

Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Palm and Passion Sunday

April 3, 2022
10:15 Worship Service
Pastor Brandon Johns

The Lenten Cross Garden has grown as a different symbol of Christ has been added at the foot of the cross. Its stark beauty prepares us for the extravagant beauty of the Resurrection Garden on Easter Morning.

STONE *“[Joseph] rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb.”*
Matthew 27:60

Stone has long held value as both the tools and material for building homes. It was also used for putting prophets to death and entombing the dead. Neither stone nor death itself can confine Jesus, who instead makes a rolled away stone a symbol of hope in an eternal home and becomes the cornerstone of our faith.

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE *Ring, Glory, Laud and Honor* Lloyd Larson

BELL RINGING

ACCLAMATION

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40

The holy gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**



All are invited to join the procession of welcome to the Messiah, the one whom we praise with joy for our deliverance. This is what our Hosanna means, before our shouts turn to crucifixion when we realize our salvation happens on God's terms instead of our own.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

SR. CHOIR ANTHEM

Hosanna! Don Besig and Nancy Price

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me, the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALM 31:9-16 (Read Responsively)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, “You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD READING ACCORDING TO LUKE

Please turn to the Passion reading booklets that have been placed in the pews in front of the hymnals in the hymnal racks.

You may have to share.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor-ing at his feet,
4 Ear-ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;

your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, we pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion.

The response for each petition is:

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

OFFERING

Our offerings are made processionaly, which means dropped into the plates located near the entrances to the front and rear of the nave.

OFFERING SONG: God Gave to Me a Life to Live

1 God gave to me a life to live; God and
2 When I am helped to see what's good, and
gave me hands with which to give; God gave a heart with
led to do the things I should, I thank you, car - ing
which to care; God gave me love that I might share.
God a - bove, for life and hands and heart and love.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, **receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

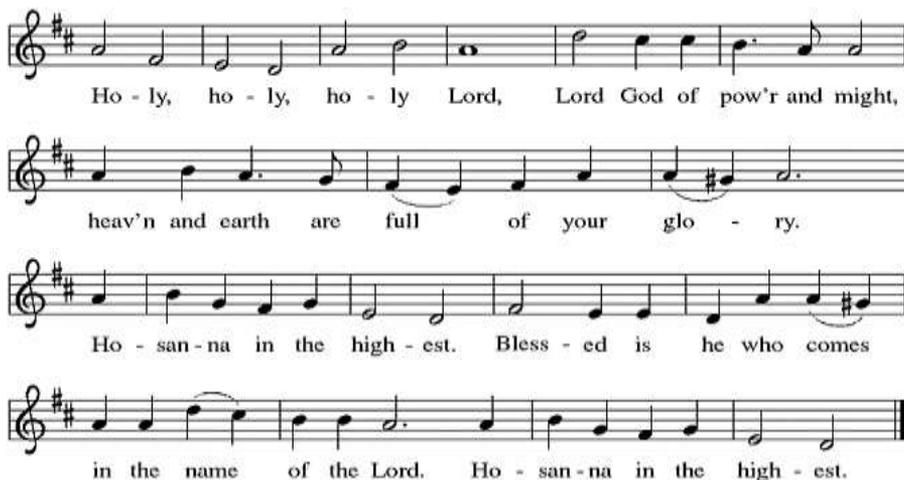
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE *(It is indeed right.... join their unending hymn)*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and help us to pray:
**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**

INSTRUCTION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

At this time Pastor will take a moment to explain how the distribution of Holy Communion will take place from our seats. The explanation will conclude with the Invitation to Communion and then we will commune.

The elements of the Sacrament are offered with these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. And The blood of Christ, shed for you.

For children who do not communion, lay hand(s) on each child and offer this or another blessing:

“May God’s love sustain you through all of life’s challenges. Amen.”

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Let us share now in the heavenly banquet that has no end.

BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**



SENDING SONG: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sing 3 times)

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff of each system.

SHARING FOR SERVING: BIRTHDAYS AND MISSION NOTICES

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Ride On In Majesty* Edward Broughton

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Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for April

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause will
support EDCO Park.

