

3rd Sunday after Pentecost



St Peter's Lutheran Church
June 18, 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 show us the Father's love and grace. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess our failure to love others as you love us. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you defeated death and give life to all who keep your word. Christ, have mercy. **C: We confess that we ignore your word and miss out on abundant life.**

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, with gifts for the good of all. Lord, have mercy. **C: Forgive us when we do not use our gifts and forget the needs of others.**

Lord, have mercy.


God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen**

Apostolic Greeting

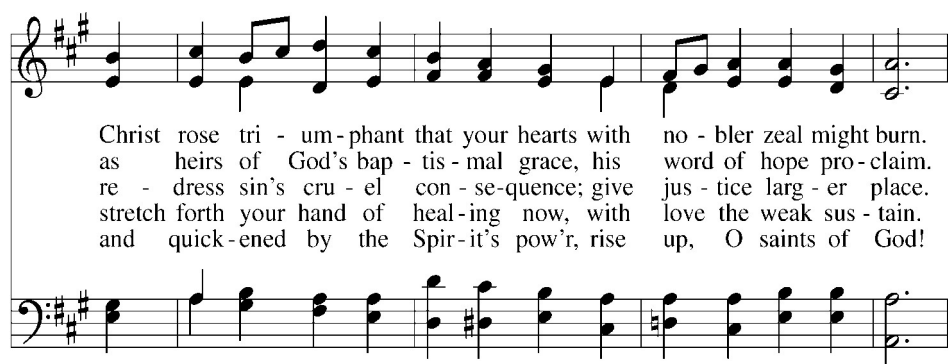
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn
Of
Praise
#383
Green

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
 Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Kids in Christ

First Reading — Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from Exodus

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁴Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my cove-

nant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁵but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

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

Psalm 100

¹Be joyful in the LORD, ¹all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence ¹with a song.

²**Know this: The LORD him-¹self is God; he himself has made us,
and we are his; we are his people and the sheep ¹of his pasture.**

³Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his ¹courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call up-¹on his name.

⁴**For the LORD is good; his mercy is ¹everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from ¹age to age.**

Second Reading — Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Romans

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to
this grace in which we stand; and we boast in
our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not
only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance,
⁴and endurance produces character, and
character produces hope, ⁵and hope does

not disappoint us, because God's love has
been poured into our hearts through the Holy
Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we
were still weak, at the right time Christ died
for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die
for a righteous person—though perhaps for a
good person someone might actually dare to
die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that
while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

Gospel Acclamation #611a

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

The cantor will sing the alleluia once alone and then the congregation repeats it.



Alleluia. The kingdom of God ¹has come near; * repent, and believe in ¹the good news. *Alleluia.*
[Mark 1:15]

Gospel — Matthew 9:35–10:8-23

The Gospel According to St. Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages,
teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming
the good news of the kingdom, and curing every
disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw
the crowds, he had compassion for them, because
they were harassed and helpless, like

sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to
his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the
laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of
the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples
and gave them authority over unclean

spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If

anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. ¹⁶"See I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

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**
#575
ELW

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

In Christ Called to Baptize

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt.
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Apostles' Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the Church

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers to the Father for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church here and around the world, that you would seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

For the earth and all its creatures, that you would equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

For those who govern, that you would empower them to seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden them to advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

For those who feel helpless, alone, abandoned, or who suffer in any way, that you would accompany them. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick, especially those we name now.....

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

For fathers and father figures, that you would strengthen them and give them courage to lead their children in faith. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

For all the saints, that you would accept our thanks for their example and faith. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died, and fill us with hope as we yearn for Christ's coming. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

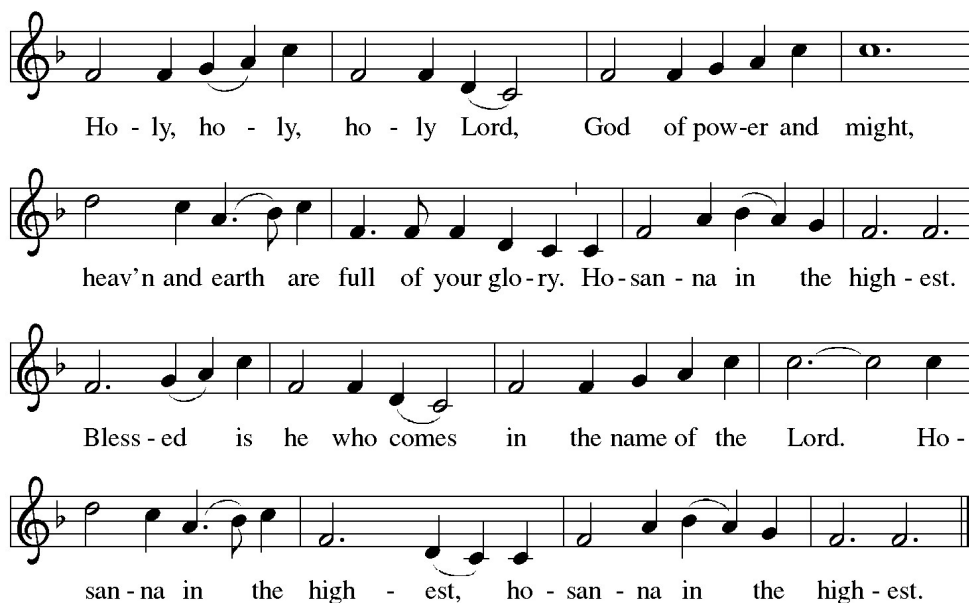
Dialogue

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 on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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 in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Agnus
Dei**

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 Hymn

#722
Blue

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

End

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

A Tribute Gift was given to the General Fund

In memory of *Annie E. Rohrbaugh*, by her granddaughter, Annette Roderick.

Community Ice Cream Party – Saturday, JUNE 24, 5:00-7:00 PM

At St. Peter's Lutheran – *Rain or Shine – Bring your own lawn chairs.*

Live Music: Emigsville Band – **Free Ice Cream** [Sarah's Creamery] Corn Hole—Sidewalk Chalk

* * A charge for food below:

French Fries—Cheeseburgers—Hot Dogs—Chicken Sandwiches

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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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This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday
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