# NOTION will rise ORGOINS MARK 13:8

#### WELCOME

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 (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

The Nursery, which is accessed from the double doors, front right, is available for any family needing a space away. We are currently gathering names of individuals willing to staff the Nursery.

**Our Communion** is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in memory of Andrew Glessner.



### 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 to the Chancel step alternating pulpit side (left) then font side (right).
- Extend your arms and cup your hands together to receive the host There is no need to hurry.
- We are receiving communion in one kind only (bread/host).
- Return to your pew by the side aisle.

**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.

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**WELCOME** Thank you for being with us.

Next Sunday there will be one combined service at 9:15 AM.

# **Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 14, 2021

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

The people's responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE

If You But Suffer God to Guide You

arr. Paul Manz

#### Stand

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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. Amen.

# ENTRANCE HYMN Eternal God, before Your Throne (LBW 354)



#### 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

Let us pray. . . Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

#### Sit

FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3 (back page)

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**PSALMODY** Psalm 16 Spoken responsively by half-verse

Protect me, O God, for I take ref- uge in you;\*

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."

<sup>2</sup> All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the land,\*

upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after | other gods\*

shall have their troubles | multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> Their libations of blood I | will not offer,\*

nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;\*

it is you who up- | hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;\*

indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;\*

my heart teaches me night | after night.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;\*

because he is at my right hand, I | shall not fall.

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;\*

my body also shall | rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me | to the grave,\*

nor let your holy one | see the pit.

11 You will show me the | path of life;\*

in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

# **SECOND READING** Hebrews 10:11-25 (back page)

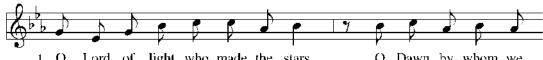
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The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

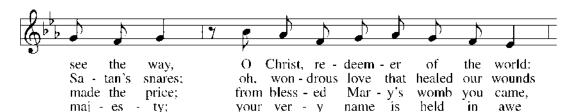
#### HYMN OF THE DAY O Lord of Light, Who Made the Stars (LBW 323)

Plainsong Chant/Handbells: 1 Cantor, 2 All, 3 Men, 4 Women, 5&6 All



- Lord of light, who made the stars.  $\mathbf{O}$ 1
- In low - li - ness you came on earth
- To pay the debt we owed for sin
- 4 But now you reign, the King of kings.

O Dawn, by whom we res - cue us from your pain - ful cross was a - dored in high - est





- 5 Great judge of all, on earth's last day have pity on your children's plight; rise up to shield us with your grace; deliver us from Satan's might.
- 6 To God the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen

#### HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:1-8

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

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

**SERMON** 

Rev. Stan Reep

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

#### APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

#### A brief silence.

O God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

O God, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters (*recent natural disasters may be named*). Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

O God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved (*especially*). Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

O God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 

#### PEACE

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

The minister prepares the altar for Holy Communion.

#### Stand

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

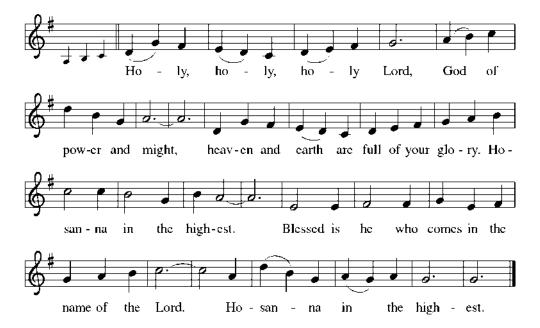
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **SANCTUS**



#### THANKSGIVING

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

#### Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

# Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

#### Amen

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

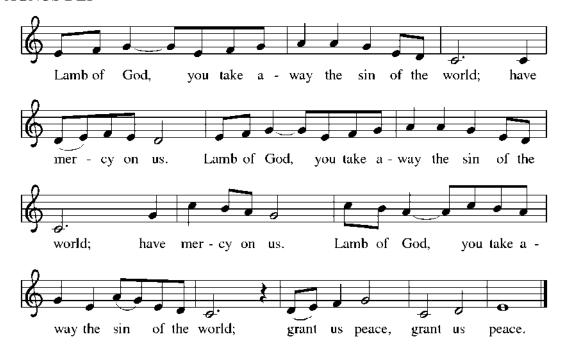
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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** a brief silence is kept

#### **AGNUS DEI**



*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.

