

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee

JOHN 2:11

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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 my sister, Melissa Spencer by Kirsten Barnes; and in memory of Ed & Pearl McKee by the McKee family.



Flowers This Week

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.

January 16, 2022 Second Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Communion 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the H 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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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

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.**

HYMN Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (ELW 310)



PRAYER OF THE DAY.

Let us pray. Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit



Isaiah 62:1-5 (back cover)

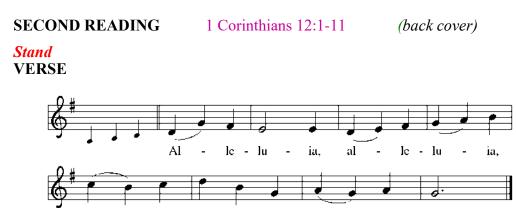
PSALMONDY Psalm 36:5-10 Spoke

Spoken responsively

⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,* and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep;*

you save both man and | beast, O LORD.
⁷ How priceless is your | love, O God!* Your people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.
⁸ They feast upon the abundance | of your house;* you give them drink from the river of | your delights.
⁹ For with you is the | well of life,* and in your light | we see light.
¹⁰ Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,* and your favor to those who are | true of heart.





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

HOLY GOSPELSt. John 2-11(back cover)The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
At the conclusion of the Gospel.
The Gospel of the Lord.Glory to you, O Lord.Praise to you, O Christ.

<mark>Sit</mark> SERMON

Pastor Stan Reep

Stand

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 church, the world, and all people who are in need.

Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day (*especially Kristine Gross, Rachel Barnes, Dr. Julia (Cromer) Stanford, James Young, Peggy Novotny, Rick Lloyd, Deirdre McManama, Drew Herdson, Porter Stacey, Morgan Lanzalotti, Court-ney Snell*). Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Christ is the World's True Light Walter Stanton

Stand

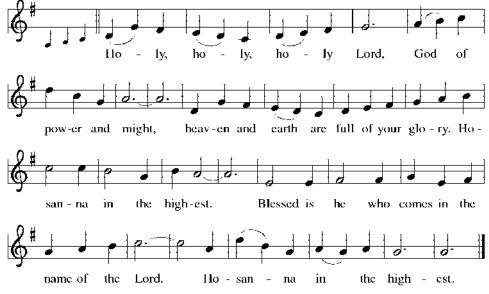
DIALOGUE

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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

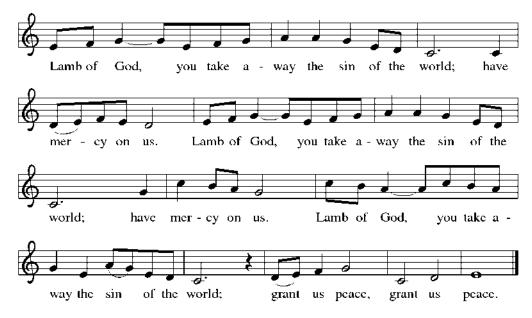
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

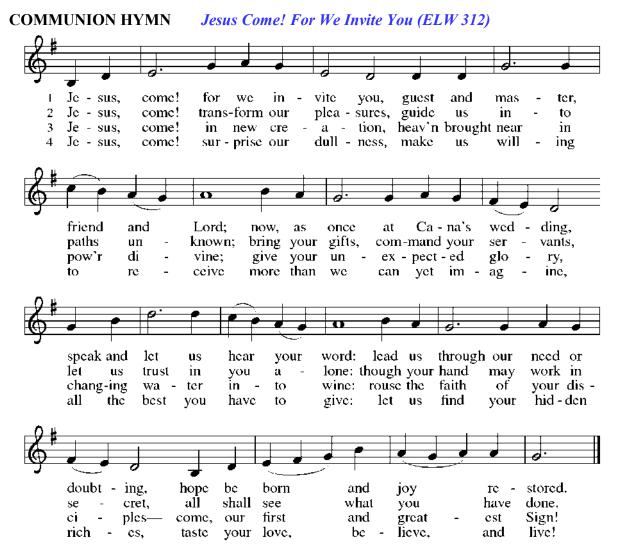
FRACTION *A brief silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI



Sit COMMUNION

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



Stand

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

POSTLUDE

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This morning we welcome our guest organist Jeremy Zuck. Thank you!

Sunday School for Children

All children gather in the nave at 9:15 am for a large group opening including songs and introduction to the story. Children will then be dismissed to their classrooms.

