

*6th Sunday of Easter*



St Peter's Lutheran Church

May 22, 2022

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## Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  
We are here because God wants to be with us in a special way.  
We are here because we want to be with God and with others who belong to God.  
We are here because others need us to be here with them.  
We are holy people in the holy presence of God.  
Let us prepare ourselves to be raised from the dead!

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## 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.*

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

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

### Apostolic Greeting

P: 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

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Leader and the second and third staves are for the Assembly. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the first line, "Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." for the second line, and "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the third line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Hymn  
Of  
Praise  
#315  
Green

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and



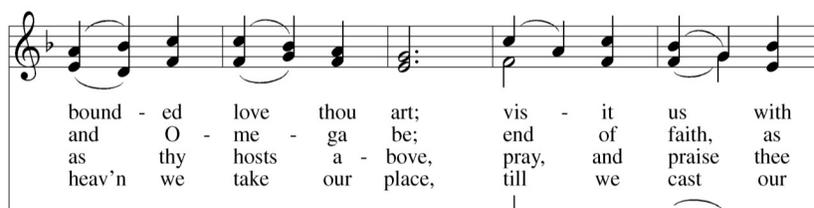
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in  
all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -  
spot - less let us be; let us see thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.  
turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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.

## First Reading — Acts 16:9-15

*A reading from Acts*

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

<sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 167

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to <sup>1</sup>us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and <sup>1</sup>come to us.

<sup>2</sup>Let your ways be known <sup>1</sup>upon earth, your saving health a- <sup>1</sup>mong all nations.



Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Message

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn  
Of the  
Day  
#695  
Blue

## O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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## Nicene Creed

Together with the whole Church, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
     by the power of the Holy Spirit  
     he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen

### Prayers of Intercession

As those set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, who creates new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning, so that many will turn to Jesus and be saved. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of your creation to feed all living things. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Shine the light of your wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace, especially the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, and Ethiopia. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all those it would be easy to forget. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Accept our thanks for the lives of the saints, and for your presence in the gatherings of your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, to remember our baptism and rejoice in your baptismal welcome of newborn Christians into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when Christ gathers us together at your river of life. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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.*

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

P: 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 box when you are dismissed for Communion.*

*Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card.*

**You may also give by text (717) 366-6865 or online at [www.StPetersLutheranYork.com](http://www.StPetersLutheranYork.com).**

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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.

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## Thanksgiving

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 his life beyond the grave.

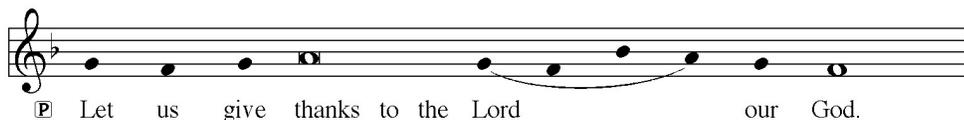
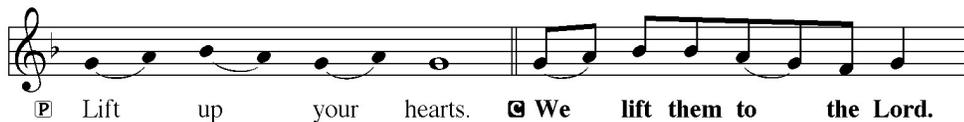
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## Offering Prayer

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.

**C: Amen.**

### Dialogue





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, almighty and ever living 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished 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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore 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; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Fraction — Breaking of 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.*

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**C: Alleluia! We have seen the Lord! He has appeared to us in the breaking of bread.**

### Distribution of the Sacrament

*The pastor will commune.*

*Then the ushers will dismiss you from the center aisle to come forward, place your offering in the receptacle, take an empty communion cup and come forward to receive the host from the pastor. Then proceed to the assisting minister for the blood of Christ.*

P: The body of Christ, given for you. **C: Amen.**

P: The blood of Christ, shed for you. **C: Amen.**

*Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your emptied cup into the bowl of water. Give thanks to God for such grace!*

### Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

### 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. 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.**

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### Sending

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

**Benediction**

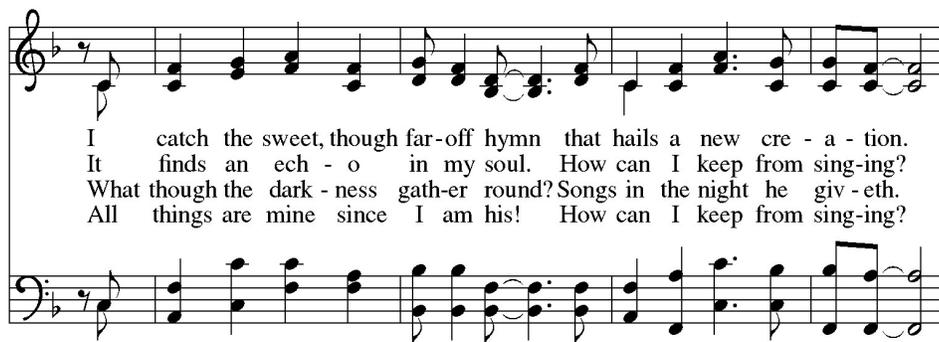
The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **C: Amen.**

**Sending Song**

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Blue

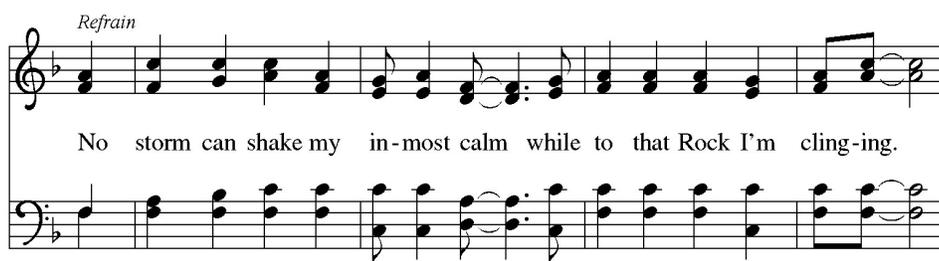
**My Life Flows On in Endless Song**


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**


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**Worship & Music Committee Meeting – Thursday, MAY 26, 6:30 PM**

**Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly – JUNE 3 & 4 [Zoom]**

**Community Meal – Sunday, JUNE 12, 11:00-12:30 PM**

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# God Has a Mission!

As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching & 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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## We belong to:

- ◆ The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
- ◆ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
- ◆ The Lower Susquehanna Synod—Bishop James Dunlop.
- ◆ The York Conference—The Rev. Stanley Reep, Dean  
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- ◆ We are companions with the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania and sister congregation to Iyunga Parish. Bishop /Rev. Geoffrey Mwakihaba.
- ◆ We are partners with Christ Lutheran Church, Manchester, PA

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### **This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday & Tuesday  
8:00 AM — 1:15 PM

Wednesday  
11:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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Friday  
Office Closed