

7th Sunday of Easter



St Peter's Lutheran Church
May 21, 2023

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
7th Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023

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 defeated the powers of evil and death. Lord, have mercy.

C: We confess letting fear of sin and death rob us of joy. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead to give us hope and life. Christ, have mercy.

C: We confess our failure to proclaim this good news to others. Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you breathe your Holy Spirit onto us, giving us your peace. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us our sins and bring us to new life. Lord, have mercy.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **C: Amen**

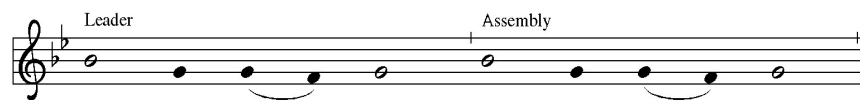
Apostolic Greeting

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.**

Kyrie

The cantor begins and the congregation repeats.

Kyrie



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Music: Plainsong

**Canticle
 Of Praise**
 #157
 Green
 Stzs. 1-4,7

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of
 3 To whom . . . shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up -
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals
 world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un - to
 And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see their Lord as - cend
 "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they say, "this is his glo -
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing in
 the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

7 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 all praise to you let earth accord:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 with Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673-735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN. *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . .

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

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

God engages us in holy conversation – speaking and listening.

Let us open our ears and hearts to hear God’s voice in the words spoken to us.

Let us celebrate new life by putting God’s Word into action.

First Reading — Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

¹Let God arise, and let his ene-¹mies be scattered;
let those who hate him ¹flee before him.

²**Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives ¹it away;
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish
at the pres-¹ence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice¹ before God;
let them also be mer-¹ry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides up-¹ on
the heavens; YAHWEH is his name, re-¹joice before him!**

⁵Father of orphans, defend-¹er of widows, God in his holy¹ habitation!

⁶**God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners¹
into freedom; but the rebels shall live¹ in dry places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth be-¹fore your people,
when you marched¹ through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of
God, the¹ God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the¹ God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon¹ your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when¹ it was weary.

¹⁰**Your people found their¹ home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision¹ for the poor.**

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms¹ of the earth; sing praises¹ to the Lord.

³⁴**He rides in the heavens, the¹ ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his¹ mighty voice.**

³⁵Ascribe pow-¹er to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is¹ in the skies.

³⁶**How wonderful is God in his¹ holy places,
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!¹
Blessed be God!**

Second Reading — 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from 1 Peter

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ⁵⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation #135

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. The organ will play once, cantor will sing the alleluia through once and then the congregation will repeat it. Following the verse, all sing it again together.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, ¹ says the Lord. *
I am com- ¹ing to you. *Alleluia.* (John 14:18)

Holy Gospel — John 17:1-11

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

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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
#386
Green

Christ Is the King!



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joi - ce; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: George K.A. Bell, 1883-1958, alt.
Music: BEVERLY, Charles R. Anders, b. 1929
Text from *Songs of Praise, Enlarged Edition*. © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.
Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Nicene Creed

Together with the whole Church, we confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, 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: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Almighty God, as you drew your Son Jesus to your side, draw us to you and unite us with all your beloved people. Weave your church together in a fabric of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of those held fast by oppression. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness, especially those we name now..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Guide congregation leaders as they seek your will. Equip them and all your people to make full use of all the gifts you have provided. We pray for our staff and council, committee members and organization leaders. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Accept our thanks for Helena and all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Raise us with all your saints to new life in Christ Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal Father; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen 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

Or SCAN HERE > 

Or ONLINE at www.StPetersLutheranYork.com.

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

Or VANCO MOBILE App—Download the app to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Search on "York". Available for Apple and Android devices

Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P: We praise you, Holy God, who is, who was, and who is to come, for speaking us into existence, for speaking to us your loving will through the Holy Scriptures, and for speaking yourself into humanity in Jesus, your living Word. Grant us to receive your Word eagerly hearing, reading, and learning it as our life story— so that we may grasp the hope of everlasting life given to us through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen. We praise you for your Word.

P: We radiate with your love, Merciful Father, as you have demonstrated it in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Shine the light of your love into all the world.

C: Amen. We praise you for your radiance and love.

P: You pour out the Holy Spirit on your church so that we may live as Jesus lives. Grant us the boldness to share the Good News of Jesus' forgiveness and grace to all who will listen.

C: Amen. We praise you for mercy and life.

P: Raise us from the dead through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **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: The blessing of the living God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **C: Amen.**

Closing

Hymn

#170

Green

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Memorial Service for [Bob & Mildred Zeigler Jr.]
Saturday, MAY 27, 10:00 AM — at St. Peter's Lutheran



MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Bruson—Evelin Burgos—Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Shelva Gise—Bruce Harget—Samantha Hilker—Ken Humphreys—Lori Joseph—Phil Knobloch—John Lehr—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marrero—Michele McFarland—Philip Michael—Brenda Croumer Miller—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Jen Olson—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeyer—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Jerry Schrum—George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Dave Yates—Lois Yates—the family & friends of Philip Knobloch

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

MAY 14, 2023

OFFERING

General \$ 2247.00

Community Meal \$ 2.00

Masonry \$ 190.00

HVAC \$ 75.00

Capital Improvement \$ 30.00

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!*

Portions of this service are from sundaysandseasons.com.

Copyright © 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS000735.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.

Liturgical music and hymns are used with permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies annual License #20735 and OneLicense.net License #A-723788 and CCLI #11557761 and podcast license #20611432.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used with permission. OneLicense.net License #A-723788.

"Christ is the King!" Text from *Songs of Praise*, Enlarged Edition, © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
947 North George Street, York PA 17404
8:45 AM—Worship Service



Church Staff

The Reverend Beth A. Schlegel, *STS* Pastor
Terri Schroll Secretary
Kristen Hartman—Susan Hartman Sextons

Our phone number is: 717-854-0589

Our Website is: <http://www.stpeterslutheranyork.com>

Our Email Address is: stpeterslutheran@verizon.net

Pastor Beth Schlegel: Phone #: 717-495-8894

Email: pastorschlegel@live.com

This Week
CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday
Office Closed