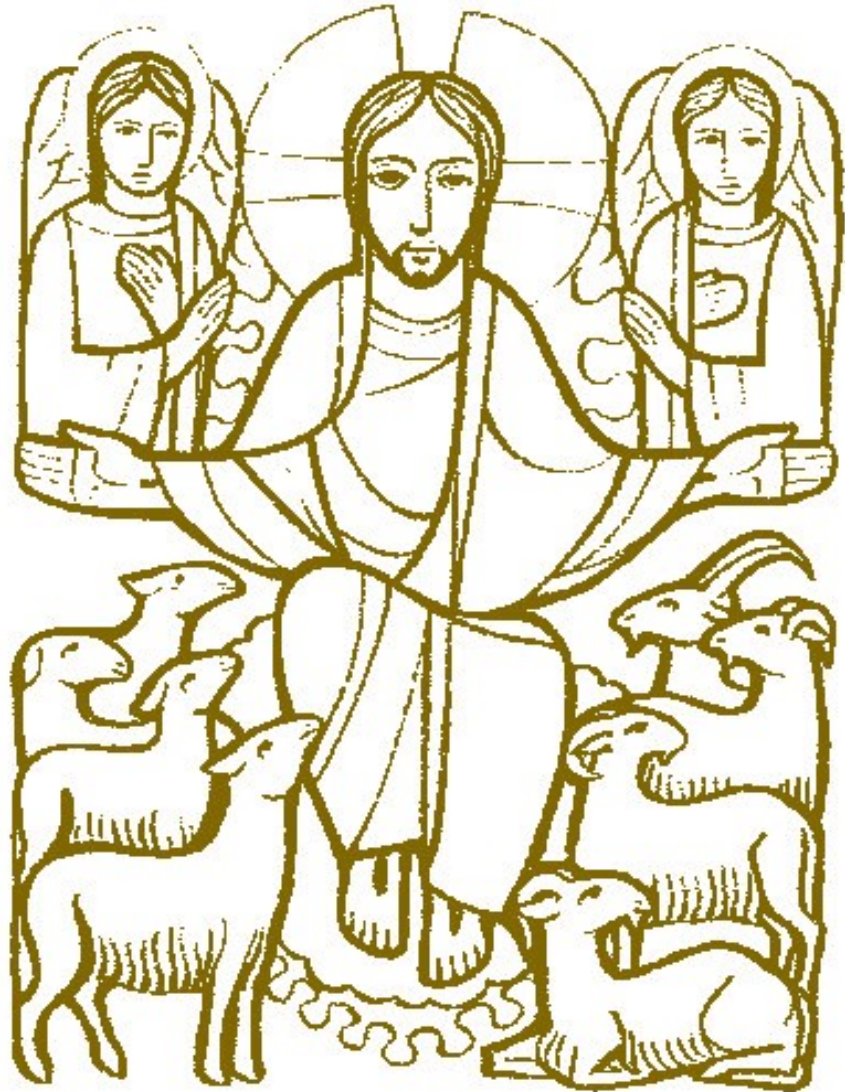


Christ the King



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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.

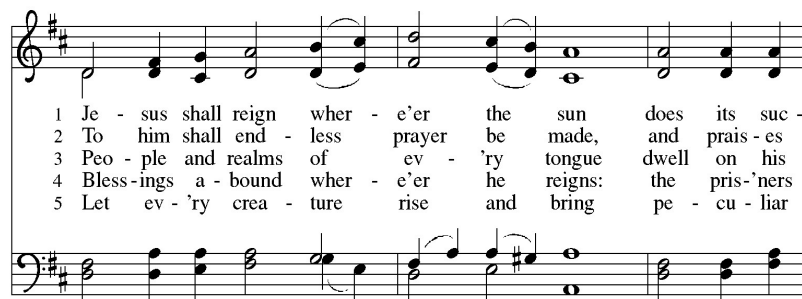
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Apostolic Greeting

