

Blessed  
are those  
who mourn

MATTHEW 5:4

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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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 186 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

**Postlude** It is our tradition to remain seated for the postlude. If you need to leave we ask that you do so reverently. This tradition developed as a result of our livestream. We want anyone viewing to be able to listen to the postlude without unnecessary distraction. Thank you.

**Offerings** Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service. You may also donate via our website at [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org)

**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** is accessed through the front right double doors. The 10:30AM liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Currently, we are working to secure volunteer staff for the Nursery. Carrie Oberholtzer is coordinating a schedule. Please contact the office to volunteer.

*Today's Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God in Memory of our Parents, Raymond & Virginia LeCates, and Ralph & Helen Wallace by Byron & Peggy Lecates.*

**We express our thanks to Pastor Snyder for preaching and presiding this morning. Pastor Reep will return to the office on Wednesday, February 1st.**

**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**



You may get information regarding closures at our website [www.stpaulsyork.org](http://www.stpaulsyork.org) or on our Facebook page St. Paul's Lutheran Church York PA on Springettsbury & George.

## **Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19**

*Wearing a mask while in worship is optional, recommended or required based on the CDC guidelines. Green/Optional, Yellow/Recommended, Red/Required. **The instruction will be posted on the entry doors. Please be sure to bring a mask in the event of required/recommended masking. Disposable masks are available at the entrance to the church nave.***

**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.

**4th Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2023**  
**Holy Communion 8:00 AM & 10:30AM**

**PRELUDE**

*When Morning Lights the Eastern Sky*

Emma Lou Diemer

*Stand*

**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.**

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.**

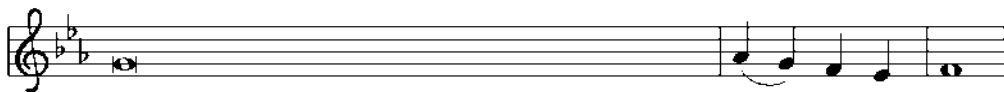
**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



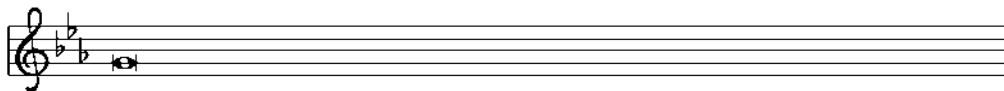
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



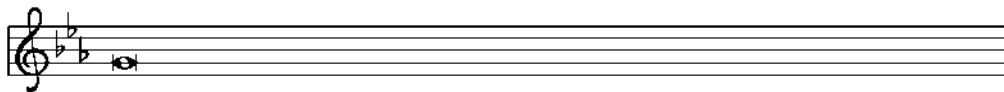
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



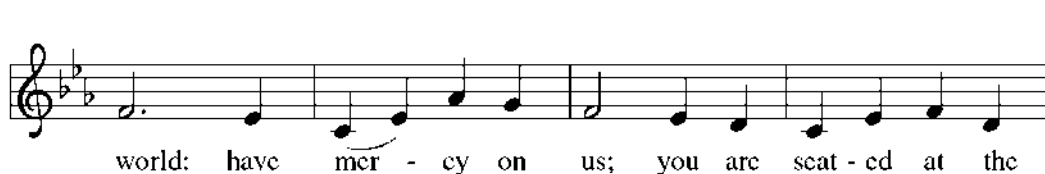
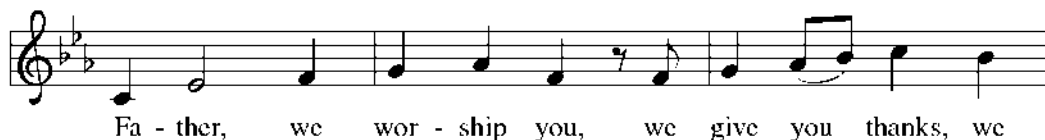
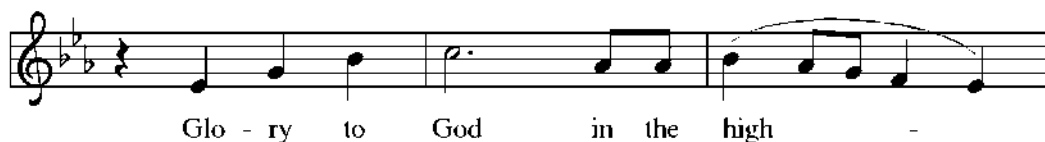
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



## HYMN OF PRAISE





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen**

*Sit*

**FIRST READING**

Micah 6:1-8

*(back cover)*

**PSALMODY**

Psalm 15

*spoken responsively by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?\*

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,\***

**who speaks the truth | from his heart,**

<sup>3</sup> there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil | to his friend;\*

he does not heap contempt up- | on his neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In his sight the wicked | is rejected,\***

**but he honors those who | fear the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup> He has sworn to | do no wrong\*

and does not take | back his word.

