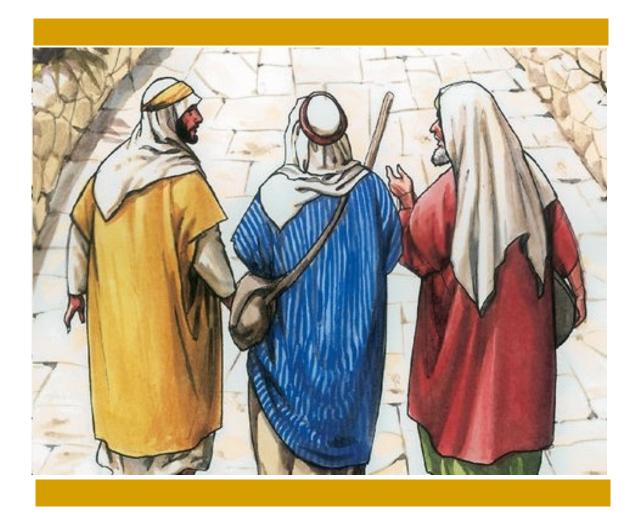
# **3rd Sunday of Easter**



# **St Peter's Lutheran Church** April 23, 2023

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## Gathering

Alleluia! Christ Has Risen! 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 smart phone. Search on "York" and choose St Peter's Lutheran. It's easy! Give thanks generously for God's abundant grace.

## Welcome & Announcements

## Prelude

## **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 the 🕂 Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.** 

Lord Jesus, you defeated the powers of evil and death. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess letting fear of sin and death rob us of joy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead to give us hope and life. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess our failure to proclaim this good news to others. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you breathe your Holy Spirit onto us, giving us your peace. Lord, have mercy. **C: Forgive us our sins and bring us to new life. Lord, have mercy.** 

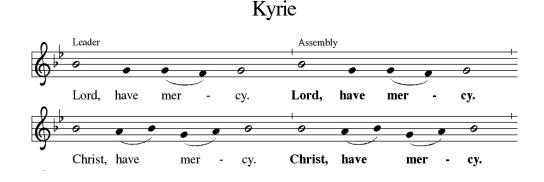
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord  $\oplus$  Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen** 

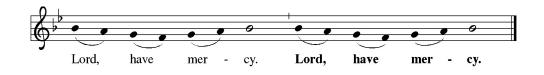
## **Apostolic Greeting**

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.** 

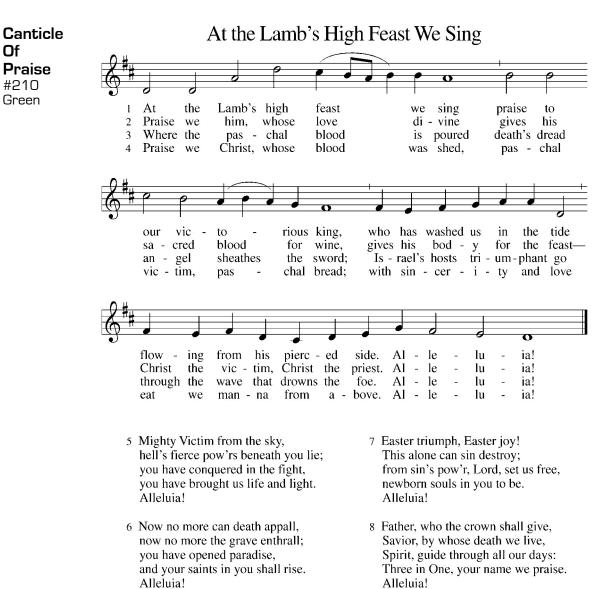
**Kyrie** 

The cantor begins and the congregation repeats.





Music: Plainsong



Text: office hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt. Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT. Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

## 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 celebrate new life by putting God's Word into action.

## First Reading – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

#### A reading from Acts

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>38</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

## Psalm 116:1-3; 10-17

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my' supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I' called upon him.

<sup>e</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took ' hold of me; I came to ' grief and sorrow.

"Then I called upon the name ' of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, ' save my life."

#### "How shall I re- ' pay the LORD for all the good things he has ' done for me?

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup ' of salvation and call upon the name ' of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>I will fulfill my vows ' to the LORD in the presence of ' all his people.

<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight ' of the LORD is the death ' of his servants.

# <sup>14</sup>O LORD, I' am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me' from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving and call upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

### <sup>16</sup>I will fulfill my vows ' to the LORD in the presence of ' all his people,

<sup>17</sup>in the courts of <sup>1</sup> the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

## Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from 1 Peter <sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### #135

Green The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. The organ will play once, cantor will sing the alleluia through once and then the congregation will repeat it. Following the verse, all sing it again together.



*Alleluia.* Our hearts ' burn within us\* while you open to ' us the scriptures. *Alleluia.* (Luke 24:32)

<b>Gospel —</b> <i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	
The Gospel According to St. Luke	C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had

happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.<sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah

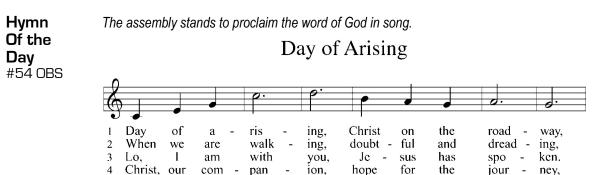
should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

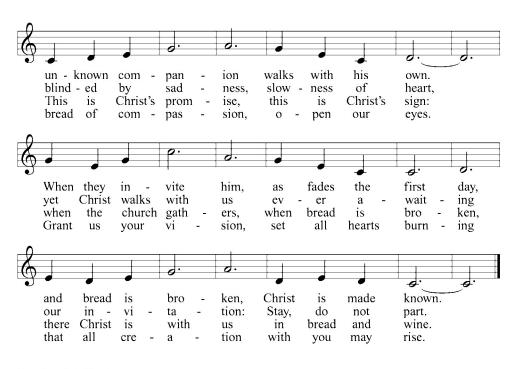
The gospel of the Lord.

e Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

## The Message

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.





