

Jesus was baptized by John
in the Jordan

MARK 1:9

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

This morning we extend a joyful welcome to the members and friends of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, N. George St. and to Pastor Schlegel for their companionship through the Epiphany season (8:00am liturgy).

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

Offerings Offerings are received during the liturgy. They are presented along with gifts of bread and wine at the altar. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

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.

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.

An AED/Defibrillator unit is located in the Good Shepherd room. It is placed on the wall left side of the Springettsbury door exit.

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors. The liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Parents are asked to stay with their children. Quiet activities are also available in the Narthex for infant through preschool children to use with an adult.

Please be aware that there is a rise in individuals loitering at church buildings and asking for money. This is panhandling and it is illegal. Please do not give money. Simply direct them to contact the Pastor at a time other than during worship. Thank you.

Parents, please do accompany your child to the restroom during the liturgy and wait with them. This is a way for us to practice good safety protocol within our building.

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Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 7, 2024
Holy Communion 8:00 AM & 10:30AM

PRELUDE

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Manz

Stand turning to face the font

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
**and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took
delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of
your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and
love.

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

From God the Father, Virgin Born (LBW 83)



1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born to us the
2 Be - gin - ning from his home on high, in hu - man
3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring the gift of
4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; the gloom of



on - ly Son came down; by death the font to con - se -
flesh he came to die; cre - a - tion by his death re -
heal - ing on your wing; to ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
dark - ness chase a - way; your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -



crate, the faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
stored, and shed new joys of life a - broad.
sense the clear - ness of your light dis - pense.
gin, and take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once you came to earth's domain
and, we believe, shall come again;
be with us on the battlefield,
from ev'ry harm your people shield.

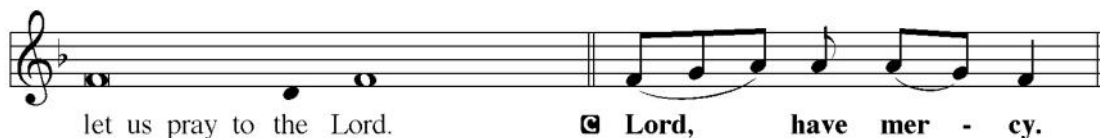
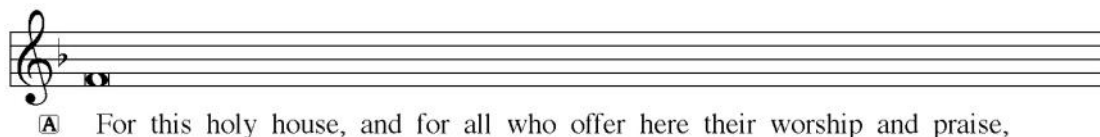
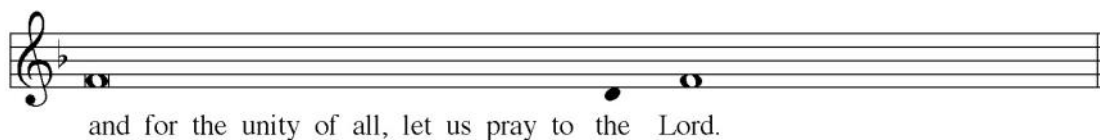
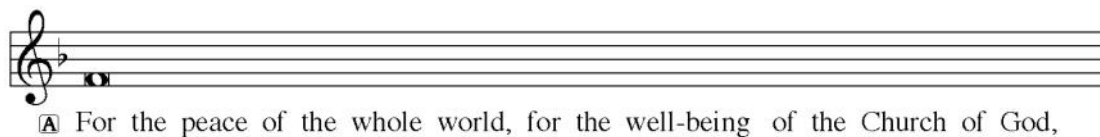
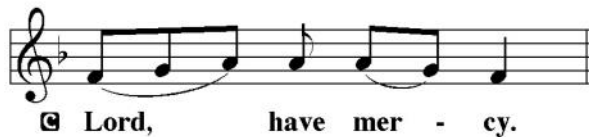
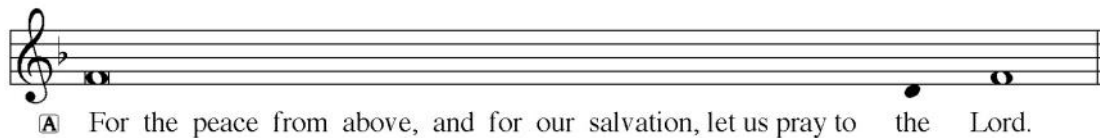
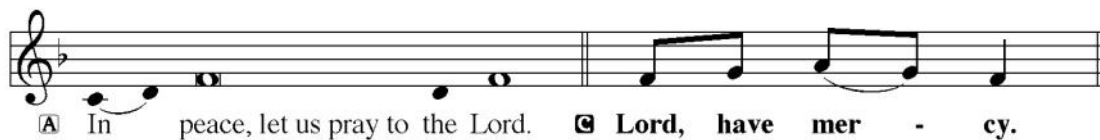
6 To you, O Lord, all glory be
for this your blest epiphany;
to God whom all his hosts adore,
and Holy Spirit evermore.