Infant-preschool- room #213 Kindergarten-grade 3 – room #214 Grades 4-6 – room #204

Adult Gathering in Christ Hall 9:15 AM The Small Catechism—Led by Pastor Reep

Pastor Reep is presenting and leading discussions centered on the parts of the catechism. For many of us it has been a long time since we were in High School. And for others of us we weren't raised in a Lutheran tradition. The hope is that this basic review will help us to engage more with one another and with our children and families by providing a common vocabulary.

CREATE & YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAM RESUMES THIS WEEK!

Tuesday evenings January 18 through March 22

The Winter Create program will be focused on the Fruits of the Spirit. Each week children pre-school through kindergarten will hear stories and do a craft that include one of the Fruits of the Spirit.

Preschool through Kindergarten will meet with Mr. Cody for music 6:00 till 6:30 and with Miss Kelly for Story and Create 6:30 till 7:00.

Grade 1 through Grade 6 will meet with Miss Kelly for Create 6:00 till 6:30 and with Mr. Cody 6:30 till 7:00.

New Address: Nancy Banta will have a new address as of 1/25: 2104 Hershey Ct., York, PA 17404

In our prayers we remember...

Kristine Gross, Rachel Barnes, Dr. Julia (Cromer) Stanford, James Young, Peggy Novotny, Rick Lloyd, Deirdre McManama, Drew Herdson, Porter Stacey, Morgan Lanzalotti, Courtney Snell

2022 Flower Chart— The 2022 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is \$30 per vase. You are welcome to sign up to provide one or both vases. After you have signed up, simply make a check payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and mark it altar flowers. This is a great way to honor someone, celebrate a milestone in life, or remember a loved one. The flowers may be taken home with you at the conclusion of the 10:30 AM liturgy or you may have them given to someone who is sick, shut it, or hospitalized. If you wish, you can contact the office to reserve a date, and to provide us with all of the correct information for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Food Pantry—January

Items needed: Stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, canned potatoes, pancake mix, 4 pks of toilet paper, 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 January 9-16 Church office open Mon—Thurs, 7:30 AM—4:00 PM, Friday 7:30 AM—11:30 AM

Sunday, January 16

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist				
9:15 AM	Sunday School				
10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist				
6:30 PM	AA meeting Community Rm				
6:30 PM	Confirmation Class—Youth Rm				
Monday, January 17, Martin Luther King Day					
OFFICE CLOSED					
Tuesday, January 18					
9:30 AM	Pantry				
6:00 PM	Mpuguso				
6:00 PM	Create & Youth Music				
Wednesday, January 19					
Wednesday					
Wednesday 10:30 AM					

7:30 PM GA meeting Community Rm

Thursday, January 20

1:00 PM	Wine Dinner Mtg				
6:30 PM	Handbell Choir—Chancel				
Saturday ,January 22					
9-11:30 AM	Council Retreat				
9:00 AM	Bridge of Hope Mtg—Youth Rm				
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DATE		Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Ushers	Early: Altar Set-up Late: Altar Clean-up
1/16	Early	Harold Sargeant		Lois Ann Schroeder	, , ,	Lois Ann Schroeder Kathy Monk
	Late	Tonya Cave	Riley Jones		Dave Kopp Kem Vaught, Larry Becker, Steve Heistand	Tim & Melissa Yakim
1/23	Early	Tony Culp	Tanner Culp			Lois Ann Schroeder Kathy Monk
	Late	Tom Gibson	Allen Reep	•	Carol Woodbury, Sandy Dickensheets, Dan Garber	Tim & Melissa Yakim

Serving the Lord with Gladness

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The most recent *Mood of the nation poll* was conducted by Penn State professor Eric Plutzer. Professor Plutzer teaches political science at the university and is the director of polling at the McCourtney Institute for Democracy. His most recent findings were highlighted on NPR's *Market Watch Morning Report* with David Brancaccio. The poll reported that a majority of Americans said they were extremely worried about where the country is headed, and hope in the future was not in large supply. When asked by the radio host, Professor Plutzer was not surprised by the level of worry but was surprised by the types of things that Americans identified that they are worried about. The economy didn't rank all that high as a general subject. People are worried about other things; they are concerned about COVID; they're concerned about the economy, but not at high levels; they're concerned about international affairs. But they viewed keeping their power if they're Democrats, or getting their power back if they are Republicans, as their main concern. The overarching result, very few people are hopeful.