#### 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. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### BLESSING

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

The congregation remains standing until the minsters and servers have left the chancel.

**POSTLUDE** Hallelujah Chorus from "Mount of Olives" Ludwig van Beethoven

Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave. Feel free to gather outside for conversation. Please take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.

#### Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE		Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Cantor	Acolytes	AV Team	Ushers	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean-up
11/14	, ,	Harold Sargeant	Kirstin Barnes	John Monk				Joe Triggs John Monk	Norma & Ron Riese
	Late	Janet Fitch	Tom Gibson	Ed LeCates	Emily Reep			Steve Heistand Dave Kopp	Larry & Janet Moore

# In our prayers we remember...

**Peggy Novotny,** Steph Reid, Betty Hoffmaster, Rick Lloyd, Deirdre McManama, Drew Herdson, Kristine Gross, Porter Stacey, Morgan Lanzalotti, Courtney Snell, **the family and loved ones of Rebecca Shingleton and the family and loved ones of Brian Reineke.** 

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#### **Faith Formation Opportunities**

**Sunday Morning Classes** 9:15—10:15 AM.

Classes for Children

Children up to Grade 3 gather at 9:15 AM in the church nave with Pastor Reep. They then move to their classrooms on the Upper Level.

Infants- Pre-K: Red room #213

Kindergarten-Grade 3: Yellow room #214

Grades 4-6: Go directly to their classroom #202 at 9:15 AM

Adult Classes Youth room, Upper Level. *Isaiah: Messages of Hope* 

Tuesday Evenings 6:00—7:15 PM

CREATE Youth and music activities for ages 2—grade 6

Wednesday Mornings 10:30—11:45 AM

Adult Scripture Study Christ Hall.

*Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets for Oct/Nov/Dec are available in the narthex and in the Good Shepherd Room.

#### Food Pantry—November

**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".

#### This Week at St. Paul's November 14—21

Church office open Tues—Thurs, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. & Fri, 7:30—11:30 a.m.

Sunday, No	ovember 14	Tuesday, N	lovember 16
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	9:30 AM	Pantry
9:15 AM	Sunday School	6:00 PM	CREATE—Youth & Music
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist - live streamed.	Wednesda	y November 17
1:00 PM	Recital—Matinee Musical Club	10:30 AM	Bible Study-Christ Hall
6:30 PM	AA meeting Community Rm	7:30 PM	GA meeting Community Rm
6:30 PM	Confirmation Game Night	Thursday,	November 18
Monday, N	lovember 15	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir—Chancel
NEWSLET	TER DEADLINE	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir—Music Rm
6:00 PM	Mpuguso meeting	Sunday, No	ovember 21
7:00 PM	Scout Meeting—ZOOM	9:15 AM	Combined Service Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM	Finance Committee—ZOOM	10:30 AM	Annual Meeting
		12 noon	Luncheon

#### **NEWS AND UPDATES**

Next Sunday there will be one combined service at 9:15 AM.

Today is the last day to order Poinsettias. An order form is attached.

Next Sunday Annual Meeting & Luncheon—Please sign up today in the Good Shepherd Room for the Annual Meeting Luncheon or send an email to <a href="mailto:st.paulsyork@comcast.net">st.paulsyork@comcast.net</a> or call Patee @ 843-8155 so we know how many to anticipate. The annual meeting is next week, November 21, at 10:45 AM in the Nave followed by lunch at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Menu: Broasted chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, pumpkin crunch dessert

**2022 Offering Envelopes -** Envelope packets for 2022 are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury Ave. Entrance). Please help us get all of the envelopes out of the church building and into the homes of our members by simply taking envelopes to neighbors and family members who may not be able to attend church services in person.

