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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 presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: As we journey to the cross in repentance, let us call to mind our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for self-examination.

P: Lord Jesus, You call us to purify ourselves as you are pure. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess that are by nature sinful and unclean, and we seek your cleansing. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, You lead us in paths of righteousness. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess that we have strayed and ask the Spirit to guide us back to you. Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, You were tempted and resisted Satan's deceits. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us our weakness and failure to resist temptations. 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.**

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 Word God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

First Reading — *Isaiah 43:16-21*

A reading from Isaiah

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion,
then were we like ¹ those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with ¹ shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great ¹ things for them."

³The LORD has done great ¹ things for us, and we are ¹ glad indeed.

⁴Restore our for-¹ tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses ¹ of the Negeb.

⁵Those who ¹ sowed with tears will reap with ¹ songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carry-¹ ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder-¹ ing their sheaves.

Second Reading — *Philippians 3:4b-14*

A reading from Philippians

[St. Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to

zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Cantor sings:

Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death: even the death of the Cross.

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what ¹lies ahead,*
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call
of God ¹in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:13-14)

Holy Gospel — John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

The Message

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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**

The Prayer of Intercession

P: Drawn close to the heart of God our Father, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: Lord, do a new thing in your Church. Free us from structures that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Do a new thing for creation. Reverse climate change and preserve us from environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are

unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick, especially those we name before you now..... Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Deliver us from the scourge of racism and prejudice of all kinds. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of 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, the 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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Offering *Please consider making your thank offering to God ...*

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**Canticle
Of
Thanks
Giving
#97
Green**

Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your-self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe;
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Let us pray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

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Green

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

A Tribute Gift to the General Fund is given to the glory of God

In loving memory of *our parents, Paul & Helen Everhart & Russel & Beulah Adams*, by Donald Everhart & family.

Community Meal – Sunday, APRIL 10, 11:00 AM

By Council Action – Masks are optional!

Update on Holy Communion

Starting Maundy Thursday, we will again receive the Blood of Christ. This will be by using a pouring chalice and individual cups.

Communion Assistants Needed

Volunteers are needed to be communion assistants for Holy Communion during the Sunday morning worship services at St. Peter's Lutheran. *If you are interested, please contact Peggy Kling.*

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, APRIL 7

6:30 PM We are starting up the Hand Bell Choir. Anyone interested in participating should contact Barb or Matt Malehorn.

Join the Prayer Chain

If you would like to join St. Peter's Lutheran's prayer chain, *contact Shirley Lutz at 717-855-2585.*

MARCH 27, 2022
OFFERING

General \$ 2,643.82

Easter Flowers \$ 11.50

Lent \$ 205.00

Youth \$ 10.00

Community Meal \$ 10.00



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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—Jeanette Tracey—Bob Zeigler



— HOLY WEEK —

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, APRIL 10, 8:45 AM

In Person Service — at St. Peter's Lutheran

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, APRIL 14

3:30 PM

In Person Service — at St. Peter's Lutheran

7:00 PM

In Person Service — at Christ Lutheran, Manchester

Good Friday Service

Friday, APRIL 15, 7:00 PM

In Person Service — at St. Peter's Lutheran

Easter Vigil Service

Saturday, APRIL 16, 7:00 PM

In Person Service — at St. Paul's Lutheran, York

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!

—Wednesdays in Lent—

“Parables of Jesus”

Stories from the Gospel of Luke

LENTEN EVENING VESPERS

—7:00 PM—

April 6

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

Livestream: YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzkJo_Xvbdkxn2IYlg

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
947 North George Street, York PA 17404
8:45 AM—Worship Service



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This Week **CHURCH** OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 AM — 1:15 AM

Friday
Office Closed