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



HYMN OF PRAISE

¶ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . .Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5 *(back cover)*

PSALMODY Psalm 29 *spoken responsively by whole verse*

- ¹ Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;***
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;*
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;***
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,***
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;*
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe***
and strips the | forests bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple | of the LORD*
all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;***
the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.
- ¹¹ The LORD shall give strength | to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 19:1-7 *(back cover)*

Stand

VERSE *Sung by all*



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

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11 *(back cover)*

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

10:30 AM INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

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.

Gracious God, inspire leaders (*church leaders may be named*) to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, restore rivers, let fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Give strength to your leaders. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, especially those separated from family, hurting from broken relationships, experiencing poverty or homelessness. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering (*especially*). God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors, following the example of your Son, Jesus. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Strengthen the witness of our conference congregations. Let us be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. God of grace.

Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in your care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Assured that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of your Son, 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 8:00 AM *O Hail This Brightest Day of Days* Bach
10:30 AM Chancel Choir *The Baptism of Our Lord* Charles Callahan

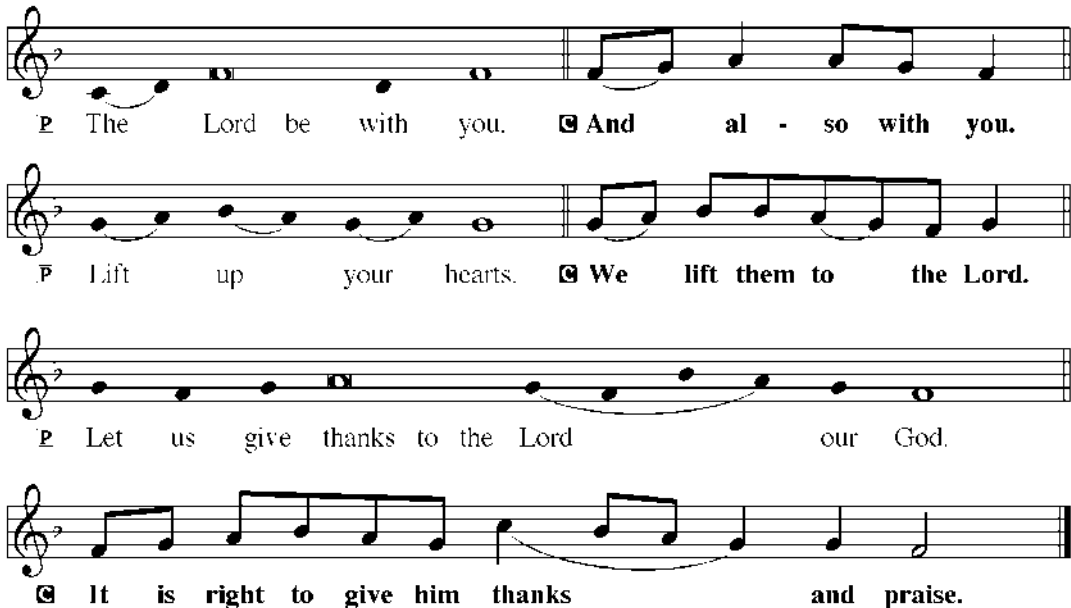
OFFERING



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 musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Pastor) and a 'C' (Congregation) symbol. The second staff begins with a 'P' and a 'C'. The third staff begins with a 'P'. The fourth staff begins with a 'C'.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