**Interior Directional Signs**—The signs have been installed. We trust they will help you find your way throughout the building.

**Exterior Steeple lighting -** After more than a year we have secured both the new LED lighting fixtures and a company to install them on the lamp posts. When you come to the church in the evening you should notice a difference with the steeple illuminated.

Thank you for supporting the Harvest Wine Dinner and Auction - In appreciation to all who worked to bring the event to fruition, to all who attended, all who bid, all who secured items, and all who simply made gifts in support of the ministry of the congregation, thank you! The event netted more than \$15,500.

**2022** American Heritage Calendars - You may wish to call ahead to reserve your copies as we are printing a smaller quantity in hopes to sell out rather than have to recycle unsold copies. The finished calendars should arrive by mid-November in ample time for gift giving. Requested donation of \$20 is desired.

**Confirmation Students** are gathering for a night of fun to play board games at 6:30 PM in the Youth Room.

Altar Flower Sign-up for 2022— There are many open dates. Select your by signing up on list posted in the Springettsbury Lobby Entrance. Don't forget to fill out the sentiment form and slip it under the secretary's window.

"This is but the beginning of the birth pangs." This is an image that is well understood by mothers. Midwives understand this as presented in the PBS series "Call the Midwife." That TV series presents story after story, situations that are compounded with circumstances that are far from what is ideal or desired, and yet when the child is born, something new is experienced and imagined. Fathers who are present at the birth of their children have some insight into this. Those tending herds and flocks have a perspective on this metaphor. I think about the Benedictine Brothers at Mount Saviour's Monastery, Pine City NY, and a place where I used to go on retreat, an active community who herd and tend sheep and in the spring of the year are busy as all get all during "lambing season." It is peculiar to me that Jesus uses this image of birth pangs while talking with Peter, James, John, and Andrew, four fishermen. But his choice of image to explain and make sense out of what is occurring and what is to come is fitting.

A few years ago when discussing these texts during our Wednesday morning Bible study I jotted down some notes made by the female participants as related to birth pangs as they experienced and remembered them. Birth Pangs:

"You forget all about it! That is after a lot of time passes."

"It's not a picnic" proclaimed another.

"When will it end" interjected another.

"How did I ever get myself into this, again?"

The focus is not in the moment, not in the current pain and discomfort, but on the outcome. The outcome, their collective wisdom was to focus on the outcome: new life, new birth, fresh start, responsibility, expectation, joy, love, affection, patience, and encouragement. Focusing on the hope for the future is what gets you through the current moment and allows you to live into tomorrow.

Jesus is being straightforward with his followers. They are able to look around, assess the situation see that things are not what one would hope for or desire. Jesus is encouraging them in the midst of a difficult time. He wants them to grasp the current situation, live in it and through it, getting to a new day. "Beware." Jesus says. Don't be led astray. There will be many things rumored. Nations will rise up against each other. Kingdoms will work to destroy one another. The earth will quake. Hunger and Famine will be all too familiar.

Over the past 18 months many of us have grown weary. We are alert enough to look around and see that things are not at all what we desire or for what we hope. Rumors escalate as do tensions between nations and kingdoms. Famine, earthquake, flood, and devastating fires sweep across the lands. We have grown tired; tired of anger, tired of mean-spiritedness. Kindness, decency, and any sense of civility have all but evaporated from the heat of this time. We are tired of the repercussions of COVID-19. Jesus' words to his followers are not isolated to that day when the five of them sat down by the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus' words are for us now. The cautionary word "Beware" and the honesty of the situation "this is but the beginning of the birth pangs" encourage us.

We are encouraged; encouraged by the words of scripture, encouraged by the community of faith, encouraged through prayer, encouraged through the sacramental presence of the living Lord.

