

## **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**



**St Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**January 21, 2024**

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Service of the Word  
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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

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✠ Gathering ✠

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

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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 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.**

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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  
#290  
Green

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the head.  
and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet - ness of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863  
Music: LORD, REVIVE! US, North American, 19th cent.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

✠ Word ✠

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

**First Reading — *Jonah 3:1-5, 10***

*A reading from Jonah*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

### **Psalm 62:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>For God alone my soul in <sup>l</sup> silence waits; truly, my hope <sup>l</sup> is in him.

<sup>7</sup>**He alone is my rock and <sup>l</sup> my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall <sup>l</sup> not be shaken.**

<sup>8</sup>In God is my safety <sup>l</sup> and my honor; God is my strong rock <sup>l</sup> and my refuge.

<sup>9</sup>**Put your trust in him al- <sup>l</sup> ways, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God <sup>l</sup> is our refuge.**

<sup>10</sup>Those of high degree are but a <sup>l</sup> fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate can- <sup>l</sup> not be trusted.

<sup>11</sup>**On the scales they are lighter <sup>l</sup> than a breath,  
all of <sup>l</sup> them together.**

<sup>12</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no <sup>l</sup> empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your <sup>l</sup> heart upon it.

<sup>13</sup>**God has spoken once, twice <sup>l</sup> have I heard it,  
that power be- <sup>l</sup> longs to God.**

<sup>14</sup>Steadfast love is <sup>l</sup> yours, O Lord,  
for you repay everyone according <sup>l</sup> to his deeds.

### **Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*A reading from 1 Corinthians*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

### Gospel Acclamation #175 ELW (Taizé)

*The cantor will sing first, then the cantor and congregation sing together.*

*The cantor will sing the verse, and the congregation repeats the Alleluia.*

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*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.* The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God <sup>1</sup> has come near;\*  
 repent, and believe in <sup>1</sup> the good news. *Alleluia.* (Mark 1:15)

### Gospel — Mark 1:14-20

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

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

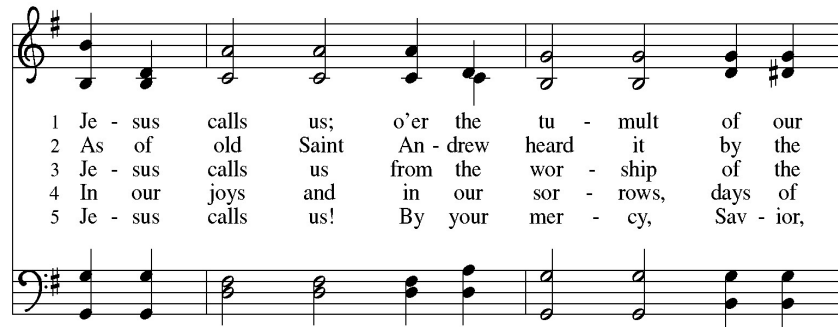
P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Message


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

Hymn  
of the  
Day  
#696  
ELW

## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## 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: God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken from the truth of your Word. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Turn the hearts and wills of the leaders of our nation and the world to seek your will. As they lead, grant them to follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Extend your care to survivors of assault and abuse and sustain all who minister to them, as you sustained the martyr, Agnes, who ministered to victims of sexual abuse. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain, especially those we name before you....*(pause)*.... God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

Empower us and our congregations to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your guidance, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Accept our thanks for all the saints as we entrust our beloved dead into your care. Comfort those who grieve, and help us to place our hope in your salvation. 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 ✝

We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy.

### Support God's Mission

**Offering** *Please consider making your thank offering to God ...*

**By Mail** to St. Peter's Lutheran Church 947 N. George St. York PA

**Or SCAN HERE >**



**Or ONLINE** at [www.StPetersLutheranYork.com](http://www.StPetersLutheranYork.com).

In the **Purple** box, Click **Donate** button to set up a one-time or recurring donation.

**Or VANCO MOBILE App**—Download the app to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Search on "York". Available for Apple and Android.

### 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

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### Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993  
 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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**A Tribute Gift was given to the Memorial Fund to the glory of God  
 In memory of Helen L. Everhart, by Ameer & Ronald Vance, Dennis Wolfgang  
 Susan Shettel, David & Mary Stewart.**

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## **JANUARY 14, 2023**

### **OFFERING**

General \$ 6,400.50    HVAC \$ 55.00    Memorial \$ 300.00

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## 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

### Announcements

#### **Troop 57 Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

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

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



### **MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

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of Helen Everhart

### **REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

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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!*

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## **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 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  
**Office Closed**