

*13th Sunday after Pentecost*



St Peter's Lutheran Church

September 4, 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 reveal to us the loving heart of God the Father. Lord, have mercy.

**C: We confess being afraid to come to God with confidence. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us on the cross and restored eternal life to us in your resurrection. Christ, have mercy.

**C: We confess choosing the world's way of death rather than your way of life. Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, you poured out your Holy Spirit upon us, and gave us gifts for the good of all. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we hide our gifts and forget the needs of others. 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

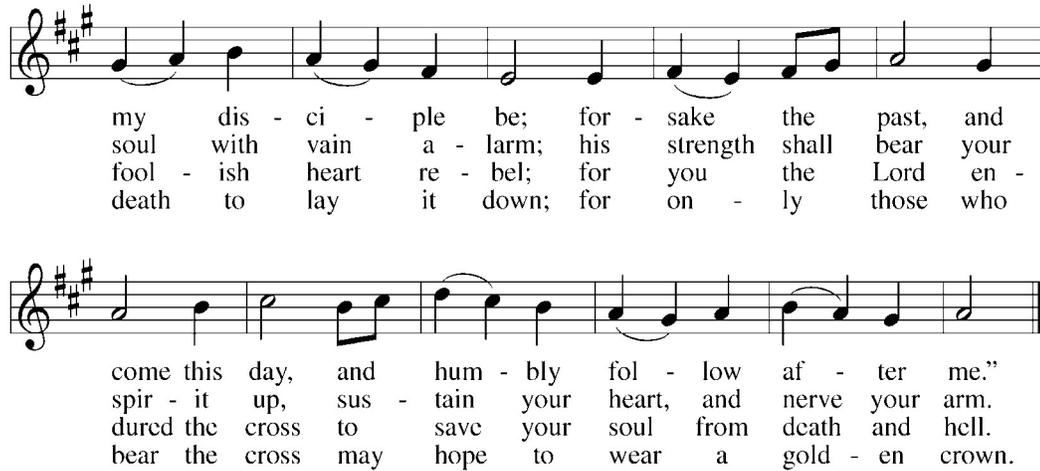
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of  
Praise  
# 1158  
HFW

### “Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would  
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight per - vade your  
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your  
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till



my dis - ci - ple be; for - sake the past, and  
 soul with vain a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 fool - ish heart re - bel; for you the Lord en -  
 death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

come this day, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
 spir - it up, sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 dured the cross to save your soul from death and hell.  
 bear the cross may hope to wear a gold - en crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.  
 Music: WARHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

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### 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.

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### First Reading — *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

#### *A reading from Deuteronomy*

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall

perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD, and they meditate on his law <sup>1</sup> day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither; everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so <sup>1</sup> with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind <sup>1</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>1</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>1</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way <sup>1</sup> of the righteous, but the way of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed is doomed.**

## Second Reading — Philemon 1-21

*A reading from Philemon*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you,

but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

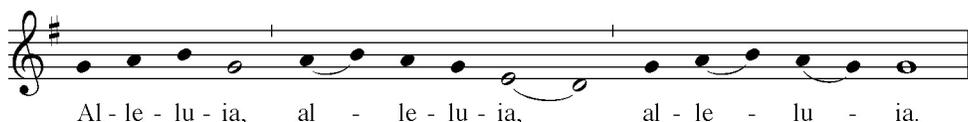
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly will welcome the gospel.*

*The cantor will sing the Alleluia. The cantor sings the verse and the congregation repeats the Alleluia.*



*Alleluia.* Let your face shine up-<sup>l</sup> on your servant,\* and teach<sup>l</sup> me your statutes. *Alleluia.*  
[Psalm 119:135]

## Gospel — Luke 14: 25-33

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will

begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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  
#406  
Green

## Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## 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 Intercession

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray to the Father for the church, creation, and all people, according to their need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel, that you would refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures, that you would protect and preserve trees and forests, all that will yield fruit this season, and streams and other bodies of water. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those in authority, that you would grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, those whose family life is difficult, and all in this community who need your care, especially those we name now.... That you would heal them and provide for all in need. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

For our community of faith, that all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—may glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the church and the world. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Accept our thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors, especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious Father, we offer these and all our prayers to you; 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.*

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.*

**Or ONLINE at [www.StPetersLutheranYork.com](http://www.StPetersLutheranYork.com).**

In the **Purple** box, Click **Donate** button to set up a one-time or recurring donation.

