



*We have all received,
grace upon grace*

JOHN 1:16

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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 188 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 or use the QR Code provided.

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 which is accessed through the double doors front right.

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.

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

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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A very special thank you to the St. Paul's Jazz Quartet

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Second Sunday of Christmas

January 5, 2025

Holy Communion 10:30AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 6

PRELUDE

Jazz quartet Christmas selection

Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

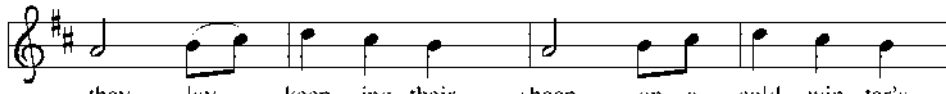
The First Noel (ELW 300)



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .
4 This star drew near to the . . . north-west, o'er . .
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain



night that was so deep,
tin-ued both day and night,
star wher - ev - er it went, No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay,
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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.



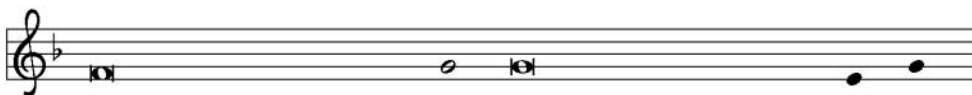
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



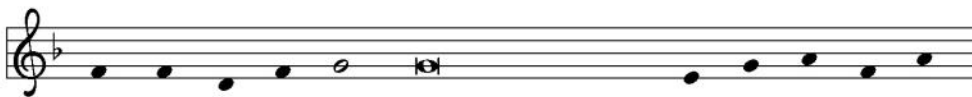
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and

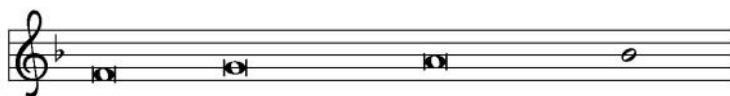
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praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



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

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Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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3 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.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14 *back cover*

PSALM Psalm 147 13:21 *spoken responsively*

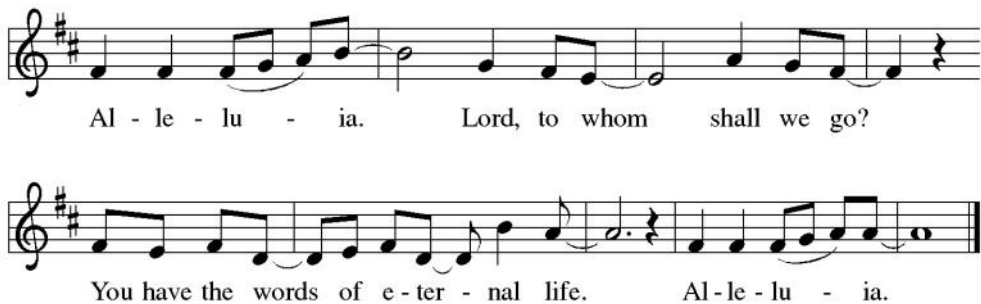
- ¹³ Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;*
praise your | God, O Zion;
- ¹⁴ **for he has strengthened the bars | of your gates;***
he has blessed your chil- | dren within you.
- ¹⁵ He has established peace | on your borders;*
he satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
- ¹⁶ **He sends out his command | to the earth,***
and his word runs | very swiftly.
- ¹⁷ He gives | snow like wool;*
he scatters hoar- | frost like ashes.
- ¹⁸ **He scatters his | hail like bread crumbs.***
Who can stand a- | gainst his cold?

- ¹⁹ He sends forth his | word and melts them;*
 he blows with his wind, and the | waters flow.
²⁰ **He declares his | word to Jacob,***
his statutes and his judg- | ments to Israel.
²¹ He has not done so to any | other nation;*
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Stand VERSE



GOSPEL John 1:10-18 *back cover*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

O God, make us boldly testify to your love so that others come to know you. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Nourish us with your word and Holy Sacraments to sustain us in this New Year. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Thwart the foolish plans of unjust leaders. Give wisdom to our elected officials. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Grant us compassion in our care for your people. Help us recognize your image in all who are in the strong grip of addiction, depression, anxiety, hopelessness, or other illness (*especially*). God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for those who set their hope on you, trusting the inheritance we receive in you. Gather us with all of the faithful departed on the last day. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Jazz quartet Christmas selection

OFFERTORY

Restore Us Again (sung three times)

David lee

slow, heavy blues

Words and music: David Lee

RESPONSE

Res-tore us a - gain, O Lord God of hosts,

and show us the light of your face and your grace and we shall be saved.

