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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

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 loving memory of Neil E. Shue by Norma Shue and Family.



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.

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021 8:00 &

8:00 & 10:30 AM

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

PRELUDE Choral Prelude on "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen" Johannes Brahms

The people stand turning to face the Baptismal Font.

Stand

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination*.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \square Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244)

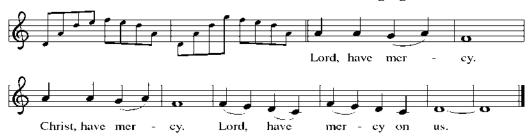


APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

KYRIE Introduction with handbells, Cantor, Choir Congregation 2nd time



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . . Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16 (back page)

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 25:1-9 spoken responsively by whole verse

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

² Let none who look to you be | put to shame;*

let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

3 Show me your | ways, O LORD,* and teach | me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,*

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁵ Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,*

for they are from | everlasting.

⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;* remember me according to your love

and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁷ Gracious and upright | is the LORD;*

therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

⁸ He guides the humble in | doing right* and teaches his way | to the lowly.

⁹ All the paths of the LORD are | love and faithfulness* to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (back page)

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

HYMN

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying (ELW 436)





on heart with joy is spring-ing. an - gels sing be - fore you,

the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom. with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Her dear friend comes down, all glo rious. the strong in pearl, twelve por - tals gleam -Gates of ing. lead us to

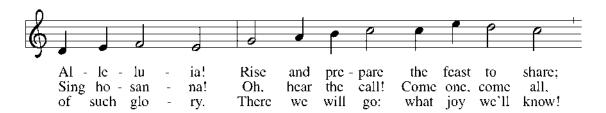


thrill-ing cry re-joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past. grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is bliss be-yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your come. with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; Now come, O Bless - ed One. has caught the light, No eye

your lamps with glad - ness take!" Lord Je - sus, God's own Son. the thun-d'ring might no car





HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

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

At the conclusion of the reading.

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.

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

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

A brief silence.

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, and other relief organizations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

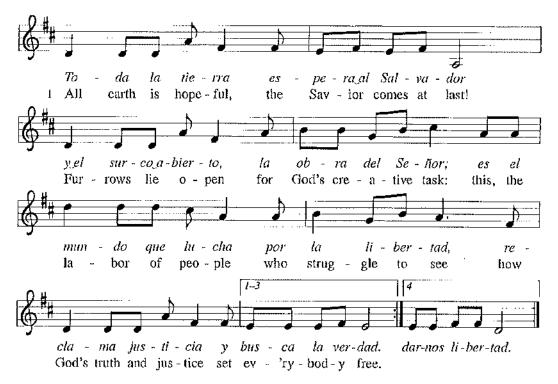
PEACE

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

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ANTHEM 10:30 AM *Come Lord Jesus* Oliver Tarney

All Earth is Hopeful (ELW 266) stanza 1



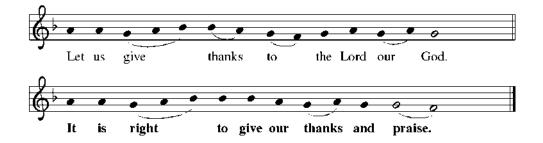
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

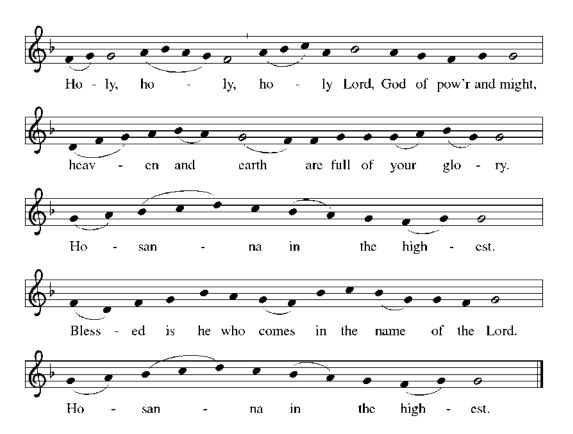




PREFACE

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, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

