

# 20th Sunday after Pentecost



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

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### **Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **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: Lord Jesus, you look on us with compassion and seek us when we are lost. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Forgive our straying from your path and help us to forgive others. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, you have mercy on all who need healing and comfort. Christ, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we forget to turn to you in our troubles. Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, you plead for sinners at the throne of judgment. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Forgive us when we try to defend ourselves instead of trusting you. Lord, have mercy.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

P: 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.**

### **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**  
#210  
Green  
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 him, 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 pierce - 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!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

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!

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!

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!

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

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray. . . Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

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

## First Reading — *Isaiah 25:1-9*

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### *A reading from Isaiah*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rain-storm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was still-ed. <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd; I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He re-<sup>1</sup> lives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who<sup>1</sup> trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

## Second Reading — *Philippians 4:1-9*

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### *A reading from Philippians*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in

the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

*The cantor will sing the alleluia once alone and then the congregation repeats it.*

### Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

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.*

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*Alleluia.* This is the LORD for whom <sup>1</sup> we have waited; \*  
let us be glad and rejoice in <sup>1</sup> God's salvation. *Alleluia.* (Isa. 25:9)

### Holy Gospel — *Matthew 22:1-14*

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

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away,

one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 #203 Green

### Now We Join in Celebration

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,  
dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.  
for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918-1990  
Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
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## 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 the Church

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray to the Father for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

P: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all his followers share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in his ways. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation may flourish and humankind live in right relationship with all you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with your vision of justice, providing shelter and refuge to all in need and striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of Jesus the Good Shepherd who walks beside them, especially those we name now....*[pause]*. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: For our congregations, that the love of Christ may keep us united and make us mindful of all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and excellent. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, especially Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, that their faithful witness may guide your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through 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, 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

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### Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Righteous and loving heavenly Father, we give thanks to you that you light our way through life with the teachings of your Son, Jesus, your Word alive among us. Give us the focus we need to pay attention



to you, call us back to you when we stray from your ways, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring the full harvest of believers to share your feast. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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

#547  
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### Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,



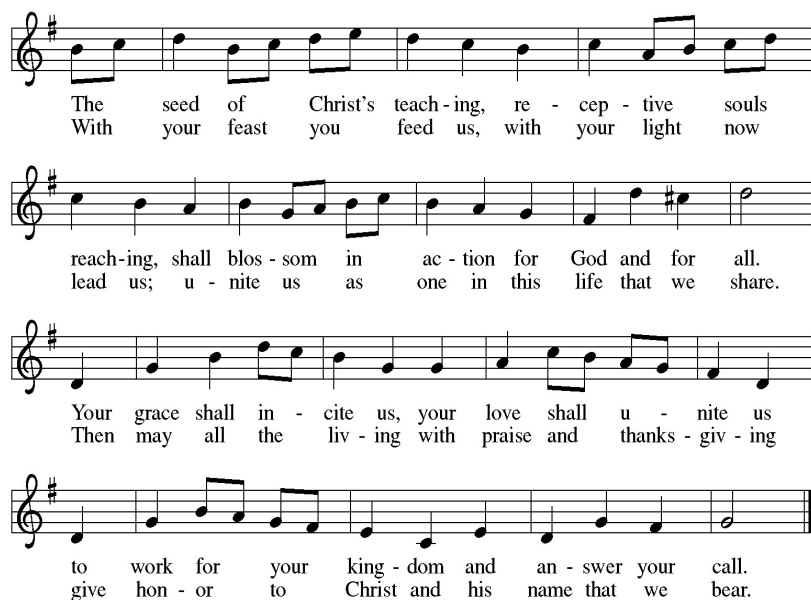
the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—



The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed  
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,



the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.



The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.  
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing  
to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.  
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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**Council Meeting— Tuesday, OCTOBER 17, 7:00 PM**

**Hand Bell Rehearsal — Thursdays, 6:30 PM — at St. Peter's Lutheran**

**Reformation Sunday — OCTOBER 29**

**All Saints Sunday — NOVEMBER 5**

**"Hope Pursued" Women's Conference** [Christ Lutheran, Manchester]

**Saturday, NOVEMBER 4, [9:00 AM -12:00 PM]**

The event will include several speakers with Pr Beth Schlegel giving the sermon.  
COST: \$20 Brunch included.

Forms to attend are located outside the sanctuary.

**Return form to Christ, Manchester by November 1.**

## Announcement

The annual audit of the congregation's finances is underway. Please report any possible discrepancies with your individual giving statements to Fred Botterbusch.

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## **OCTOBER 8, 2023**

### **OFFERING**

General \$ 1,310.00

HVAC \$ 55.00

Facility Use \$ 300.00

# 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

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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