall be feared.

<sup>4</sup>I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy;

 $^7$ with him there is plen-  $^1$  teous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from  $^1$  all their sins.

#### Confession & Forgiveness

In the Name of the Father, and of the ± 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,

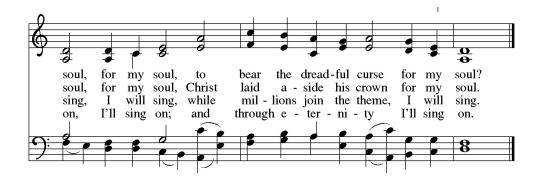
## renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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.** 

#### Opening Hymn #385 Green

## What Wondrous Love Is This





Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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#### 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.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in right-eousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

#### First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

#### A reading from Ezekiel

, ¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GoD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me,

"Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. Will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied,

suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." To prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these

bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>12</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

#### Second Reading Romans 8:6-11

A reading from Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who

does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**Gospel Acclamation** The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

I am the resurrection and the life;\*
whoever believes in me will never die. [John 11:25,26]

**Holy Gospel** John 11:1-45
The holy gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for

God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying

to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." 11 After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly. "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." 17When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 28 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27She said to him. "Yes. Lord. I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling

for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not vet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" "Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them. "Unbind him, and let him go." 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The assembly is seated.

#### The Message

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

Hymn of the Day #325 Green

## Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



- Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun-ty gave my bod y, soul, and all I have
- 3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bo som bear me home,



with ten-der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share, in this poor life of la-bor. Lord, grant that I in ev-'ry place that I may die un-fear-ing; and in its nar-row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me. may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh-bor. my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake. Let no false doc-trine me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de-file. And then from death a - wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,





blood my soul has bought. Lord Je susChrist, my God and Je cross and fol - low thee. Lord sus Christ, my God and fount of grace. Lord Je Christ, my prayer at and my sus



Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word. Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

#### 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.

Breathe life into your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe especially (ee-YOON-gah) lyunga Parish and the Konde Diocese in Tanzania, and bless the work of those such as Deacon April Trout who accompany them. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil, water, and the air all around. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

Redeem the world and its peoples. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

P: Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness, especially those we name now...... Deliver us from the depths of despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Lord, in your mercy. C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant your Spirit of life to dwell in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Remind us that You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. Accept our thanks for all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast 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



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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.

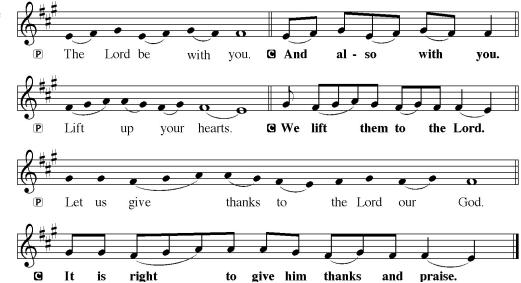
## The Great Thanksgiving - The Eucharistic Meal

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.** 

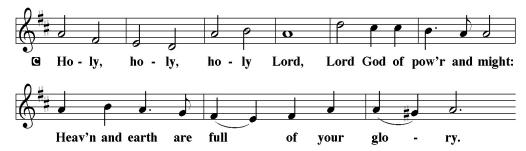
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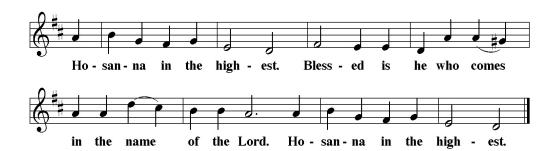


#### **Preface**

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

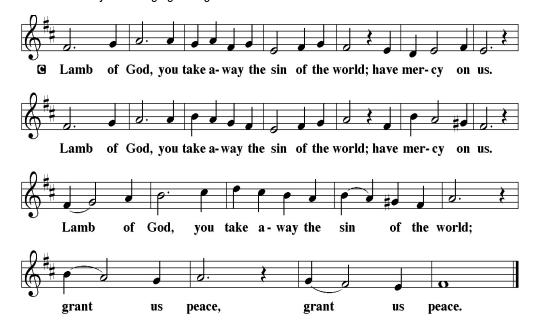
## Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread

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 RWSB R133

## Restore in Us, O God



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#### **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—Lois Yates.

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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.

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## "New Testament Writings of Paul"

## Midweek Lent Vespers Services

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM - March 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 29: "Life In the Spirit"

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

#### **St. Peter's Lutheran Church 947 North George Street, York PA 17404** 8:45 AM—Worship Service

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Next Week
CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Thursday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday

OFFICE CLOSED