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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 honor of our 50th Wedding Anniversary by Mike & Becky Bingham and with grateful hearts for God's many blessings by Nancy & Jim Bennett



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.

Christ the King

November 21, 2021

9:15 AM

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

TEMPLE TALK

Bridge of Hope

Rev. William Snyder

PRELUDE

Fantasy on "O Worship the King"

Kevin Daly

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ENTRANCE HYMN

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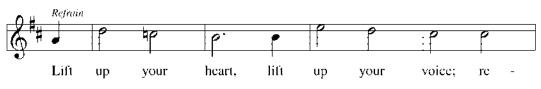
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Rejoice the Lord is King (LBW 171)





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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. . . . Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (back page)

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

HAND BELL CHOIR Sing of the Lord's Goodness arranged by Kyle Webber.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4b-8 (back page)

At the conclusion of the reading.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand VERSE





Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

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.

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, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them.

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community (*local social ministries or agencies may be named*). Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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.

Sit

ANTHEM Glory to the Lamb David Blackwell

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.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

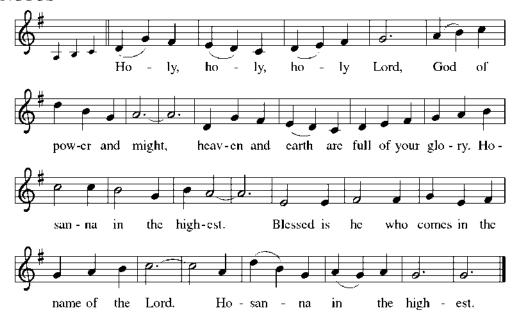
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,

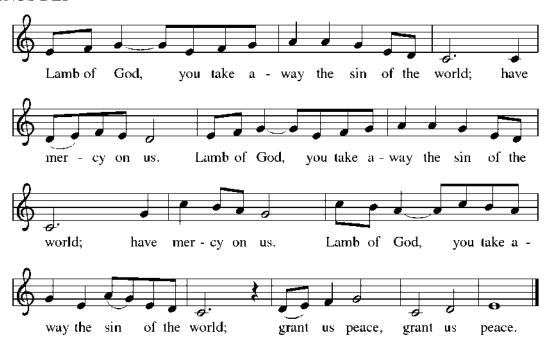
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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



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. Lord, in this Most Holy Sacrament you have given Christ, the King of all creation, as food for eternal life. Give us the grace to live by His Gospel, and bring us to the joy of His Kingdom, where He lives and reigns forever and ever.. Amen.

BLESSING

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

HYMN Lift High the Cross (LBW 377) next page

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

POSTLUDE Crown Him with Many Crowns

Jerry Westen Kuehler

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Please be respectful of distancing and personal space as you leave.

Feel free to gather outside for conversation.

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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
11/21	9:15	,			Cody Messer- smith	Anna & Paula Herdson		Bob Reed, Alex Bastian	Norma & Ron Riese

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".



5 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

NEWS AND UPDATES

An Advent Event for all ages next week, November 28 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.

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.

Coming next week...Advent Tree in Christ Hall. 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!

The York College of PA Choral Department will present a Holiday Voices concert on 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 singing.

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.

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 21—28

Church office open Tues—Wed, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

	Sunday, No	ovember 21	Wednesday November 24			
	9:15 AM	Combined Service Holy Eucharist	7:30 PM	GA meeting Community Rm		
	10:30 AM	Annual Meeting	Thursday,	November 25 THANKSGIVING		
	12 noon	Luncheon	OFFICE CL	OSED		
	6:30 PM	AA meeting Community Rm	Friday, November 26 OFFICE CLOSED			
Monday, November 22			Sunday, November 28 Advent 1			
	7:00 PM	Scout Meeting—ZOOM	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist		
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee—ZOOM	9:15 AM	An Advent Event for all Ages— Christ Hall		
Tuesday, November 23			10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist		
	9:30 AM	Pantry	6:30 PM	AA meeting Community Rm		

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." After Jesus spoke these words Pilate asks the question, the question that gets at the root of human existence, social order, life's ground and goal, "What is truth?" Most of the time we move ahead with Pilate asking questions when what is needed is a closer ear tuned to Jesus. Truth according to Jesus is not so much a thing, static, fixed, headline, as it is a belonging, not any belonging, but a belonging brought about through listening to the voice of Jesus.

I am aware that we all listen to something or someone. The guy in the car behind me while stopped at the traffic light, he listens to Rock and Roll. Not only could I hear it, I could feel it in my car's vibration! Others listen through ear buds and headsets to tunes that move them in joyful glee or deep longing. My neighbor listens to some really upbeat Arab dance and party music. Another neighbor blocks it out with the clatter of his riding lawn mower or the surging noise of a power washer. While these all fill the airwaves still others listen by what they read, posted through social media platforms, newspapers, and journals. And still others are fixed to TV screens listening to shows with celebrity hosts toting a particular spin on the events of the day.