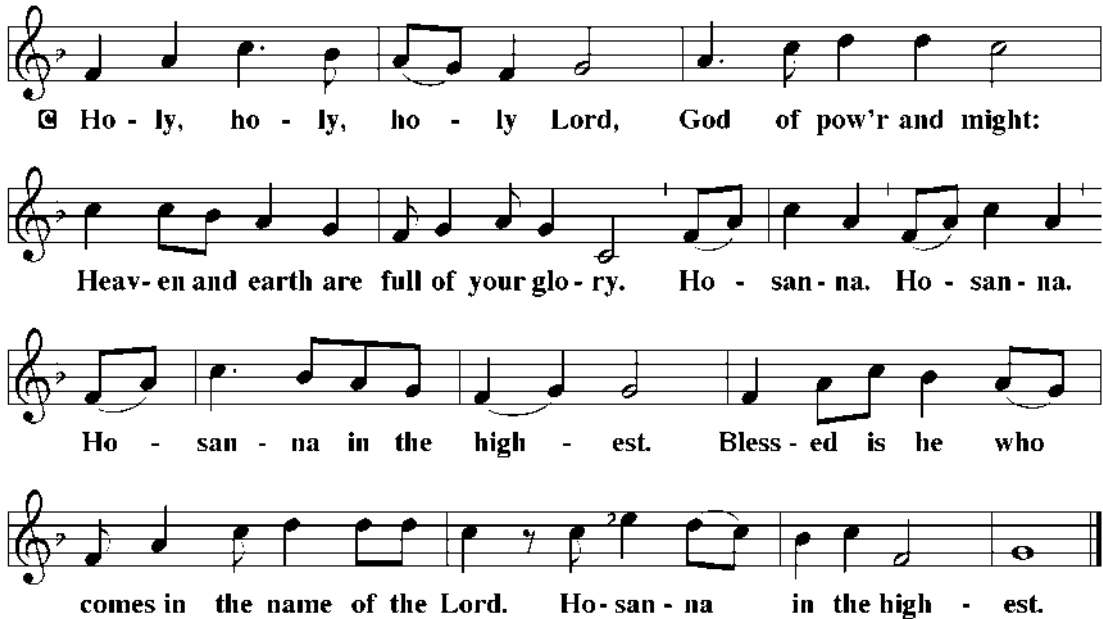
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Sung by all.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC 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

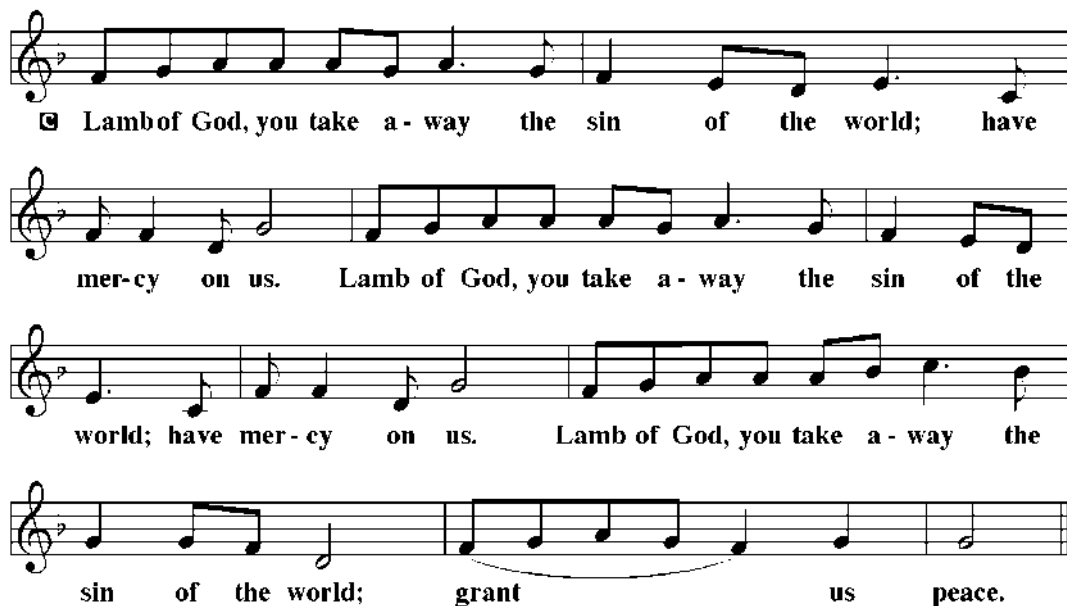
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.