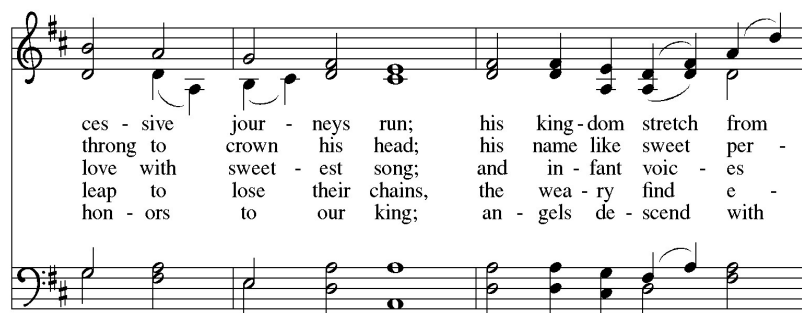
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**Canticle
Of
Praise**
#530
Green

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

✠ Word ✠

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

First Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from Ezekiel

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.

²**Let us come before his presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to ¹ him with psalms.**

³For the LORD ¹ is a great God, and a great King a- ¹ bove all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth,
and the heights of the hills ¹ are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, ¹ for he made it, and his hands have molded ¹ the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us bow down and ¹ bend the knee,
and kneel before the ¹ LORD our Maker.**

^{7a}For he ¹ is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep ¹ of his hand.

Second Reading — *Ephesians 1:15-23*

A reading from Ephesians

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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. Blessed is the one who comes in the name ^l of the Lord.*
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an-^lcestor David. *Alleluia.*
(Mark 11:9)

Holy Gospel — *Matthew 25:31-46*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my

Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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**
#431
ELW

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -

king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
 all, you said the first must be the last and
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with

praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
 we might rise and live. To break the law of
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the

glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for

walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
 Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902
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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 God, open our hearts to receive from Jesus Christ our call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. Empower your church to respond to this call with faithfulness and generous love. Bless the work of ELCA World Hunger and our partnerships with local and global feeding ministries. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: In Christ, the rock of our salvation, bring us into union with all of creation. With mountains, seas, dry lands, and animals of the field, we seek your guidance and protection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Grant us to recognize your merciful judgment in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Guide rulers of every nation in ways of humble leadership and wise decision-making. Allow aid to come to all who are in need and give care to any who are neglected, especially refugees and those suffering the deprivations of war. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In Christ we feel the depth of your love and care toward us. Nourish all who hunger, connect any who are isolated, and surround all who experience rejection or abuse. We pray for those who suffer, especially those we name now.... *[pause]*.... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Inspire the outreach and social ministries of this congregation. We pray for all people who serve and attend to the needs of others. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Accept our thanks for the faithful witness of those who have served you and now rest from their labors. Unite us with them as one body of Christ as we all await the great day of Christ the King coming in glory. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts to you, heavenly Father, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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 #171 Green

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n;
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

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joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LAUS REIGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Dismissal

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

Postlude

The Eternal Candle was given to the glory of God

In memory of *Clinton H. 'Whitie' Roderick*, by his daughter Annette Roderick.

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.

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Thursday, DECEMBER 14, 6:30 PM

St. Peter's Lutheran

A service of healing and remembrance.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, DECEMBER 16, 4:00-6:00 PM

St. Peter's Lutheran, York

—Live Music from Emigsville Band —Reading of Nativity Story & The Night Before Christmas —Visit from Santa Claus —Make your own ornaments —Refreshments



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sunday, DECEMBER 24

3:30 PM – St. Peter's Lutheran

7:00 PM – Christ, Manchester

10:00 PM – St. Peter's Lutheran

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Monday, DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM [NO 8:45am service]

St. Peter's Lutheran

POTLUCK BRUNCH PARTY AFTER SERVICE

1st Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, DECEMBER 31, 10:30 AM

St. Peter's Lutheran

Carol singing following to follow.



EPIPHANY WORSHIP

Sundays, JANUARY 7 thru FEBRUARY 11

At St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 25 W. Springettsbury Ave., York

8:00 AM — Early Service [No 8:45 AM service at St. Peter's]

At Christ Lutheran, Manchester — 10:30 AM

** Sunday, FEBRUARY 18 — Worship will resume at St. Peter's Lutheran



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

Friday
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