

All
generations
will
call me
blessed

LUKE 1:48

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

COVID-19 Up-Date We will resume wearing masks for all indoor services due to the surge of cases in our county and in compliance with CDC guidelines. Our COVID-19 Task Force has been meeting for more than a year and a half tracking data and reviewing information provided through a variety of sources. While resuming masking for indoor worship may seem like a step backward it can be viewed as a step forward as we continue to make a way for the congregation to gather as safely as possible to offer prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God. Our desire to have children and youth, who are not eligible to receive vaccines, take an active part in the faith community added to the decision by Congregation Council at their August 9th meeting. Thank you for respecting their decision.

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

Entering and Leaving the Church:

Please wear a mask while in worship and take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.

Offerings:

Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service or immediately following the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

While in the Nave:

Please sit in designated pews only. You may sit together as a family. We ask that you practice social distancing from one family to the next within the pew. Occasionally an usher may seat a guest in the red zone.

Communion Procedure:

- *Ushers will direct you. The pulpit side (left) of the nave communes first followed by the font side (right).*
- *Come to the chancel step taking your place at one of the five positions marked on the chancel floor with a green cross.*
- *Your entire household may gather at a position marked by the green cross.*
- *Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host. Return to your pew by the closest side aisle. There is no need to hurry.*
- *We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).*

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, Norma Shue, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 185 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex. Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord
Sunday, August 15, 2021
Holy Communion 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Robert Hebble

ENTRANCE HYMN

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly stanza 1-Cantor, **stanzas 2&3-All**



1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin-moth - er un - de - filed,
2. Sing of Je - sus, son of Mar - y, In the home at Naz - a - reth.
3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; Glo - ry be to God the Son;



Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle child.
Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing un - to death.
Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it; Glo - ry to the Three in One.



Fair - est child of fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
Con - stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
From the heart of bless - ed Mar - y, From all saints the song as - cends,



Word made flesh, our ver - y broth - er, Takes our na - ture by his birth.
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died.
And the church the strain re - ech - oes, Un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

Text: Roland F. Palmer, b.1891

Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR, # 7 8 7 D: *Christian Lyre*, 1830; Harms. by Richard Proulx, b.1937. © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, you chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of your only Son. Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:7-11

(back cover)

PSALM

Psalm 45:11-16

Spoken responsively by half verse.

¹¹The king will de- | sire your beauty;

he is your master, so | bow before him.

¹²The city of | Tyre brings tribute;

the wealthiest of the people | seek your favor.”

¹³All glorious is the princess | as she enters;

her gown is | cloth-of-gold.

¹⁴In embroidered apparel she is brought | to the king;

after her the bridesmaids follow | in procession.

¹⁵With joy and gladness | they are brought,

and enter into the palace | of the king.

¹⁶“In place of ancestors, O king, you | shall have sons;

you shall make them princes over | all the earth.

SECOND READING

Galations 4:4-7

(back cover)

Stand

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

(LBW 42)

stanza 1-All, stanza 2-female cantor, stanza 3-male cantor, stanzas 4&5-All



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing

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he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
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 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:46-55 *(back cover)*

The Holy Gospel according to **St. Luke** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Stan Reep

Stand

NICENE CREED

**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,
 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.**

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**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 INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, in Christ you have revealed your love for people overlooked and cast aside. Send us to proclaim good news to those who are abandoned, despised, or rejected and make our congregation a place of genuine welcome and hospitality. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We remember your promise to our ancestors and look to you for justice. Expose pride, greed, and exploitation wherever it is found and raise up humble leaders who act on behalf of those who are poor, oppressed, or in need. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In Christ, rescue us from shame and dishonor. Lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and have mercy on those who turn to you for help (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Mary's song of praise and amazement echoes through this assembly. Attend to those in this congregation expecting a child and console those struggling to conceive. Come to the aid of those enduring a difficult pregnancy and those who have experienced a miscarriage. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints who have found refuge in you, O God (*especially Mary, mother of Jesus*). As you have delivered them from all their afflictions, so save us from all our earthly troubles until that day when we sing your praise together in heaven.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY

As the pastor prepares the altar the people sing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

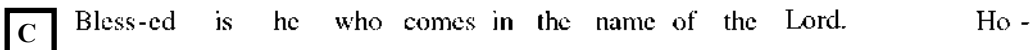
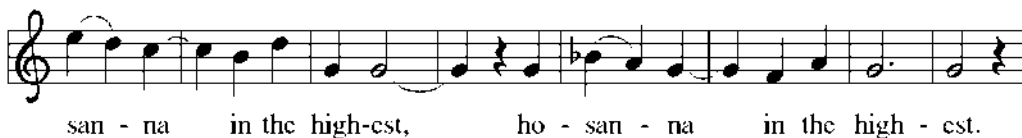
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



SANCTUS Sung by the cantgor, **the Congregation joins at** C



THANKSGIVING

Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us our daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it 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 and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church both now and forever. Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION RITE *The bread is broken. A brief silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI *sung by the cantor*

Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

COMMUNION MUSIC *Ave Maria* Franz Schubert

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *Almighty Father, in the Eucharist you give us a foretaste of the Lambs
Feast of Victory. Keep us faithful to you so that we, with Mary Mother of our Lord,
and all your saints in heaven, may at length celebrate the Feast which has no end;
though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN *Shall We Not Love thee, Mother Dear (next page)*

DISMISSAL

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

Sit

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* Andre Campra

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...feel free to gather outside for conversation.
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595 Shall we not love thee, Mother dear

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

BEATITUDO CM

The image shows the musical score for the hymn. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff is the vocal line, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The second and third staves are piano accompaniment, with the second staff starting with a treble clef and the third with a bass clef. The accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

1. Shall we not love thee, Mo - ther dear, whom Je - sus

loves so well, and to his glo - ry, year by

year, thy praise and hon - our tell?

2. Thee did he choose from whom to take
true flesh, his flesh to be;
in it to suffer for our sake,
and by it make us free.

4. Joy to be mother of the Lord,
yet thine the truer bliss,
in ev'ry thought and deed and word
to be for ever his.

6. Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
praise we thy mother blest;
grant when our earthly course is run,
life with the saints at rest.

In our prayers we remember...

Nancy O'Connor, Brian Hoover, Luna Lambert, Richard Griffin, Jerry Briggs, Tina Llorente, Rick Lloyd, The Hawkins Family, Deirdre McManama, Nancy Smith, Jim Gilbert, Roland Craig, Julie Stephan, Elaine Mummert, Orven Cook, Martha Spillman, Ron Stiffler, Ann DeMille, Terry Kaczor, Barbara Ruppert, Chuck Oelsner, Morgan Lanzalotti, Courtney Snell, Jessica Arnold, Betty Mehring, Drew Herdson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey.

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This Week at St. Paul's August 15-22
Church office open 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Mon—Thurs

Sunday, August 15

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Outside
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Monday, August 16

9:00 AM Fellowship Mtg
6:00 PM Mpuguso Meeting
7:00 PM ZOOM Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 PM ZOOM Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, August 17

9:30 AM Pantry

Sunday, August 22

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Outside
9:00 AM Pantry Volunteers
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - live streamed.
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm



Flowers This Week

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God In memory of Richard and Margie Martin by the family

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Prayers	Lector	Ushers	AV Team	Outside Set-up Crew	Altar Set-up Communion Both	Altar Clean-up Communion 10:30AM
8/15	Early Outside	Denise Rider	Harold Sargeant	Larry Becker Denise Rider		Needed	Ann & Axel Ulrich	
	Late	Tonya Cave	Bob Reed	Richard Griffin Carol Woodbury	TBA			Pat Rudacille Gerry Briggs

The 10:30 AM Liturgy is live streamed on YouTube. Search St. Paul's Lutheran Church S. George, York, PA. or use this link to our St. Paul's YouTube home page www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCFdMzkJo_Xvbdkxn2IYIg. You may also view the service at a later time on

Let us welcome two new staff members!

Leah McComas has accepted the position of Bell Choirs Director and Cody Messersmith has accepted the position of Children's Music Director. You can reach them at the emails listed under Staff. Our September newsletter will have more information about these two stellar educators and their plans for enriching our Music Ministry. Welcome!

St. Paul's Food Pantry – Volunteer Opportunity on Sunday & Tuesday Mornings

For those wishing to help, but unable to participate on Tuesday mornings due to jobs or school during the week, there is a new volunteer opportunity. Twice a month volunteers work between Sunday services at 9:00 AM to stock the shelves. We still are in need of additional helpers on Tuesday mornings. Contact Patty Snyder if you are willing to help in this ministry.

Food Pantry—August

Items needed: Pancake mix, 4 pks of toilet paper, canned or boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, jelly, boxed rice. We also need paper grocery bags with handles. Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore. Plastic Bags are always needed. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry".

Years ago, there was a politician in Michigan who had unsuccessfully run for office eight times in a row. Finally, at what would become his last attempt, he lost again by only a few votes. His narrow miss at winning might have been contested by other candidates. The news reporter asked, "How did it feel to come so close to winning?" The politician replied "Panicky! I hadn't thought of winning; I just like to run!"

I wonder whether his attitude is really as strange as it may seem. All the emphasis seems to be on winning elections, not on what happens afterward. Many men and women seem to fail because they are unprepared to do anything with the office, they worked so hard to win.

This is true in realms other than the political world. There are people who continually interview for jobs. And then when one is offered, they reject the offer for one reason or another. I have a colleague in ministry who repeatedly completed candidacy papers, sent them to the Bishop, went through the call process, and became a congregation's first choice Pastoral candidate, only then he would retract his name from the process. This occurred four times to my knowledge, there may have been more. The colleague, it seems, liked being courted by call committees. And when the word would get out on the street that he was interviewing, (and it always seemed to leak out somewhere) his parishioners would return to church, those who liked him, to show their support, and those who didn't like him to jockey for position when he would leave. Anyway, the colleague was courted, and the local congregation was present and accounted for.

