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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.

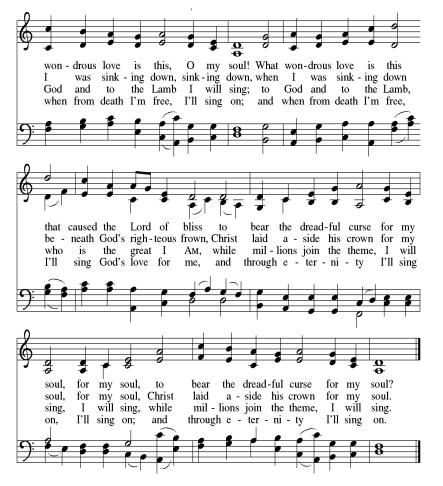
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn#385 Green

What Wondrous Love Is This







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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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.

First Reading — Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. "He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." "So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me. Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GoD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." 10 prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' 12Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

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

Psalm 130

'Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, 'hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

²If you, LORD, were to note what is 'done amiss, O Lord, 'who could stand?

[®]For there is forgive- 'ness with you; therefore you 'shall be feared.

⁴I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy;

with him there is plen-teous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Second Reading — Romans 8:6-11

A reading from Romans

"To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of right-eousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

Gospel Acclamation The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

I am the resurrection and the life;*
whoever believes in me will never die. [John 11:25,26]

Holy Gospel — John 11:1-45

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁴Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁴after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁴Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁴The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁴Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After say-

ing this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." 17When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus. "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she got up guickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." "3"When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" "Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³³Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,

"Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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 #325 Green



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: Breathe life into your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe especially (ee-YOON-gah) lyunga Parish and the Konde Diocese in Tanzania, and bless the work of those such as Deacon April Trout who accompany them. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil, water, and the air all around. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Redeem the world and its peoples. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness, especially those we name now...... Deliver us from the depths of despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant your Spirit of life to dwell in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

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.

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 re-

deeming 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

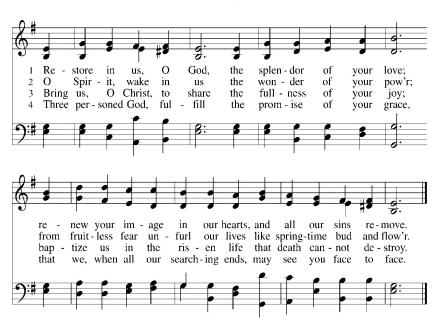
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn RWSB #R133





Dismissal

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

Postlude

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.

"New Testament Writings of Paul"

Midweek Lent Vespers Services Wednesdays, 7:00 PM MARCH 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_Xvbdkxn2IYlg

MARCH 29: "Life In the Spirit"

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

March 19, 2023

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-APRIL 2-

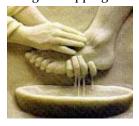
Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

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
10:30 AM — Holy Communion
Christ Manchester

God's Has a Mission!

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— Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
- ♦ The Lower Susquehanna Synod—Bishop James Dunlop.
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- ♦ We are partners with the lyunga Parish in Tanzania, Pastor Jimmy Mwakomile, and the Konde Diocese, Bishop Edward Mwaikali

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This Week
CHURCH
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Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday
Office Closed