**Or VANCO MOBILE App**—Download the app to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Search on "York". Available for Apple and Android devices.

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.

## 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.

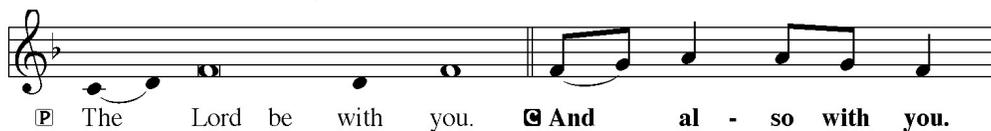
He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread.

When we share Jesus' meal, we receive his life beyond the grave.

## Offering Prayer

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **C: Amen.**

**Dialogue** *The ministers make ready the bread and wine.*



☐ 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 the glorious resurrection open to us the way to 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 - en 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.

Christ is present! Come to the banquet. **P: We come with joy.**

**AGNUS DEI** *As the people commune, hymns and other music may be used, and may include the following:*



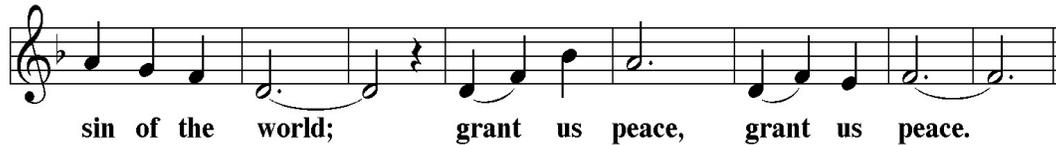
**☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on**



**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**



### Distribution of the Sacrament

*The pastor will commune and then commune those with impaired mobility in the pew.*

*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. Place your emptied cup in the bowl of water at the side aisles*

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

Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that we who have received his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **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.**

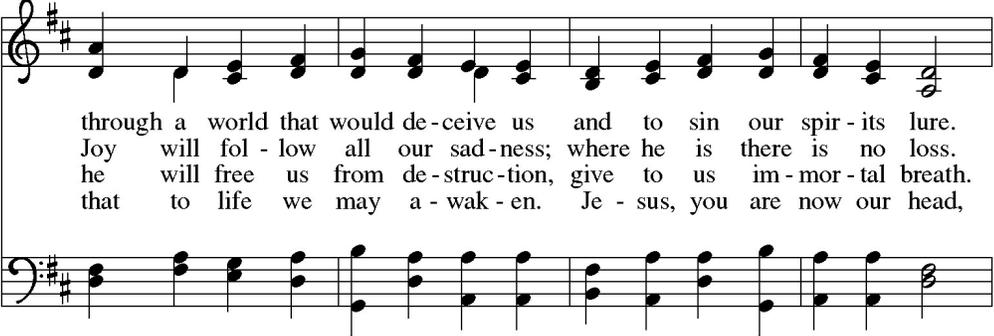
### Closing Song

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### Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de-struc-tion, give to us im-mor-tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
 Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
 we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
 all dis - com-forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav-en.  
 in your pres-ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
 Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.  
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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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

**Church Directory Update** – The office is updating the church directory.

If there have been any changes to your address, phone #, or email address, please notify the church office. Thank you.

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**MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

Susan Becker—Tom Brusan—Evelin Burgos—Rich Davis—Sharon Dietz—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Shelva Gise—Frank Guerrini & family—Bruce Harget—Mike Hinkle—Gary & Karen Hollenbough—Phil Knobloch—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Deborah McIntyre—Philip Michael—John Miller—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Jen Olson—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Shirley Rearich—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Rick Robinson—Jerry Schrum—George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—Chris Thatcher—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Jeanette Tracey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Mearl & Sandy Williams—Dave Yates.

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Bill Everhart—Don Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Gloria & Phil Knobloch—Carla & Mike Lehr—Jean Leiphart—Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper—Jeanette Tracey—Bob Zeigler

# 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  
Trinity, Wrightsville; St. James, Hellam; St. Mark, York; Advent, York; Christ, York; Union, York; St. Matthew, York; St. Jacob, York New Salem; Shiloh; Trinity, York; Grace, York; Zion, York; St. Peter's, York; St. Paul, York; Luther Memorial, York; Christ, Spry; St. James, York
- ◆ 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 — HOLIDAY  
**Office Closed**

Tuesday & Wednesday  
**8:00 AM — 1:00 PM**

Thursday  
**8:00 AM — 10:00 AM**

Friday  
**Office Closed**