

7th Sunday of Easter



St Peter's Lutheran Church
May 21, 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 **✝** 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

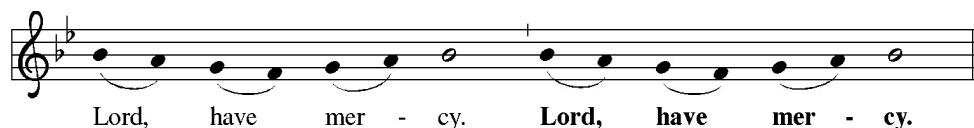
The cantor begins and the congregation repeats.

Kyrie

Leader | Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



**Canticle
Of
Praise**
#157
Green
Stzs. 1-4,7

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of
3 To whom . . . shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up -
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals



world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un - to
And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see their Lord as - cend
"This is the Sav - ior!" thus they say, "this is his glo -
"Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing in



the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

7 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 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.

Kids in Christ

First Reading — Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward

heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides up on the heavens; YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners ¹ into freedom;
but the rebels shall live ¹ in dry places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be- ¹ fore your people, when you marched ¹ through the wilderness,
⁸the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of
God, the ¹ God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the ¹ God of Israel.

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon ¹ your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when ¹ it was weary.

¹⁰Your people found their ¹ home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision ¹ for the poor.

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms ¹ of the earth; sing praises ¹ to the Lord.

³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ¹ ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his ¹ mighty voice.

³⁵Ascribe pow- ¹ er to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is ¹ in the skies.

³⁶How wonderful is God in his ¹ holy places, the God of Israel giving strength and power to
his people! ¹ Blessed be God!

Second Reading — 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery or-
deal that is taking place among you to test you,
as though something strange were happening
to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing
Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be
glad and shout for joy when his glory is reveal-
ed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ,
you are blessed, because the spirit of glory,
which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.
^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the
mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you
in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, be-

cause he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves,
keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary
the devil prowls around, looking for someone
to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith,
for you know that your brothers and sisters in
all the world are undergoing the same kinds of
suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a
little while, the God of all grace, who has called
you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself
restore, support, strengthen, and establish
you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever.
Amen.

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. I will not leave you orphaned, ¹ says the Lord.*
I am com- ¹ ing to you. *Alleluia.* (John 14:18)

Gospel — John 17:1-11

The Gospel According to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your

word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**The Message**

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**Hymn
Of the
Day**
#386
Green

Christ Is the King!

1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



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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.

Almighty God, as you drew your Son Jesus to your side, draw us to you and unite us with all your beloved people. Weave your church together in a fabric of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of those held fast by oppression. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness, especially those we name now..... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Guide congregation leaders as they seek your will. Equip them and all your people to make full use of all the gifts you have provided. We pray for our staff and council, committee members and organization leaders. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Accept our thanks for Helena and all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Raise us with all your saints to new life in Christ 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.**


Dialogue



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P 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; who, after his resurrection, appeared openly to his disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 mystery of faith:

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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.

Agnus Dei



☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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**

Sending

Hymn

#170

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
 whose pow'r a scepter sways
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
 absorbed in prayer and praise.
 His reign shall know no end,
 and round his pierced feet
 fair flow'rs of paradise extend
 their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,
 the potentate of time,
 creator of the rolling spheres,
 ineffably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 For thou hast died for me;
 thy praise and glory shall not fail
 throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903
 Music: DIADIFMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Memorial Service for [Bob & Mildred Zeigler Jr.]
Saturday, MAY 27, 10:00 AM — at St. Peter's Lutheran

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As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching & teaching of the Word of God to all people. We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving, in worship, fellowship, and witness to Jesus Christ!

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