If you would like to support this cause,
please mark the other line on your
contribution envelope EDCO.



Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Jan Hogan

Luke Clawson

Cole Barkley

Paul Mulneix (surgery)

The family of Ellie Suereth

The family of Gaynell Brady

The family of Geri Cashdollar

Joyce Hayes

David English

Amy Anthony

Ray Middleton

Diane Marburger

Please hold these members and friends of St. Peter's in your prayers.

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

*The eternal candle & altar flowers are given
by Marlene Domhoff
In loving memory of
Bob Domhoff*



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St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Mon. – Thur.	3:30 pm	After School Program
Mon. April 11	7:00 pm	Boy/Cub Scouts Meeting
Tue. April 12	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. April 13	6:30 pm	Relay for Life Meeting
	7:00 pm	Silent Service
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thur. April 14	9:00 am	Quilters
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri. April 15	noon	Community Cross Walk & Service at St. Peter's
	7 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat. April 16	11:00 am	Luther Hall Reserved (Wearing)
Sun. April 17	7 am	Sunrise Service
	8 am	Easter Breakfast
	9 am	Sunday School & Egg Hunt
	10:15 am	Worship

Keeping the Word Alive Vigil – Starting after the 7 pm Good Friday Service, St. Peter's family and friends will work as a team to keep a vigil until the sunrise service on Easter morning. This is a unique opportunity to deepen our spiritual connection to Christ, the Living Word, in connection with the time he spent in the tomb. The vigil will include reading the Gospel of Luke as well as other devotional materials.

Easter Egg Hunt Donations- there is a box on the reading table under the bulletin board in Luther Hall for donations for St. Peter's Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Learning Ministry on Easter morning. This year we are asking for plastic eggs, small prizes, and allergy safe candy (individual serving size): smarties, starburst, skittles, Swedish fish, nerds, and any other things you can think of. PLEASE have all donations to the church by this Friday.



First Holy Communion- will take place during our Maundy Thursday evening service. Please come out to support four of our young people and welcome them to the Lord's Table on April 14th at 7 pm.

Softball- If you are interested in playing on the St. Peter's softball team this season, please talk to Pastor Johns, who is the coach of our team. Games are held during the week at Slippery Rock or at the Middle Lancaster Field from May through the beginning of August, with spring training held in April. Everyone is welcome to participate or to be part of the best cheer squad in the league. A big thank you to our family/friends at Waiting on You Hand and Foot, who have sponsored our team, covering all our costs!!

Kid Camp – will be offered again this year for 3 weeks! June 6-10, June 13-17, and August 15-19. Morning Manna will take place again this year the week of June 6-10 from 9 am – noon. See Heidi Beahm for more information. Registration information is available on our website as well.

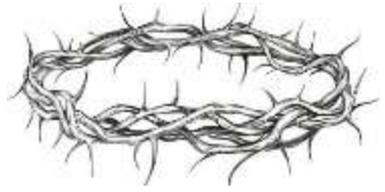
Vacation Bible School – is hosted by Westminster UPC this year from June 12-16 from 6-8 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School, please let Pastor Johns know.

BRICK RESTORATION LOAN UPDATE

It is exciting to report that we continue to pay down the loan for the restoration project that began in July 2017. While we are super excited about all of the donations, we also encourage you to keep up the good work! As of 3/31/22 our loan balance is \$16,700. Please remember to give as you can in addition to your regular contribution to support this project.

Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you are here to worship with other Christians today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your worship experience will fill you with the grace and mercy of Almighty God through his Holy Spirit.



Newcomers and Guests

New to St. Peter's? Please sign the GUEST REGISTER behind the last pew. A handicapped accessible RESTROOM is located near the Van Buren Street entrance (through Luther Hall, past the kitchen, restroom is on the left in the foyer). You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice.

Nursery- is self-serve and available on for children and caregivers. Exit the rear of the nave and follow the steps to the basement, the nursery is on the left. The service can be heard through an intercom in the nursery. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary and children's bulletins geared to children ages 5 and up.

Office Hours:

Heidi Beahm, our secretary, is in the church office Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM until Noon.

Pastor Johns can also be reached at the church.

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