<sup>6</sup> **He does not give his money in | hope of gain,\***

**nor does he take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.**

<sup>7</sup> Whoever | does these things\*

shall never be | overthrown.

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *(back cover)*

*Stand*

**VERSE**

*Sung by all*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

*Repeat alleluia*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

*(back cover)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

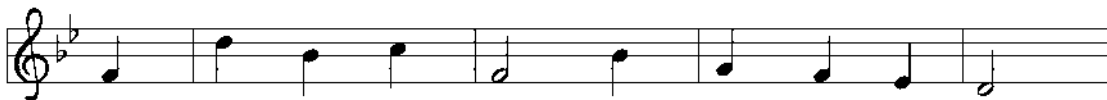
**SERMON**

Rev. William Snyder

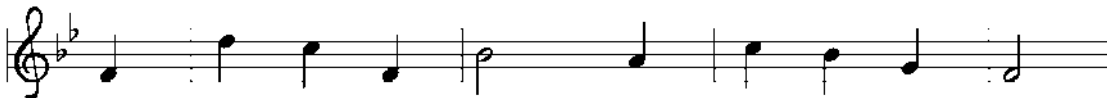
*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Rejoice in God's Saints (ELW 418)*



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!  
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;  
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,  
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.  
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;  
who bear some-one's cross, or shoul - der their own:  
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,  
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:  
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:  
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.  
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.  
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!  
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

**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, cultivate humility within the church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross of Christ, Your Son. Shape the church to be people of kindness, generosity, justice and faithfulness. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected.

Give your healing strength, and wisdom to all in need. (*Especially we pray for Joe Triggs, Shirley Thornton, Nancy Smith, Marc Mione, Mindy Cook & infant son Winston, Joan Langheine, Wayne Umland, Krista Troxell, Hugh Miller, Maria Laczkoskie, Mary Buler, Marcie Walker, Bonnie Schmidt, Gary Bilbie, Erin Bastian, Harry Harman, Katie Guyer, Amy Hollis, Heidi Claudel, Kristine Gross, Rachel Barnes, and Courtney Snell*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place (*especially*). You accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with us always. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

*Sit*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM 10:30 AM**

Chancel Choir

*Blessed are They*

John Leavitt

*Stand*  
**DOXOLOGY**



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;  
praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our  
time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake  
of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**DIALOGUE** *Sung by Pastor and congregation*

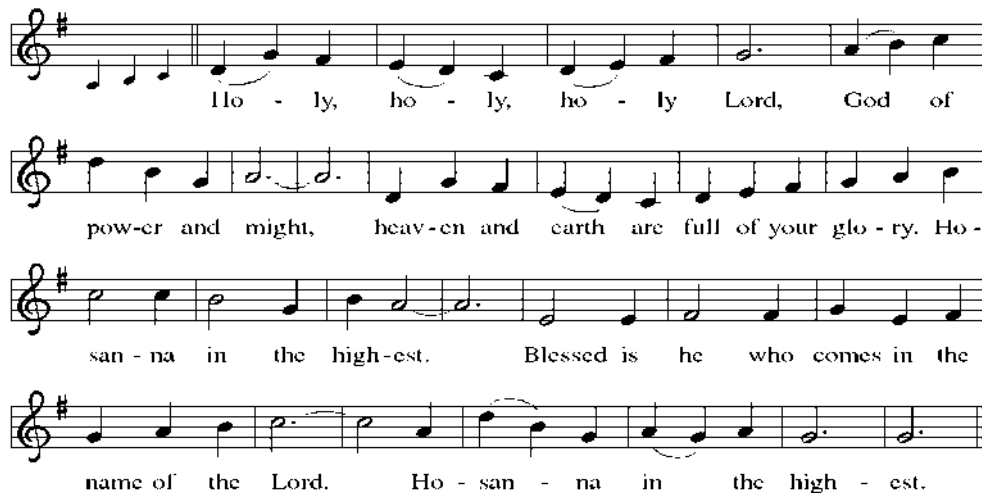


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## **PREFACE**    *The preface appropriate to the day is sung.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS**            *Sung by all.*



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 RITE** *A brief silence is kept.*

