

# 25th 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**  
#890  
ELW

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
Our God is march - ing on.  
while God is march - ing on.



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . . Righteous God, our merciful Lord, to you belong the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

*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 — Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

*A reading from Zephaniah*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. <sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

## Psalm 90:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have <sup>1</sup>been our refuge from one generation <sup>1</sup>to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land  
and the <sup>1</sup>earth were born, from age <sup>1</sup>to age <sup>1</sup>you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the <sup>1</sup>dust and say, "Go back, O <sup>1</sup>child of earth."

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when <sup>1</sup>it is past and like a watch <sup>1</sup>in the night.**

<sup>5</sup>You sweep us away <sup>1</sup>like a dream; we fade away suddenly <sup>1</sup>like the grass.

<sup>6</sup>In the morning it is <sup>1</sup>green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried <sup>1</sup>up and withered.

<sup>7</sup>For we consume away in <sup>1</sup>your displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your wrathful <sup>1</sup>indignation.

<sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have <sup>1</sup>set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light <sup>1</sup>of your countenance.

<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our <sup>1</sup>days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end <sup>1</sup>like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength <sup>1</sup>even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away  
quickly and <sup>1</sup>we are gone.

<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power <sup>1</sup>of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your <sup>1</sup>indignation?

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to num- <sup>1</sup>ber our days,  
that we may apply our <sup>1</sup>hearts to wisdom.

## Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

### *A reading from 1 Thessalonians*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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.* Abide in me as I abide in you; \*  
those who abide in me bear much fruit. *Alleluia.* (John 15:4, 5)

### **Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30**

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

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[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

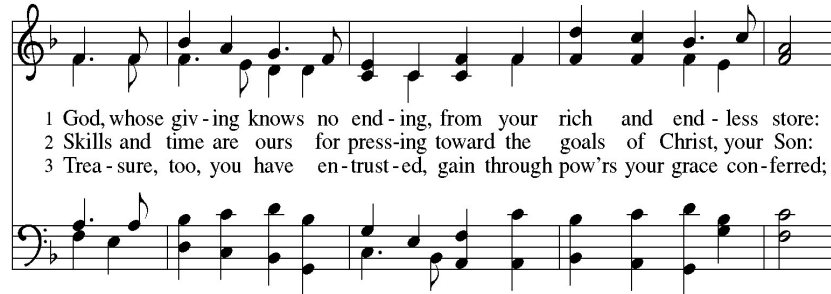
P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Message**

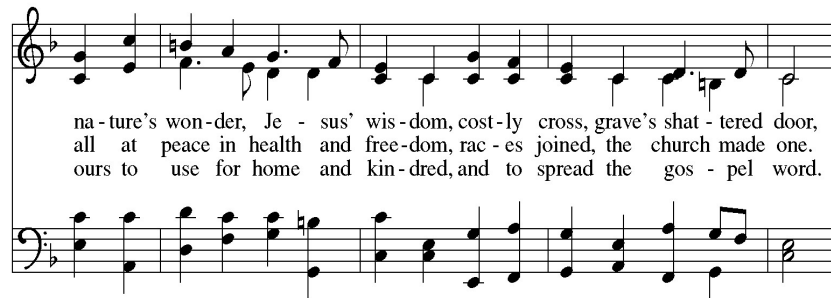
*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn  
of the  
Day  
#408  
Green

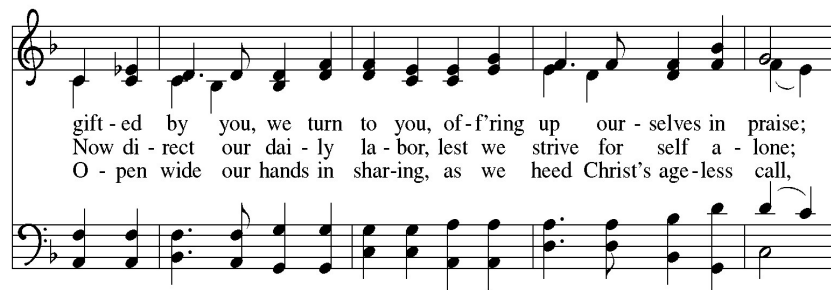
## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



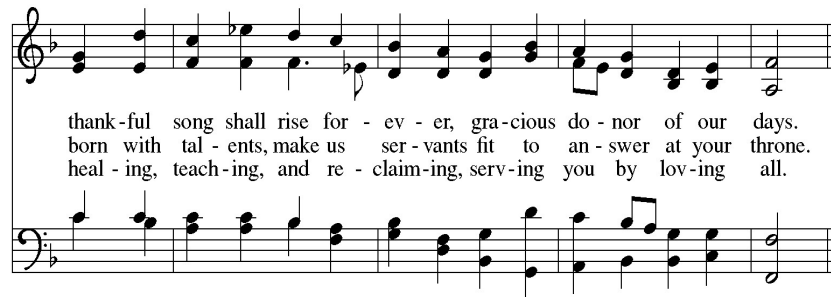
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store;  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918  
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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: Gracious God, build up your church to use the talents and gifts you give to all your people in service to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Be our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Open our ears to hear you call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free people who are oppressed by tyranny, expose corruption, and redeem victims of injustice. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing and hope; where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. Hear our prayers for those we name before you.... [*pause*]..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Equip us to form the faith of our children. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your grace and mercy and show us how to teach and encourage one another. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**



P: Accept our thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith and for your promise of life eternal. Keep us close to our beloved dead through faith in you so that on the Day of Christ's coming, we may follow him to share with them the great feast in your kingdom. 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.*

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

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### Support God's Mission

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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

#649  
Blue

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the  
 day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the  
 cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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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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## Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, NOVEMBER 19

**2023 Annual Report** will be available in the narthex.

**Hand Bells Rehearsal – Thursday, NOVEMBER 30, 6:30 PM**

**Hanging of the Greens – Saturday, DECEMBER 2, 9:00 AM**



**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.



### MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Brusano—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 Mc-Farland—Philip Michael—Pr Judy McKee—Brenda Croumer Miller—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Nancy Stough Miller—Emma Smyser—Nicole Smyser—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—Lois Yates—Stephen Young—family & friends of Dick Crone.

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HVAC \$ 55.00

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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.
- ◆ 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 & Tuesday  
**8:00 AM — 1:00 PM**

Wednesday  
**8:00 AM — 10:30 AM**

Thursday & Friday  
**Office Closed**