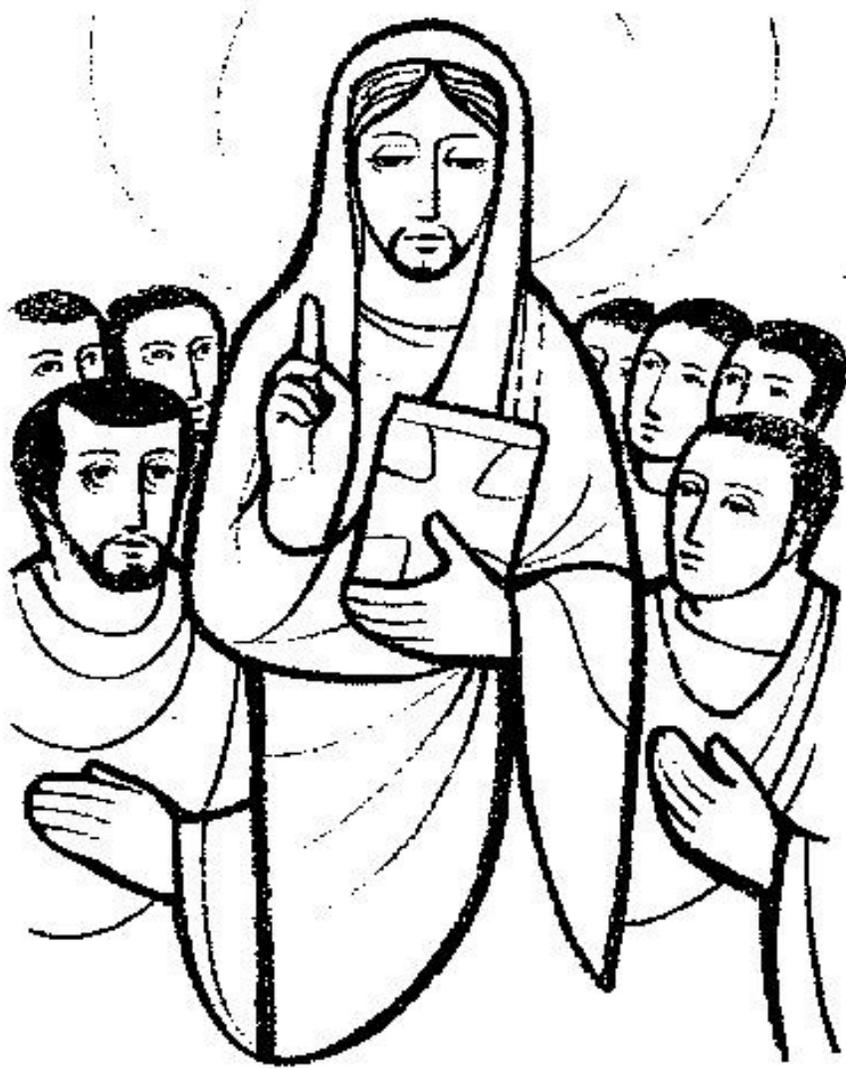


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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

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**
#300
Green

O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's might - y
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den of our
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som has been
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us of our



Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
paid; you now as - cend the Fa - ther's throne in
pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pur - i - fied, by mer - cy pur - i - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
our future great reward;
our only glory, may it be
to glory in the Lord!

6 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, 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 — Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If 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. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹I 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, ²⁰loving 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.

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

Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!**

³Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

**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 3:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not

ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Gospel Acclamation #174 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*

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

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Alleluia. You are the light ¹ of the world. *
A city set upon a hill can- ¹ not be hid. *Alleluia.* [Matthew 5:14]

Holy Gospel — *Matthew 5:21-37*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your liable brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms

quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

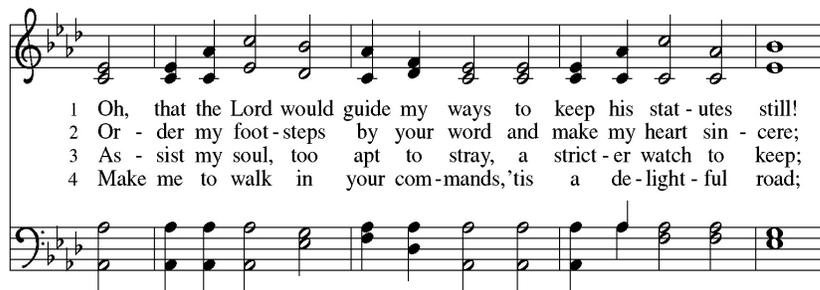
P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn
of the
Day
#480
Green

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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: Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. Through the exploration of faith with children and new believers to the work of missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Heal all who are sick or distressed, especially those we name before you Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Encourage our congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders,

so that our choices may be life giving for all. Merciful God,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Accept our thanks for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God, **C: hear 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**

#492
Green

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of eight measures. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with four numbered lines of text corresponding to the notes.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

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

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Robert [Bob] Zeigler Jr.

March 7, 1921 – January 29, 2023

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, *Robert Zeigler Jr.* will be commended to the Lord. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Community Meal – Sunday, FEBRUARY 12, 11:00-12:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, FEBRUARY 22

3:30 PM – at St. Peter's Lutheran **7:00 PM** – at Christ, Manchester

Council Retreat – Sunday, FEBRUARY 26, 10:00am – 1:00 pm

Church Directories – are available in the narthex

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 gler Jr.

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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:

- ◆ The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
- ◆ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—
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