**AGNUS DEI** *Sung by all.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

## **COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL**

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

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle (about 10 adults per side).*
- 2. Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).*
- 3. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 4. Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
- 5. Extend your hands to receive the communion host.*
- 6. Consume the communion host.*
- 7. Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.*
- 8. Consume the wine before you leave the chancel edge.*
- 9. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 10. Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*When a Star is Shining (ACS 915) next page*

**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**

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, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## **HYMN**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (ELW 551) following pages*

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

*Postlude in C Major*

Arthur Foote

# When a Star Is Shining



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,  
2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,  
3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,  
where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"  
guide us through the shad - ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,  
Where an earth - ly pow - er makes the heart turn cold,  
show us in a man - ger our re - demp - tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.  
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.  
bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the



prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to seat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.



## Food Pantry—January

**Items needed: CANNED FRUIT,** Rice, beans, Tomato sauce, pasta, mashed potato mix, gravy and stuffing mix for the holidays. We also need paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags.

Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

### This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Mon—Thurs

#### Sunday, January 29

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

#### Tuesday, January 31

9:30 AM Pantry  
 6:00 PM CREATE—Art, Crafts and Music for  
 Children age 3 through grade 6

#### Wednesday, February 1

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave  
 10:30 AM Scripture Study

#### Thursday, February 2

10:00 AM Preschool with Pastor—Nave  
 6:30 PM Handbell Choir  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

#### Sunday, February 5

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Handbell Choir  
 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

### *Serving the Lord with Gladness*

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Set-up & Altar Clean-up
01/29	8:00 AM	Tony Culp	Kirsten Barnes	Kathy Monk		Mike & Linda Hanson	Bob Reed, Norma Shue, Ken Hinkle	Lois Ann Schroeder, Kathy Monk
01/29	10:30 AM	Tona Cave	DJ Zart	Leah McComas	Katherine Hutton	Jill Streibig, Ann Anstadt	Dave Kopp, Dan Mays, Sandy Dickensheets, *Steve Heistand	Janet & Larry Moore

## News and Updates January 29, 2023

**The elementary children raised \$930.03 for God's Global Barnyard.** Thank you to everyone who contributed in support of the children. They will be reporting back on what animals they will be providing.

**First meeting for traveling to Tanzania** to our sister congregation in June of 2024 was held on Wednesday, January 8. If you are interested but couldn't attend the meeting please contact Pastor Tom McKee.

**A New Members Class** will be conducted during the 5 Sundays of Lent, Feb. 26-March 26, at 9:15 AM in the Lower Level Community Room.

**A Senior Members Luncheon** will be held Ash Wednesday sponsored by the Witness Committee. Ash Wednesday liturgy will be held at 11:00 AM with the luncheon to follow in Christ Hall. The Committee will need assistance in providing transportation for several of our homebound members. Please contact Earline Jones if you can assist.

**Church Offering Envelopes** are ready for you to pick up in the Springettsbury Hallway

**2023 Calendars** are available. Please make any donation. All proceeds go towards the purchase of a canopy for the Food Pantry.

**Flower Chart** The 2023 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is **\$35 per vase**

**The St. Paul's Dinner Group** will be starting back up during the months of April and May. They are a great way to get better acquainted with our church friends over a casual meal. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Springettsbury entrance. Sign-up deadline is February 5th.

**Adult Sunday Education 9:15 AM Christ Hall**—"Who Do You Say That I Am?" Join us as we discuss "The Name Above All Names", "Images of the Living God", and "Called to Confess Christ". This 13-week session will help you navigate the scriptures and the references to Christ Our Savior and Lord.

**The Benevolence Committee** met last week. Applications for Benevolence funding are available at the entrances to the church nave and are printed on green paper. The committee has extended the due date through May to encourage more activity. Mike Bingham serves as chairperson and Lauren Smith as secretary.

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**FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of  
Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**Psalm 115****SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those  
who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is  
the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will  
thwart."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?  
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made  
foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the  
wisdom of God, the world did not know God through  
wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our

proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews  
demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we  
proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews  
and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are  
the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of  
God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness  
is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is  
stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not  
many of you were wise by human standards, not many  
were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But  
God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the  
wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame  
the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in  
the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things  
that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence  
of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,  
who became for us wisdom from God, and righteous-  
ness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order  
that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in  
the Lord."

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the moun-  
tain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be  
comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the  
earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righ-  
teousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive  
mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see  
God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be  
called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righ-  
teousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and per-  
secute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely  
on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward  
is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted  
the prophets who were before you."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20.

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