We are not the first group of Christian people to need encouragement. Such times are not new to people of faith. Each generation has had to deal with something challenging. First century Christians encountered changing and challenging times. Persecutions and martyrdoms were common occurrences. Two weeks ago we observed Reformation Day. That time in the 16<sup>th</sup> century brought plenty of change and challenge to Christianity. Words of encouragement were needed to persevere. In this land Christian people wrestled with the issues surrounding slavery. Encouraging words were needed to sustain the weary and to bring about change and to make freedom something real and lived for brothers and sisters who were viewed as property. In that same time period during the 19<sup>th</sup> century we wrestled with what language to use for Sunday worship, and in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century when the world erupted in war implications of it shook Christian people. We sustained fire destroying our meeting house. Not so long ago we went from demolition and reconstruction to bring about renovation of this building. Through the dust, dirt, jackhammers and constantly moving from room to room, we had to focus on the promised end result, the artist's renderings of the completed project helped give shape to that vision. Most recently we are dealing with the ramifications of a pandemic. How to gather safely, how to carry out our ministry, what things need to be considered with every service, school day, committee, or event. These are just the most recent. There are plenty of challenging times recorded in our congregation's history. As the pages recounting our history tell, members of the faith community encouraged one another and reminded each other that the Christian life is about loving kindness and good deeds, faithful gathering, generous giving, and liberally sharing the good news of Christ with others.

For the 100 or so of us who come on Sunday there is a lot of ministry to be done. What will be born out of this time in our congregation's life? What will come of the birth pangs that we are experiencing now? We gather next Sunday for our annual meeting. These things will be part of our discussion and will be the things with which elected leaders will wrestle. We are encouraged to keep our focus clearly on Christ Jesus, the one who provides and who is our vision for the future.

What will be born out of the suffering and death of Jesus? What will come from that horrific Good Friday? God raises Jesus from death to life, tramples hell underfoot, and opens the kingdom of heaven to all believers. His resurrection gives hope to us now in this life and in the life to come that is given through God's promise to each of us. Our focus is on the outcome, in Christ Jesus, what God promises, what Christ delivers to us: grace, mercy, the sacraments, and forgiveness of our sins. There is no time for us to feel sorry or to lament the current situation brought on by a pandemic and the moral and ethical decline surrounding us. "This is but the beginning of the birth pangs." The writer of the book of Hebrews wrote to his First century congregation and through it proclaims to us in our time; "provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together – but encourage one another." Let this be the vision we share moving us through this time to the new day we are promised in Christ Jesus. Amen.

# **Christmas Worship Schedule**

Please note the alternate service times throughout the Christmas/Epiphany Season

# Sunday December 19 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM, The Holy Eucharist (liturgy spoken)

Blessing of the Crèche

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist (liturgy sung)

The Ringing in of Christmas

# Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24 - The Nativity of Our Lord

4:00 PM, The Holy Eucharist (liturgy sung)

Youth Handbells, Organ, Children's Choir

7:00 PM, The Holy Eucharist (liturgy sung)

Handbells, Organ, Choir

# Saturday December 25 – Christmas Day

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist

German Chorals

# **Sunday December 26 – The Feast of St. Stephen**

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist

"Lord, Jesus, receive my spirit"

# **Sunday January 2 – The Second Sunday of Christmas**

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist

Lessons, Readings & Carols

# Thursday January 6 – The Epiphany of Our Lord

7:00 PM, Vespers

Piano, Flute, Handbells

# Sunday January 9 - The Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 AM, The Holy Eucharist (spoken liturgy)

With Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

10:30 AM, The Holy Eucharist (sung liturgy)



# Cost is \$12.00 per plant. They will be RED in color.

# List plant(s) as shown below (please print clearly)

Number of plants in Honor of:
Number of plants in Loving Memory of:
Number of plants Dedicated to the Glory of God
Your Name:
Plants may be picked up anytime <u>after</u> the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 26th.
Total # of Plants @ \$12.00 each = \$ Checks made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church
The completed order form with payment attached may be place

ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY!

in the offering plate or returned to the church office.

#### FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

#### Psalm 16

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," 13 and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." 14For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [15And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup>he also adds.

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

#### GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."