



**St Peter's Lutheran Church**  
**October 29, 2023**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
**Reformation Sunday**

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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**  
#229  
Green

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . . Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*The assembly is seated.*

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### ✠ Word ✠

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

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## First Reading — *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*A reading from Jeremiah*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

## Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref-<sup>1</sup>uge and strength, a very present <sup>1</sup>help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the <sup>1</sup>earth be moved,  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths <sup>1</sup>of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters <sup>1</sup>rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble <sup>1</sup>at its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD of <sup>1</sup>hosts is with us; the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup>is our stronghold.**

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-<sup>1</sup>ty of God,  
the holy habitation of <sup>1</sup>the Most High.

<sup>6</sup>**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be <sup>1</sup>overthrown;  
God shall help her at the <sup>1</sup>break of day.**

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the king-<sup>1</sup>doms are shaken;  
God has spoken, and the earth shall <sup>1</sup>melt away.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Second Reading — *Romans 3:19-28*

### *A reading from Romans*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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.

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all the world a - tone; he is our me - di - a - tor.  
in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.  
Fa - ther's an - ger stilled which o - ver us im - pend - ed.  
neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.  
vealed your sav - ing love; your bless - ed name we hal - low.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551; tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book*, 1912, alt.  
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL. *Ethich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

## Nicene Creed

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
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 the Church

P: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray  
to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Holy and Eternal Father, by the love and mercy of your Son Jesus, heal the church's many divisions. Bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body sharing the truth of Jesus Christ. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant us to appreciate the works of your hands that have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Give us hope that when the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Be our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer with illness, grief, or other distress, especially those we name before you now....*[pause]*.... Be their rest and comfort. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Soften our hearts as you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected signs of your love, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people seeking to live out their baptism. Stir in us all a desire for your wisdom. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Accept our thanks that you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of eternal salvation and especially for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther. Give us courage to hold fast to your Word as we long for the day when we will see your new creation. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; 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, 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.*

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✚ **Thanksgiving** ✚ We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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

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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.**

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## ✚ Sending ✚

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

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## Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Closing  
Hymn**  
#230  
Green

**Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

1 Lord, keep us steady in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

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**The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God**

In memory of *Clinton H. Roderick Sr.*, by his granddaughter, Annette Roderick.

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

**Reformation Day — OCTOBER 31**

**All Saints Sunday — NOVEMBER 5**

**Annual Congregational Meeting — Sunday, NOVEMBER 19**

**“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.**

**Announcements**

**Gwenever Griest**, daughter of *Jennifer & Dewayne Griest* and granddaughter of *Chuck & Johnna Innerst*, will be valedictorian of her graduating class in June from Capital Area School for the Arts located in Harrisburg PA. Congratulations to Gwenever and to her family.

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



**MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

Susan Becker—Tom Brusar—Evelin Burgos—Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Don Gise—Shelva Gise—Bruce Harget—Cheryl Hibner—Samantha Hilker—Ken Humphreys—Marsha Humphreys—Lori Joseph—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Philip Michael—Brenda Croumer Miller—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Michael Noll—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Toni Schreiber—Nancy Stough Miller—Emma Smyser—Nicole Smyser—Mia Snyder—Michelle Solkenroth—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—Lois Yates—Stephen Young.

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Bill Everhart—Don Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Carla & Mike Lehr— John Lehr—Jean Leiphart—Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper

# 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.
  - ◆ The York Conference—The Rev. Stanley Reep, Dean  
Trinity, Wrightsville; St. James, Hellam; St. Mark, York; Advent, York; Christ, York; Union, York; St. Matthew, York; St. Jacob, York New Salem; Shiloh; Trinity, York; Grace, York; Zion, York; St. Peter's, York; St. Paul, York; Luther Memorial, York; Christ, Spry; St. James, York.
  - ◆ We are partners with the Iyunga Parish in Tanzania, Pastor Jimmy Mwakomile, and the Konde Diocese, Bishop Edward Mwaikali
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**OCTOBER 22, 2023**

### **OFFERING**

General \$ 2,140.00                      HVAC \$ 179.44  
Facility Use \$ 40.00

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**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 — 1:00 PM**

Friday  
**Office Closed**