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

Let All Mortal Flesh (LBW 198)



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way; as the Light of light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -
in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
from the realms of end - less day, comes, the pow'rs of hell to
as with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



scend - ing comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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 God, grant that all who have been fed with Bread from heaven may be renewed in the covenant of their Holy Baptism and, following your Son in true faith and obedience, may become your children in name and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

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

HYMN *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (LBW 90) next page*

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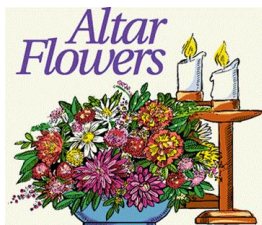
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fantasy in C Major

Bach

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*Today's Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God
in memory of Richard & Margaret Martin's 78th
Wedding Anniversary*

Sunday Morning Classes 9:15-10:15 AM

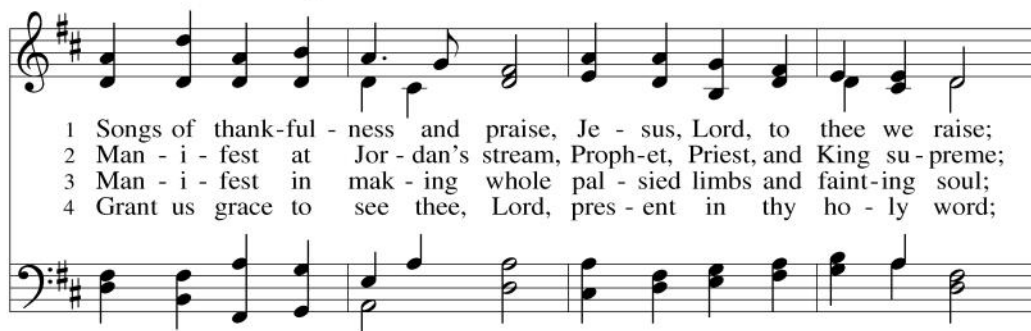
A new year of Sunday Morning Classes begins on TODAY from 9:15-10:15 AM.

Preschool through Grade 6 children will meet upstairs in their age grouped classrooms where they will be learning about Jesus' early life including the coming of the Wisemen, Jesus' baptism, the calling of the disciples, and some of Jesus' miracles. Often children get to act out the stories, wonder about the characters and how they might have felt, and discuss ways that they can grow their own walk as Christians. This is a great time to start your child in a class. Some of the best stories are explored during this winter and spring season. Come!

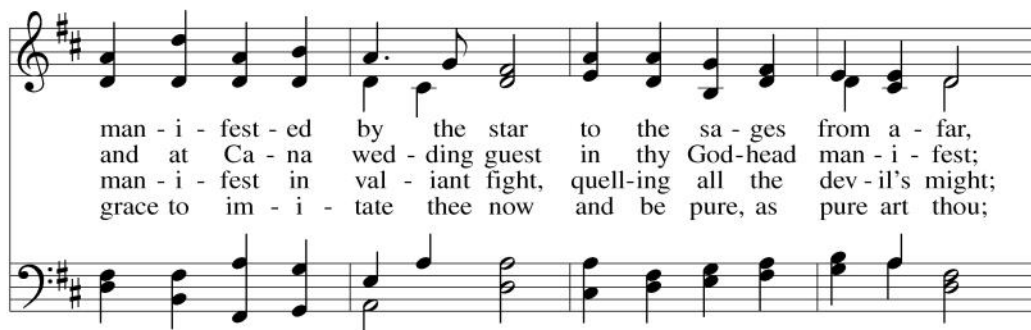
Adult Sunday Morning Classes: Christmas is for Martyrs January 7 – February 11

Few people associate Christmas with going to prison for their beliefs, but the Bible does...and so do many, many Christians around the world today. Join the Adult Class to discover where and how the Church suffers in witness to Jesus Christ today. We will be helped by "The Voices of the Martyrs" a ministry begun by a Lutheran pastor after he was released from a communist prison. All are invited, and we will gather in Christ Hall during the Sunday school hour at 9:15 AM. The sessions will be led by Jonathan Jenkins.