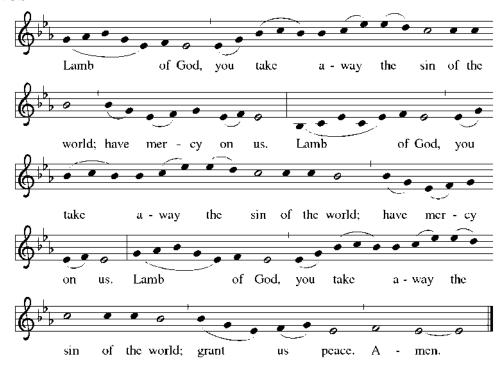
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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

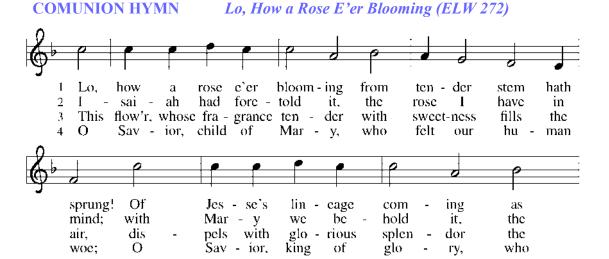
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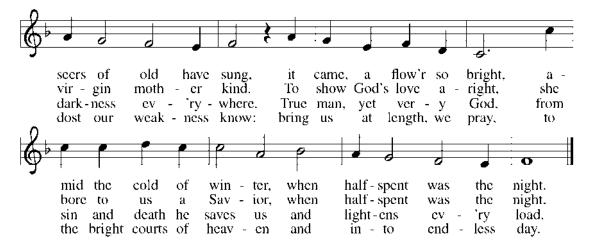


Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

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





Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, in the Eucharist you cleanse us from our sins and prepare us for the coming of your Son. Make us ready always to welcome Him into our hearts as we receive your Holy Sacrament; through 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 Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel" John Behnke

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Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave. Please take your service bulletin with you and dispose of it properly.

This morning we welcome our guest organist Jeremy Zuck. We thank him for being with us as we begin a new liturgical year and the Blessed Advent Season.

NEWS AND UPDATES

An Advent Event today from 9:15-10:15 in Christ Hall. This will be in place of all Sunday School classes. November 28th is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent marks the beginning of the church year and a time of prayer and preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Families and individuals of all ages will have the opportunity to make devotional materials and decorations that they can use at home during the Advent Season. Face masks will be required to protect our youngest members. Social distancing can be maintained as each family sits at their own table. Come join your church family for this fun event.

Advent Tree in the Good Shepherd Room. As we prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior, in gratitude we can reach out to others, specifically the children (K - 8) at Jackson Elementary School. Be watching!

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.

The York College of PA Choral Department will present a Holiday Voices concert next Sunday, December 5, 3:00pm in the church sanctuary. The concert features the York College Chorale, Chamber Singers and Treble Voices. Show your support and enjoy an afternoon of choral music.

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. Requested donation of \$20 is desired.

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.

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

This Week at St. Paul's November 28– December 5 Church office open Tues—Wed, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sunday, No	ovember 28 Advent 1	Thursday, December 2				
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir—Chancel			
9:15 AM	An Advent Event for all Ages—	7:30 PM	Adult Choir—Music Rm			
Christ Hall		Saturday, December 4				
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist	10:00 AM	Dress Rehearsal York College Chorale			
6:30 PM	AA meeting Community Rm	Sunday, December 5 Advent 2				
Monday, N	ovember 29	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist			
No Prescho	ol	9:15 AM	Sunday School			
Tuesday, N	ovember 30	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist			
9:30 AM	Pantry	3:00 PM	York College Chorale Concert			
6:00 PM	Children's Christmas Rehearsal	6:30 PM	AA meeting Community Rm			
Wednesday December 1						
7:30 PM	GA meeting Community Rm					

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".

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 Reinecke.

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE		Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Cantor	Acolytes	AV Team		Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean-up
11/28 Advent 1	,			Laura Living- ston	Needed			Alex Bastian	Norma & Ron Riese
11/28 Advent			,	George Fitch	Emily Reep		Palmers	Bob Reed	Larry & Janet Moore

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FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Psalm 25:1-10

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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)