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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.
We are here because God wants to be with us in a special way.
We are here because we want to be with God and with others who belong to God.
We are here because others need us to be here with them.
We are holy people in the holy presence of God.
Let us prepare ourselves to be raised from the dead!

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: Lord Jesus, you defeated the powers of evil and death. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess letting fear of sin and death rob us of joy. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead to give us hope and life. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess our failure to proclaim this good news to others. Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you breathe your Holy Spirit onto us, giving us your peace. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us our sins and bring us to new life. Lord, have mercy.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 *The cantor begins and the congregation repeats.*

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Kyrie

Leader Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Canticle Of Praise

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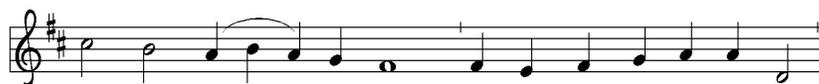
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Stzs. 1-4

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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.

God engages us in holy conversation—speaking and listening.

Let us open our ears and hearts to hear God's voice in the words spoken to us.

Let us celebrate new life by putting God's Word into action.

First Reading — Acts 9:36-43

A reading from Acts

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she

became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23

¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd; I shall not¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

Second Reading — *Revelation 7:9-17*

A reading from Revelation

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."



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| <p>5 Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!</p> |

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
 Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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: As those set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious Father, enable your church to respond to the voice of your Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Give us unflinching trust, unafraid to join in his work of renewing all things. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Increase your church with new sheep of your flock and lambs of your redeeming. Bless those who are being baptized and affirming their baptism today, especially Justin, Clarissa, Sophia, Cyrus, Angelyna, Niklaus, and Blythe. Help them to be faithful in the life you are giving them. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation, especially those we name before you now..... Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, including Julian of Norwich, whom we commemorate today. Wash us in your saving grace every day, as we await the coming of Jesus Christ to guide us to your waters of life. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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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Thanksgiving For the Word

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P: Let us pray.

We praise you, Holy God, who is, who was, and who is to come, for speaking us into existence, for speaking to us your loving will through the Holy Scriptures, and for speaking yourself into humanity in Jesus, your living Word. Grant us to receive your Word eagerly— hearing, reading, and learning it as our life story— so that we may grasp the hope of everlasting life given to us through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen. We praise you for your Word.

P: We radiate with your love, Merciful Father, as you have demonstrated it in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Shine the light of your love into all the world.

C: Amen. We praise you for your radiance and love.

P: You pour out the Holy Spirit on your church so that we may live as Jesus lives. Grant us the boldness to share the Good News of Jesus' forgiveness and grace to all who will listen. **We praise you for mercy and life.**

P: Raise us from the dead 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: The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **C: Amen.**

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Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: thanks be to God.**

Postlude



MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Brusan—Evelin Burgos—Rich Davis—Sharon Dietz—Cindy Dennis—Linda & Stewart Eisenhart—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Shelva Gise—Frank Guerrini & family—Bruce Harget—Mike Hinkle—Jere Hohenwarter—Gary & Karen Hollenbough—Phil Knobloch—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Deborah McIntyre—Philip Michael—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Shirley Rearich—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Rick Robinson—Jerry Schrum—George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—Chris Thatcher—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Jeanette Tracey—Matthew Walters—Kelsey Wagner—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Mearl Williams.

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Community Meal — Sunday, MAY 8, 11:00-12:30 PM

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Council Meeting — Tuesday, MAY 17, 7:00 PM

Worship & Music Committee Meeting — Thursday, MAY 26, 6:30 PM

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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.
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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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