The most recent Mood of the Nation identified in the Old Testament reading was not identified through polls or surveys conducted by local universities or reputable intuitions. The most recent mood of the nation in the 62nd chapter of Isaiah was a collective sense that they as a people, as a nation, are forsaken. The prophet Isaiah is announcing to a downtrodden people, that while things appear to be very bleak, and while jobs and economy and housing are all real life issues, the Lord God announces a word of hope. The Lord will not be silent and the Lord will not rest. The Lord is at work speaking out and working, building on their behalf even if in the very moment they cannot see it, or are not experiencing it, the Lord is on their side. The prophet announces the overarching results of the Lord's teaching and work, "You shall no more be termed Forsaken." The Lord is giving the people a new name, a name that is synonymous with future, with hope.

The most recent mood of the wedding guests was not identified through polls or surveys but was identified by the Mother of Jesus. The wine had run out; a festal party on the brink of catastrophe. There they were in Cana in Galilee a town that by all accounts was thought to be forsaken. A wedding held in a town where family, friends and community members had all gathered for a celebration of hope. In the ancient world a wedding signaled that there was a future for the bride, the bridegroom, for the in-laws, and in many ways for the community itself, because there would be the real hope of offspring, children. And in this out of the way place the Lord is at work. Jesus is drawn into a situation that teetered on the brink of calamity. Here the Lord is at work speaking to the servants, directing them in their actions and restoring the situation. The Lord Jesus is giving people future in this hour at the beginning of his ministry and is giving future in the hour at the cross at the end of his earthly ministry. The good wine meant that the guests have not walked away; they have not forsaken the bride and bridegroom. The Lord is giving people future hope. For the disciples, they believed in Jesus. With him there is hope.

The most recent mood of the Corinthian Christian community is reported in the letter written to them by the Apostle Paul. The previous communication from the Corinthian community reported that a majority of them were extremely worried about where the faith community was headed, and hope in the future was not in large supply. They indicated to the Apostle Paul that the mood within the faith community is worrisome. They have had issues with divisions, sexual immorality, legal actions, food offered to idols, abuses at the Lord's Supper, and in this morning's reading, spiritual gifts. While they may not view themselves as forsaken, because they are a very gifted lot, there is growing concern that their future is at risk. They are worried. Some are losing hope. Paul writes to them identifying the Lord at work among them. He identifies the Spirit of God at work among all who can say "Jesus is Lord." With such proclamation comes hope, because God is at work making a way providing a future. Paul writes that each of them was given a gift and that the gift is given for the common good. Not so that some flourish and others languish, but so that the entire community is built up, strengthened for service. This word written to them by the Apostle Paul provides them with the knowledge that the Lord is at work among them. The Lord is giving future hope.

We haven't polled the congregation to extract the most recent mood among us. But I suspect that things may very well be worrisome. We are a reflection of the poll conducted by Penn State Professor Plutzer not very hopeful for our country, seeking political power rather than common good. We are a reflection of the people of Israel addressed by the Prophet Isaiah feeling forsaken, can't quite see a way forward. We are a reflection of the wedding guests at Cana in Galilee for whom the wine of life has all but run out. We are a reflection of the church in Corinth struggling to find our way when faith is tender; whether it is new, tried, true, or worn leaving us in need of a word to address the many things that divide.

Into our worrisome situation God sends Jesus who calls each of us individually to a larger vision, gives each of us a new name replacing Forsaken with Beloved Child, restores the depleted "wine of life" by giving his own body and blood for forgiveness of sins and the promise of life eternal, and bestowing His Spirit upon us so that the community has gifts and services and activities that aren't divisive but reflective of the power of His resurrection. Isaiah proclaimed to the worrisome that God will not keep silent and God will not rest but that the Lord God rejoices over you. Jesus revealed his glory to worrisome wedding guests changing water into wine allowing for the celebration to continue providing a present hour and future hour. Paul addressed worrisome Corinthians reminding them of the Spirit of God at work among them as they continue proclaiming "Jesus is Lord."

Into our worrisome situations God comes. God comes making a way so that there is a future and with God's future then there is sustaining hope. That is the hope proclaimed by Isaiah to those returning from exile and the hope written by Paul to those struggling with divisiveness in Corinth and the hope given to us through the sign of Jesus, his suffering death and resurrection making a way for all people. Amen.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. Psalm 36:5-10

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of

the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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Next Sunday's Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.

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