The summer months are like this for many of us. We spend a lot of time thinking and dreaming about summer (especially during dark cold winter days), school being out of session, nice days to accomplish tasks and then when summer comes, we don't always know what to do with it. We lull ourselves into believing that these long days of daylight will go on endlessly. Or that there will be plenty of time to complete tasks relegated to a summer season that quickly evaporates. While I had time on vacation to put paint to paper and canvas, I confess that not one lick of paint has been applied to our back porch posts or interior walls!

In our Christian lives we long for Christ to come and manifest his presence among us. We desire his forgiveness, peace, grace and love. We long for his presence but are not really sure what to do when we discover him staring us in the face in the ordinary ways he is revealed. We want to be God's elect, but few of us prepare to go any farther than winning the election.

Mary the maiden of Galilee receives startling election news from the angel Gabriel. "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" God sends a message to Mary, informing her that she among all women has found favor. God is staring her in the face in the form of the angel Gabriel. Mary is elected by God to be the mother of the Messiah. "Do not be afraid" says the angel. "For you have found favor with God." Mary didn't deserve this election or earn it or work for it. It simply was granted to her by God. God's favor reflects God's goodness not ours. To be God's elect is an occasion for humility, not pride. It was in humility that Mary responded.

The question of election had always been a concern for the people of Israel. They knew that they were God's chosen people. This meant that they did not choose God, but the Lord God

chose them. Just as later Jesus said to his disciples “You did not choose me, but I have chosen you.” God continually reminded the Hebrew people that they had been chosen not because of their righteousness, but because of grace. The entire Old Testament message emphasizes that God’s love for the Chosen people was wholly unmerited.

For Mary this election was not only a glorious privilege but a great responsibility. Not only was finding favor with God a joyful part of life, it was also a painful time as well. God had a purpose in mind for Mary. She carried out the Divine will in faithful obedience. “Let it be done to me according to your will” responds Mary to the news of the angel of God. “I am a servant of the Lord.” Mary exclaims.

Christianity for many people has been thought of, and lived out, as though it is a personal achievement, rather than the mercy of God. I encounter Christian people who pride themselves in being God’s elect when it is humility that is really called for. Certainly, there is joy in being chosen. But God’s choosing us does not end only in joy. There is a purpose to our election. There is something more, something beyond, something God is calling us to do, or be, or take part in. You may be struggling to figure that out, or it may be incredibly clear to you. Most of the time it seems that I am more on a continuum moving back and forth between the two.

For Mary that something more has to do with pregnancy, marriage, travel, giving birth, motherhood, escape, teaching, nurturing, loving, sorrow, grief and mourning, standing at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday. Being favored, being elected means that life is lived out in a new position, a new calling, a new vocation.

We are given opportunities to grow in grace and love. We are given opportunity to look beyond, to what lies ahead, to what is in store for us who have been favored by God. We have been given both great privilege and responsibility. In Baptism God calls us to life in Christ Jesus. God favors us. There is joy. But as it was with Mary, so it is with us. Our election by God’s gracious outpoured love doesn’t end in a joyful moment or two. We are called to a life of service.

Today the clarity of this feast day blurs the announcement of a coming savior, the announcement that the savior has come, and that the savior has died and has risen. The announcement to Mary by one angel, that she has found favor with God is now multiplied times over by the announcement to us that we have found favor with God. And this gracious election is given to us and stares us in the face. In the Blessed Sacrament we receive the body of this one who comes favoring us, electing us as servants just as God did to Mary centuries ago. We spend so much time looking for Christ to come into our lives, longing for his presence but not really sure what to do when we discover him staring us in the face. Mary serves as the example for all of us. She is the archetype of the Christian life. Through Holy Baptism we are God’s elect. We are elected by God to be bearers of the Word, Jesus the Messiah. “Do not be afraid” says the angel to Mary. “For you have found favor with God”. Like Mary, we didn’t deserve this election, or earn it, or work for it. It simply is granted to us by God.

This morning as we turn our attention toward Mary Mother of our Lord and the startling election news announced by an angel, let us also turn our attention to her example in being servants of the Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:7-11

Because [the] shame [of God's people]
was double,
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant
with them.

⁹Their descendants shall be known among
the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has
blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of
salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a
garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her
jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to
spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and
praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Psalm 34:1-9**SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent
his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
⁵in order to redeem those who were under the
law, so that we might receive adoption as chil-
dren. ⁶And because you are children, God has
sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, cry-
ing, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a
slave but a child, and if a child then also an
heir, through God.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55

Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness
of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will
call me blessed;
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things
for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts
of their hearts.
⁵²He has brought down the powerful from
their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our
ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants
forever."