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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the [☩] Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: As we prepare to come into the light of Christ, let us call to mind our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for self examination

P: Lord Jesus, You call us to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess that we have tried to hide our sins and stay in the shadows. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, You come with God's light of compassion and love. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess our weakness and seek the Spirit's strength. Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, You come with signs of healing and new life. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us when we do not see your presence in our lives. Lord, have mercy.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to each of you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the [☩] Son and of the Holy Spirit. **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**

#715
ELW

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
 bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
 shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
 to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath-ered to-day.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve

you, follow you and joyfully find you, through 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.

First Reading — *Isaiah 49:1-7*

A reading from Isaiah

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Psalm 40:1-12

¹I waited patiently up-¹ on the LORD; he stooped to me and¹ heard my cry.

²**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹ mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my¹ footing sure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise¹ to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust¹ in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust¹ in the LORD!
They do not resort to evil spirits or turn¹ to false gods.**

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! How great your wonders and your¹ plans for us!
There is none who can be com-¹ pared with you.

⁶**Oh, that I could make them¹ known and tell them!
But they are more than¹ I can count.**

⁷In sacrifice and offering you ¹take no pleasure;
 you have given me ¹ears to hear you;

⁸**burnt-offering and sin-offering you have ¹not required,
 and so I said, “Be- ¹hold, I come.**

⁹In the roll of the book it is written con- ¹cerning me:
 ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep ¹in my heart.’ ”

¹⁰**I proclaimed righteousness in the great ¹congregation;
 behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O ¹LORD, you know.**

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your
 faithfulness and ¹your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and
 faithfulness from the great ¹congregation.

¹²**You are the LORD; do not withhold your com- ¹passion from me;
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me ¹safe forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from Acts

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation #173 ELW

The cantor will sing first, then the congregation will repeat. The cantor will sing and the congregation repeats the alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Alleluia. In the ¹ Word was life,
and the life was the light ¹ of all people. Alleluia. [John 1:4]*

Gospel — John 1:29-42

P: The holy gospel according to St. John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P: 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
#87
Green

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;

to take a - way trans-gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 his king - dom still in - crea - sing, a king - dom with - out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
 Music: FREUETE UCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

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

P: Called together by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus, we pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Almighty Lord, put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries, especially Pastor April Trout in the Konde Diocese, and Deacon David Hope-Tringali and Pastor Jennifer Hope-Tringali in Guatemala. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Call us into life in the Spirit by the waters of baptism. Guide those who are not yet baptized into the eternal life you desire for them.

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Be present to us in Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your presence and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need, especially those we name before you now . . . Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Grant us to see your glory in the lives of the saints whom you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to obey your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ so that we might enjoy eternal life with you and all the saints. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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, pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

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.

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Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Let us pray.

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us how to pray.

**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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and [☩] give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Closing

Hymn

#652
Blue

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Frances J. Thatcher
September 9, 1942 — January 7, 2023

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, **Frances J. Thatcher** was commended to the Lord. A tribute service was held privately. *Fran* was the daughter of the late John & Ellen Page; the loving wife of Tom & her first husband Ted; the mother of Todd & Chris; sister of Jon & Gordon; grandmother of Paige, Colin, & Ethan. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.



Jeanette Tracey
June 19, 1931 — December 28, 2022

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, **Jeanette Tracey** was commended to the Lord. *Jeanette* was the wife of Donald E. Tracey; the daughter of the late Wilbur & Dorothy Everhart; the mother of Kathy Kline, Linda Wilcox, Sandy Buckel, Susan Becker; the grandmother of eight grandchildren; the great grandmother of ten and the sister of William Everhart. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice & Community Care, 235 St. Charles Way, Suite 250, York PA 17402.

**A Tribute Gift to the General Fund was given to the glory of God
In memory of *Fran Thatcher*, by the Thatcher family.**



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January 8, 2023

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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 and 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!

We belong to:

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 - ◆ We are partners with the Iyunga Parish in Tanzania, Pastor Jimmy Mwakomile, and the Konde Diocese, Bishop Edward Mwaikali
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