We all listen to something or someone; we all belong to one group or another. That's why we currently experience such communal unrest, polarization, with our minds made up, attaching ourselves to a truth that is spoken by someone other than Christ Jesus. This morning we align ourselves with those belonging to the truth, those listening to the voice of Jesus.

This listening, this belonging, is challenging for us. Sometimes it is more enjoyable than at other times. There are times when life in the community of faith is easier, when things seem to be going along smoothly. Then there are times within the community of faith that are challenging, when things become more tumultuous, like the Galilean Sea in a wind storm. Times like these we want to be in the same boat as Jesus to hear his voice, "peace, be still." We want the wind and the waves to cease and the calm to return, for the unrest to settle. The constancy of listening to the voice of Jesus is critical as we discern life together. That has been an important part of our life during these past months. Keeping our ears tuned to the voice of Jesus. But it is not always easy. It takes discernment. It takes discipline.

Discerning is a part of life. It was true on that day when Pilate stood before Jesus. Pilate the Roman governor stationed in Jerusalem the one to whom Jesus was sent by the Jewish religious authorities. Caiaphas the High Priest sent Jesus to Pilate and Pilate is perplexed, discerning Jesus' identity and his authority and his kingdom. Pilate asks not just of Jesus, he asks questions of the crowd outside that day too. And the crowd was certainly not listening to the voice of Jesus. They were listening to others who thought like them, were similar to them, and who liked things the way that they were. Pilate goes between the outside crowd and the one who has been sent to him and stands with him on the inside. Pilate is discerning what voice he should listen too.

Today as we stand before Jesus, the one whom we acclaim King, sovereign, discernment about his identity his authority and his kingdom confronts us. Discernment is needed.

This familiar part of the Passion narrative that we hear read on Good Friday we hear read this morning. We hear it, we listen to it as Christmas decorations are going up in the neighborhoods around us and as month long Black Friday sales bombard us. This is the religious juxtaposed with the secular. This is God's judgment over humanity's attempt to be judge, to attempt to control, and win, and bargain.

The religious leaders shout out that day that they have no king only the emperor; this on the very day "the day of Preparation for the Passover" when they will enter upon the most sacred of traditions, remembering deliverance from bondage, slavery under the Pharaoh, the Exodus. This when they proclaim they have no king, when their Passover liturgy affirms the bedrock of Israel's faith: We have no king but YHWH. And yet they say they have no king but the emperor, Cesare. How odd, peculiar.

This is God's judgment over our attempts to be judge and to control and bargain and delude ourselves into thinking that we have won; this on the very day when we proclaim Jesus as King of the universe, Lord of life, Sovereign of all. Our liturgy affirms the bedrock of Christian faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Listening; Jesus is all about us listening to him, belonging to him, knowing truth. The kind of truth he told his followers earlier in the story, truth that would make them free. The truth that makes us free; free from all that puts us down and holds us back, free from what distracts us and vies for our attention, free from the ways of the world to free us up for the way of God. "I am the way and the truth and the life" says Jesus. I want you to know truth and belong to me. I make you free in my suffering, I make you free in my death, I make you free in my resurrection. I call you into my realm, my kingdom so that you will know the truth about yourself, and the truth about my love for you, and the truth about a way of life that listens to my voice. These things Jesus says to us in words and water of Baptism and in the bread and wine of Communion.

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" says Jesus.

Baptized in the name of Christ Jesus, king of the universe, we belong to his truth. Truth that sees love, and knows love, and is love; poured out in baptismal water, and spoken in words, and given in Eucharistic bread and wine. We listen, challenged by his command to "love" and encouraged by his command to "do this." We listen as we go about our daily lives for things that challenge us and things that encourage us as we live out our lives in His kingdom. Belonging to the truth has the challenge of listening to Jesus.

We are influenced by many voices. We listen to; lyrics in music, news from our favorite sources, politicians, educators, pastors, Sunday school teachers, parents and children, all of whom are straining to make sense out of the world in which we live. Jesus the king of creation puts his cross on us, marks us as his own so that we belong to him always. He offers a new day when you think your days are done. That day, that Good Friday, He stood before Pilate dressed in purple robe and crown of thorns revealing God's way, truth that will make you free. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" Says Jesus. This morning we bask in his presence listening to his word, truth that makes us free to love and serve. Amen.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched,

thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued

and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand

stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" '35Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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)