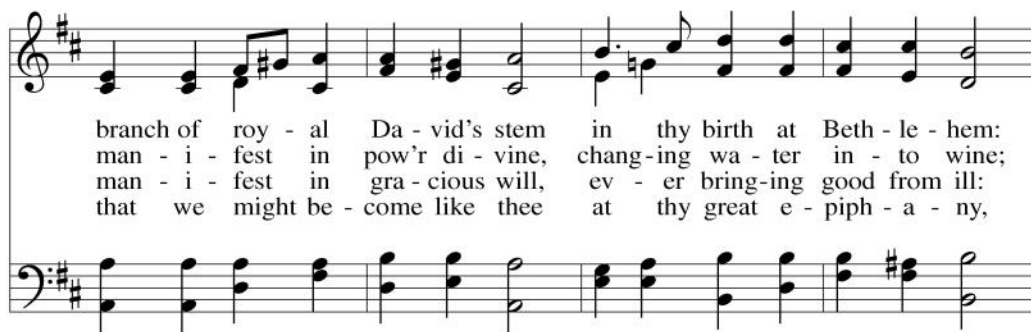
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Announcements and Up-dates for the week January 7, 2024

Today we thank **Christine Kates** for serving as our organist while **Victor Fields** is away.

Installation of Council 10:30 AM Please remember to pray for our Council members as they provide leadership for the congregation.

2024 Offering Envelopes are available in the Good Shepherd Room . Please take yours along with you.

St Paul's is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church's Clothing Ministry. Union collects 'gently used' clothing (and shoes) for its clothing closet and offers it **free of charge** to needy families in the York City community. A bin has been placed in the Good Shepherd room to collect any clothing you would like to donate. These donations will surely be a blessing to our neighbors. Union's volunteers are very appreciative of our cooperation and our help.

Communion Bread Bakers baking demonstration, Next Sunday, January 14, 9:15 AM in the main floor kitchen, led by Emily Reep. Please do notify the office if you plan to attend. A schedule identifying bread bakers for the Lenten Season will be completed during the demonstration.

St. Paul's Book Club: We meet at Panera Bread on South Queen Street on Jan. 25, 4:00-5:00 PM and will discuss *Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman.

2024 Flower Chart

The 2024 flower chart is posted on the Springettsbury vestibule bulletin board. The cost of the flowers is **\$35 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 last 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: Canned fruit. This has been difficult for the pantry to get. Please put your donations in the shopping cart in the Good Shepherd Room. We also need paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a "special" envelope marked "Pantry". Volunteers are needed: Tuesday mornings to help our neighbors shop, some Sundays to stock shelves and some Thursday mornings to receive deliveries. Contact Patty Snyder, Ken Hinkle , Teresa Rohrbaugh or the church office (717-843-8155) to volunteer.



Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assist- ing Min- ister	Crucifer	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Set-up & Altar Clean-up	Acolyte
01/07	8:00 AM	Harold Sargeant	Kirsten Barnes	Ann Ulrich		Cliff & Janene Beck	Sammy Barnes, John Monk, Bob Reed	Larry & Janet Moore	
01/07	10:30 AM	Aaron Jacobs	Tonya Cave	Nancy Bennett	Tonya Cave	June Heistand, Alexis Heistand	Joe Guarello, Sandy Dicken- sheets, Dan Garber	Ann Anstadt, Jill Streiberg	Jacklyn Kinkella, Anna Herdson

This Week at St. Paul's

Church office open 8:30 a.m.—12 noon Mon—Thurs

Sunday, January 7 Baptism of our Lord

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

Monday, January 8

7:00 PM Finance Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

9:30 AM Pantry
6:00 PM CREATE—Preschool—Grade 6

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor—Nave
10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall

Thursday, January 11

6:30 PM Handbell Choir—Chancel
7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Choir Room

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School for All
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live Stream
11:45 AM 2nd Sunday Sandwiches
6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

**Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King Day
Office & Preschool Closed**



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FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm 29**SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this,

they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."