

2nd Sunday after Epiphany



St Peter's Lutheran Church
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Service of the Word
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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

✠ **Gathering** ✠

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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 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.**

**Canticle
Of
Praise**
#520
ELW

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

✙ Word ✙

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

First Reading — 1 Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from 1 Samuel

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

¹LORD, you have searched me ¹ out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts ¹ from afar.

²**You trace my journeys and my ¹ resting-places
and are acquainted with ¹ all my ways.**

³Indeed, there is not a word ¹ on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it ¹ altogether.

⁴**You press upon me behind ¹ and before and lay your ¹ hand upon me.**

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

Music: "Alleluia 7," Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, and the Taizé Community
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Alleluia. We have found ¹ the Messiah: *
 Jesus Christ, who brings us ¹ grace and truth. *Alleluia.* (John 1:41, 17)

Holy Gospel — John 1:43-51

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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
 #503
 Green

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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: As we celebrate Jesus Christ the Son embodied in human flesh and blood, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious God, encourage the ministry and mission of your church. Make the leaders of your church to be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that its resources and outreach might bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore areas recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully. Give them vision for justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes opportunity for the poor and vulnerable to thrive. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle. Be present with those who are oppressed and all who long for healing, respite or restoration, especially those we name now..... *(pause)*..... God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Give our congregations the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so that we are inspired and empowered to do your work in the world. Make us faithful as we build communities of mutual care for all people. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Accept our thanks for all who have died and are at peace among the saints, especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church. Sustain our faith in you so that we may hope to share with all the saints the inheritance of eternal life. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Trusting the Holy Spirit to intercede for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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.

✝ Thanksgiving ✝

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Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Let us pray.

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

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 ✠

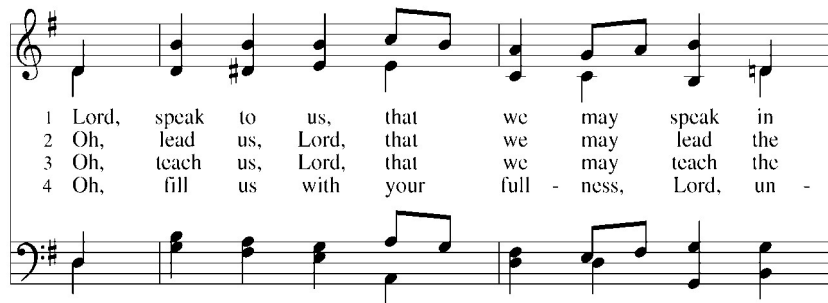
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

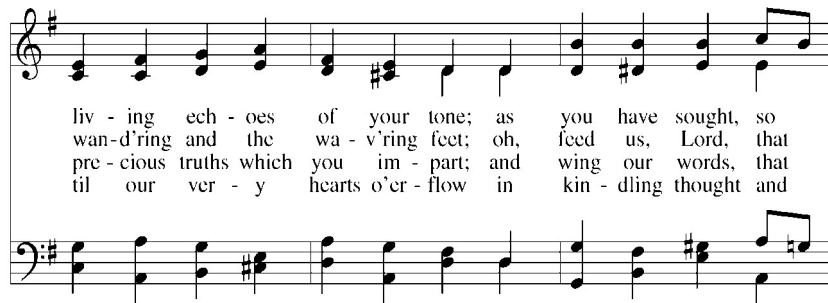
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

**Closing
Hymn**
#403
Green

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

EPIPHANY WORSHIP
Sundays, thru FEBRUARY 11

[No 8:45 AM service at St. Peter's]

8:00 AM — Early Service **At St. Paul's Lutheran Church,**
25 W. Springettsbury Ave., York

10:30 AM — **At Christ Lutheran, Manchester**

* **Ash Wednesday Service, FEBRUARY 14, 3:30 PM** — at St. Peter's

* * **Sunday, FEBRUARY 18** — Worship will resume at St. Peter's Lutheran

Troop 57 Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, JANUARY 27, 3:00-7:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Manchester

Tickets are \$10 [adults] \$5 [children]

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Helen Louise Everhart



July 30, 1927 – December 22, 2023

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, ***Helen Louise Everhart*** was commended to the Lord at a tribute service on January 5, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. ***Helen*** was the wife of the late Martin L. Everhart, Jr. She was the daughter of the late Sara M. Porter Hall & George A. Miller; the mother of Wendy Voorheis & Jolie Brown; the grandmother of Justin & Kyle Voorheis, Kristy Kochenhour, Derek, and the

late Stacey Jo Brown; the great grandmother of Aidan, Madden & Addison Kochenhour & Andrew Brown.



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- ◆ The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
- ◆ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
- ◆ The Lower Susquehanna Synod—Bishop James Dunlop.
- ◆ The York Conference—The Rev. Stanley Reep, Dean
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- ◆ We are partners with the Iyunga Parish in Tanzania, Pastor Jimmy Mwakomile, and the Konde Diocese, Bishop Edward Mwaikali
- ◆ We are partners with Christ Lutheran Church, Manchester, PA

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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
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