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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

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the \oplus Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence for self examination

P: Most merciful God.

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to 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.

Opening Hymn #334 ELW Stzs. 1-3 Lent 4

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery





One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own; stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul; springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light. Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright.

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.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. C: Lord have mercy. Christe eleison. C: Christ have mercy. Kyrie eleison. C: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

A reading from 1 Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." "Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains vet the voungest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." 13Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm 23

'The LORD' is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me be-iside still waters.

3He re-1 vives my soul

and guides me along right pathways I for his name's sake.

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who 'trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is 'running over.

rely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of m

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Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of m life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Ephesians

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁸for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

Gospel Acclamation The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Jesus says, I am the light of the world;*
whoever follows me will have the light of life. [John 8:12]

Holy Gospel — John 9:1-41

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

'As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 'His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 'saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." "But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform

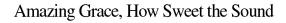
such signs?" And they were divided. "So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." 18The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: "but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. "We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." 30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." 34They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." "He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

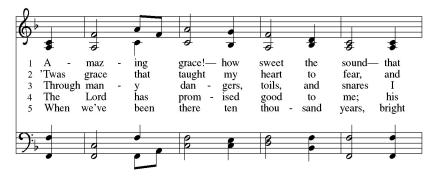
P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message

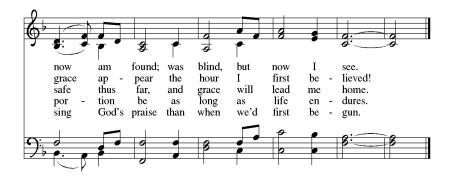
The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.











Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

Nicene Creed

Together with the whole Church, we confess our faith:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: Eternal God, make us aware that you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love, as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that obstruct the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lead your people beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve, especially those we name before you...... Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant us to take our place at your table where you fill us with more than we could ever ask. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

P: With thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people, especially Joseph, Guardian of Jesus. We praise you for the ways the saints formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Keep us close to them by faith in you. Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

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.

Thanksgiving We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and 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: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn #776 Blue





Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt. Music: SLANE, Irish tune

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The Parish Visitor was given to the glory of God

In celebration of spring! by Annette Roderick.

Community Meal - Sunday, APRIL 2, 11:00-12:30 PM -St. Peter's

Easter Flowers — Tulips — \$11.50 Lilies — \$12.50 Deadline: March 27 Order forms are located in the narthex.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Brusan—Evelin Burgos—Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Shelva Gise—Bruce Harget—Samantha Hilker—Ken Humphreys—Lori Joseph—Phil Knobloch—John Lehr—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele Mc-

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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



-APRIL 2- HOLY WEEK

—APRIL 7—

Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

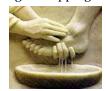
Procession with Palms
Reading of the St. Matthew Passion.
8:45 AM — Holy Communion
St. Peter's Lutheran

10:30 AM — Holy Communion Christ Manchester

-APRIL 6-

Maundy Thursday 3:30 PM — Holy Communion

St. Peter's Lutheran
7:00 PM — Holy Communion
Christ Manchester
Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday

3:30 PM — Adoration of the Cross **7:00 PM** — Service of Darkness Adoration of the Cross St. Peter's Lutheran

-APRIL 8-

Holy Saturday

7:00 PM — Vigil of Easter @ St. Paul's [W Springettsbury Ave]

-APRIL 9-

The Festival of the Resurrection

7:00 AM — Sunrise Service
of Holy Communion
St. Peter's Lutheran
Held outdoors in the Prayer Garden,
Weather permitting
8:45 AM —Holy Communion
St. Peter's Lutheran

"New Testament Writings of Paul"

Midweek Lept Vespers Services

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM MARCH 22-29

at St. Paul's Lutheran 25 W. Springettsbury Ave. York

6:00 PM — Soup & Bread Supper, Christ Hall

6:30 PM — Lenten Choir, Music Room

7:00 PM — Vespers with Preaching, Church Nave

Live Stream: YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church—South George St. York https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzk.Jo_Xvbdkxn2IYIg

MARCH 22: "Awake From Sleep, Live As Children of Light"

Preacher: Rev. Stan Reep Text. Eph. 5:8-14 Leader: Rev. William Snyder

MARCH 29: "Life In the Spirit"

Preacher: Nancy Bennett Text Romans 8:6-11 Leader: Rev. Beth Schlegel

March 12, 2023

OFFERING

General \$1,800.00 HVAC Project \$ 105.00 Masonry \$40.00 Altar Flowers \$ 13.00

Lent \$ 110.00 Community Meal \$15.00 Capital Improvement \$ 40.00

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8:45 AM-Worship Service

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This Week CHURCH **OFFICE HOURS**

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

> Friday Office Closed