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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.

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

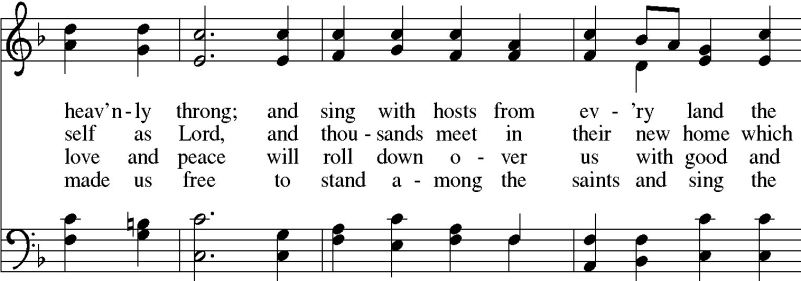
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**Canticle
Of
Praise**
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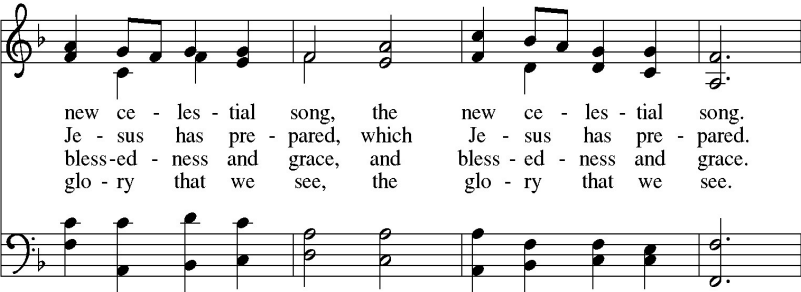
Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

The assembly is seated.

✠ Word ✠

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

First Reading — Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to de-^liver me; O LORD, make ^lhaste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth-^ler dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be
disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over ^lme turn back,
because they ^lare ashamed.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be ^lglad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great ^lis the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am ^lpoor and needy; come to me speedi-^lly, O God.

⁶**You are my helper and ^lmy deliverer; O LORD, ^ldo not tarry.**

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from 1 Thessalonians

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught

up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁶Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.

Alleluia. Keep awake ¹ and be ready, * for you do not know on what day your ¹ Lord is coming. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 24:42, 44)

Holy Gospel — *Matthew 25:1-13*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

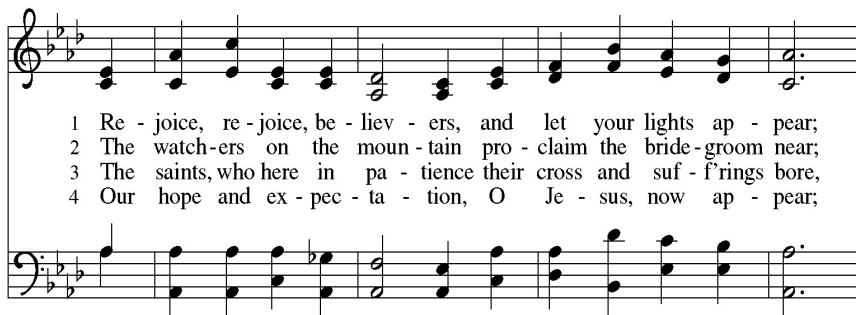
P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message

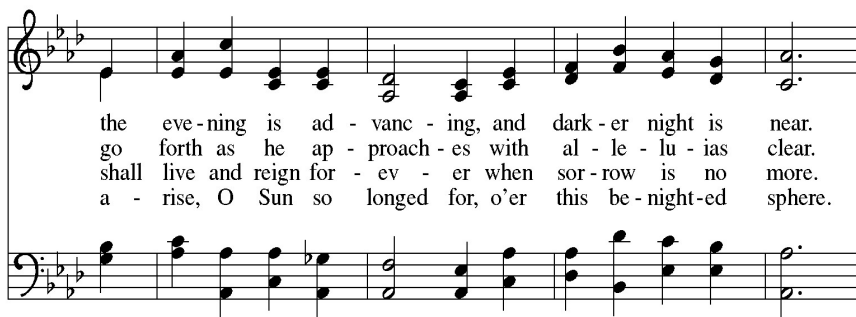
The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn
of the
Day
#25
Green

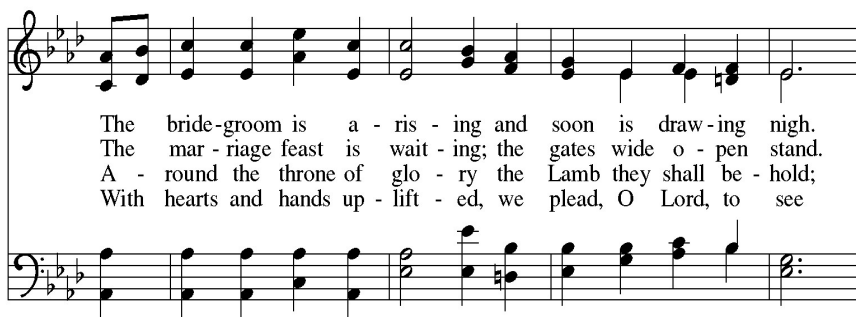
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



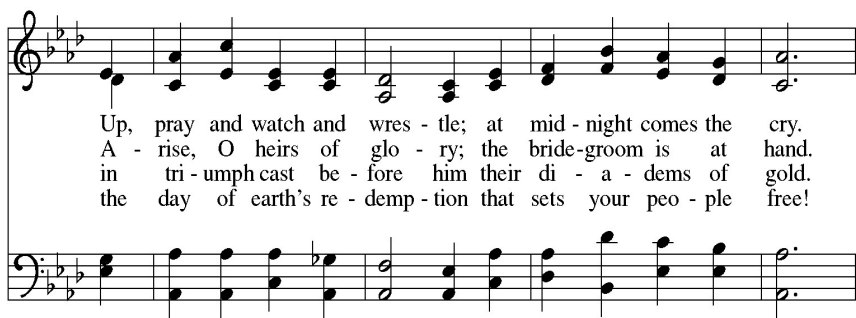
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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: Father in heaven, grant your Son Jesus to come quickly to your people, bringing the fullness of your salvation. By your Holy Spirit, center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith as we worship you and receive the means of grace, and send us out to live in your justice and truth. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Restore your creation, corrupted by humanity's sin. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Let your justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. Support the veterans of this community, and provide for their needs. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Provide for all in need and especially those who experience homelessness or hunger. Support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are grieving or suffering this day, especially those we name now.... *(pause)*.... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Fill our worship with hymns to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Accept our thanks for our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve, and grant us all to long for the day when Christ will come to bring the new heaven and the new earth. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

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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

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Blue

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Thank you to the supply pastor Pastor George Fitch.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God

In memory of *Robert E. Rohrbaugh*, by his granddaughter, Annette Roderick.

Pr Schlegel will be on Vacation—

While the pastor is away, Pastor Stan Reep will be on call.

Annual Congregational Meeting — Sunday, NOVEMBER 19

2023 Annual Report will be available NOVEMBER 12 in the narthex.



COST: \$16.00

Deadline to order: Monday, NOVEMBER 27

Order forms are included in the Parish Visitor and available outside the sanctuary or in the church office.

NOVEMBER 5, 2023**OFFERING**

General \$ 1,609.53	HVAC \$ 55.00
Masonry \$ 150.00	Capital Improvement \$ 25.00
Community Aid \$ 187.65	

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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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HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday
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