Text: Susan Palo Cherwien Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic melody

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## **Nicene Creed**

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker 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

## Prayer of the Church

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Ever-present God, make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community around the Lord's table. Help us to see you in the faces of those we meet. Strengthened by Jesus' body and blood, let your church boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

Make the hearts of your people burn as we learn and study your Word and see your promises fulfilled in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

Give us courage to dedicate our lives to you, even when it is unpopular or difficult. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

Use us to feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

Be present with those who feel marginalized and unheard. Heal the souls of those who feel separated from you. Make whole all who suffer from disease or injury, especially those we name now...... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints, especially Toyohiko Kagawa, whom we commemorate today. As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.** 

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal Father; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

The assembly is seated.

## 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.

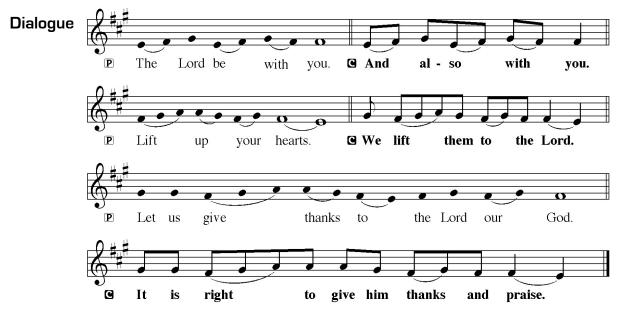
## The Great Thanksgiving – The Eucharistic Meal

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

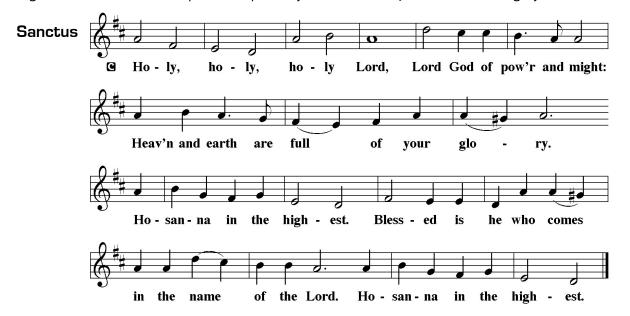
Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen Lord Jesus. In the pouring of this cup, pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.** 



## 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, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who

gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## **Eucharistic Prayer**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way 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 mystery of faith:

## C: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this

bread and cup; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **C: 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

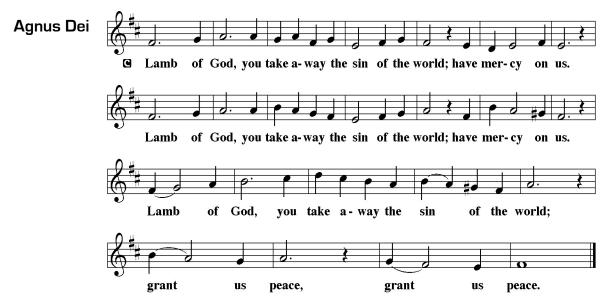
## Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread

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.



## 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.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

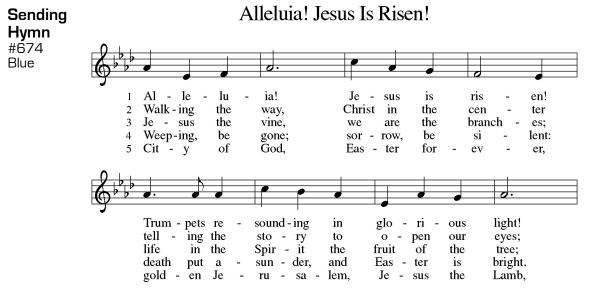
Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus risen from the dead, send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.** 

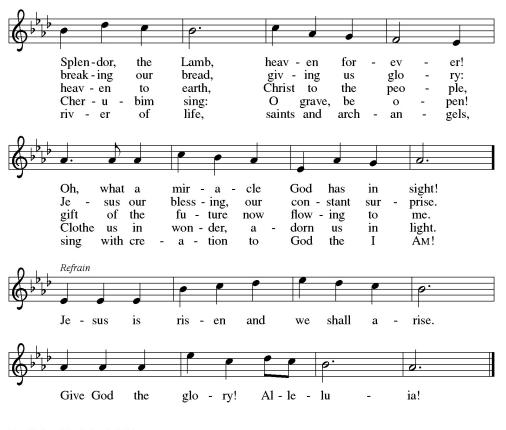
#### Sending

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

#### Benediction

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **C: Amen** 





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## Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!P: Go in peace. Share the good newsC: Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

Community Meal - Sunday, MAY 14, 11:00-12:30 PM - St. Peter's

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#### Marjorie R. Rutter August 19, 1939 — April 11, 2023

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, Marjorie R. Rutter was commended to the Lord at a celebration of life tribute service on April 17, at Heffner Funeral Chapel & Crematory, York. Marjorie was the wife of the late Leo E. Rutter; the daughter of the late Paul & Pauline (Vogelson) Kreitzer; mother of Cindy Johnson, Tim Rutter, Tina Burkett; the grandmother of six grandchildren & four great grandchildren.

#### APRIL 16, 2023 OFFERING

General \$ 1,951.00 Lent \$30.00 Easter \$ 620.00

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

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## This Week CHURCH **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

> Friday **OFFICE CLOSED**