

# 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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**St Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**August 20, 2023**

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## Gathering

Alleluia! Christ Has Risen! The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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**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  
#559  
Green

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.  
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 His blood can make the foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.  
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

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## The Liturgy of the Word

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

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### First Reading — *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

*A reading from Isaiah*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my

covenant— <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

### Psalm 67

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

<sup>2</sup>**Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and <sup>1</sup>sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations <sup>1</sup>upon earth.

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup>you, O God; let all the <sup>1</sup>peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>The earth has brought <sup>1</sup>forth her increase; may God, our own God, give <sup>1</sup>us his blessing.

<sup>7</sup>May God give <sup>1</sup>us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in <sup>1</sup>awe of him.

## Second Reading — *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

*A reading from Romans*

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>28</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you

were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

P: 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.* Jesus preached the good news <sup>1</sup>of the kingdom \* and cured every sickness a- <sup>1</sup>mong the people. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 4:23)

## Holy Gospel — *Matthew 15:10-28*

The Gospel According to St. Matthew

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:<sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding?"

<sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." <sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not

answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and

throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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  
#479  
Green

## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

## 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

Confident that God our Father receives our joys and concerns, let us with Jesus offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, by your Spirit, call, gather, enlighten and sanctify your church on earth. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries across the globe. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Empower leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, comfort the grieving, and heal the sick. We pray especially for those we name now..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, affirmation of baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide the ELCA Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church and the Church Council as they begin their work of discernment of our denomination's future. Guide our Congregation Council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Accept our thanks for those who now rest from their labors, especially Bernard of Clairvaux, whom the church commemorates today. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the

gospel, until that day when, by your grace, we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, 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.

*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](http://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.*

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### 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.

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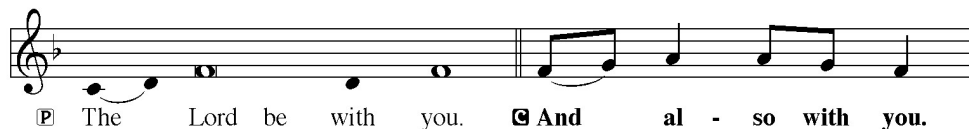
*The ministers make ready the bread and wine.*

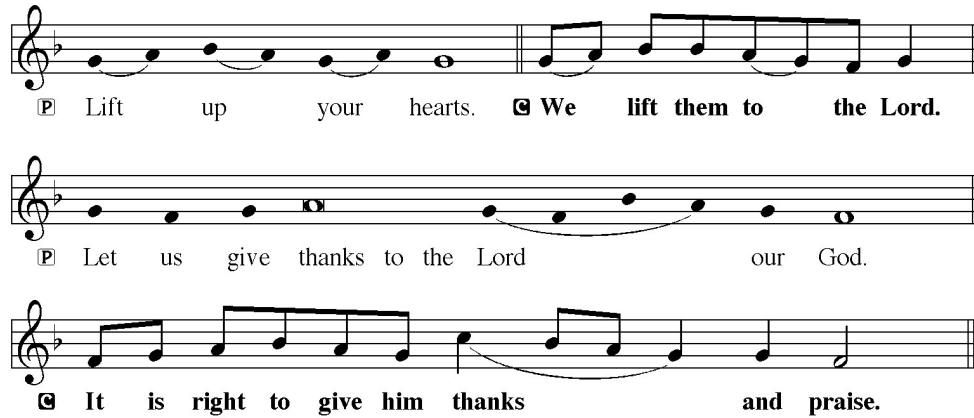
### Offertory Prayer

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





☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

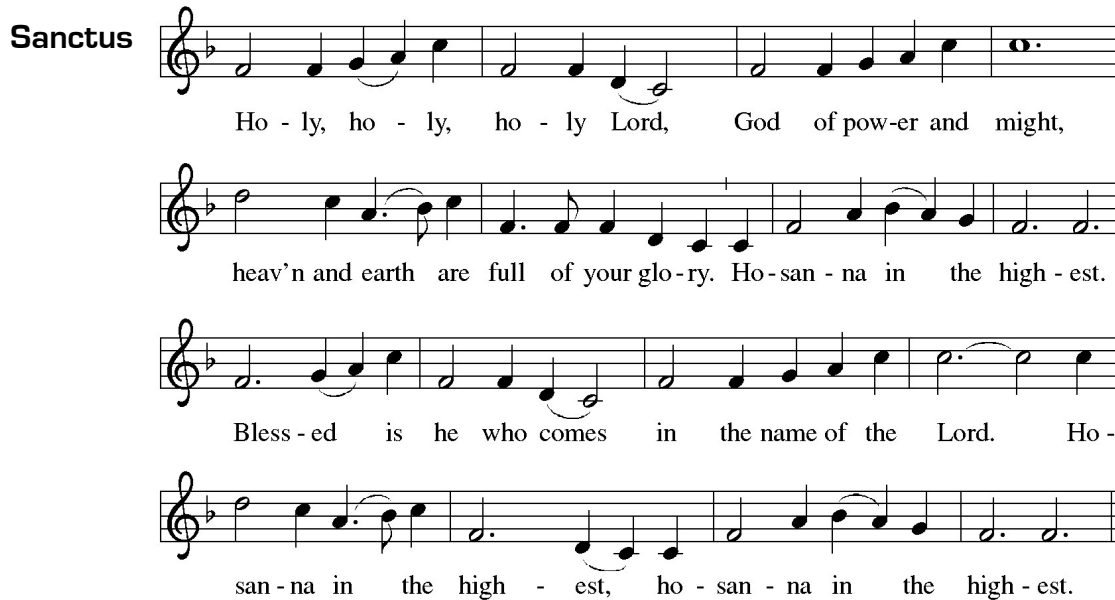
☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ 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**

#383

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**Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of a series of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are:

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

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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

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## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

**Outdoor Worship & Picnic w/Christ Lutheran, Manchester**  
**Sunday, AUGUST 27, 10:30 AM**—at John Rudy Park

## AUGUST 13, 2023

### OFFERING

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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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## MEMBERS & FRIENDS



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

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

Friday  
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