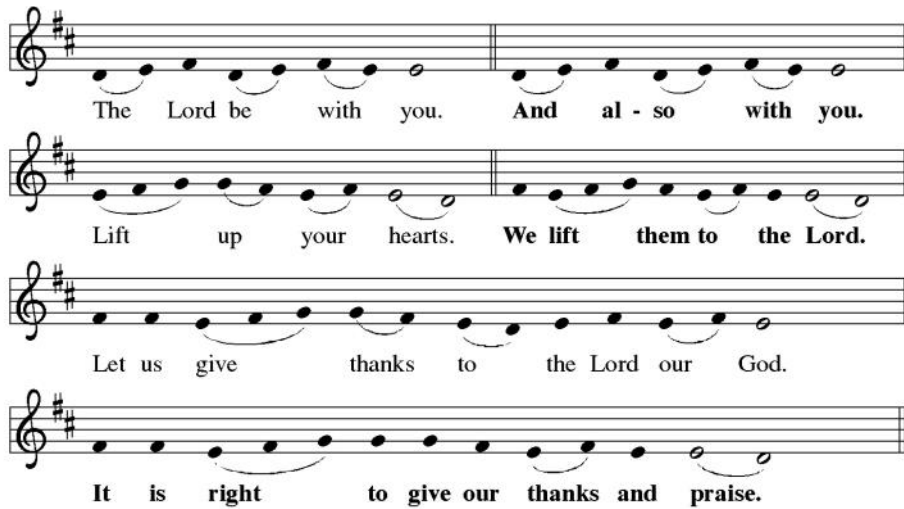
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OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, 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

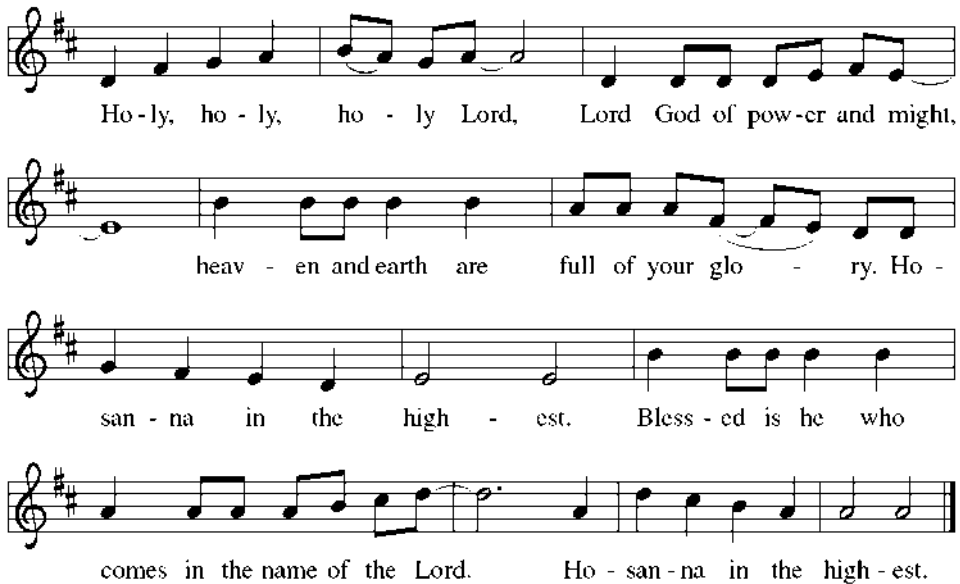
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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. 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



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises. 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, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly [on this day] we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may 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'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

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

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Procedure for receiving Communion:

- 1. Come to communion using the center aisle.*
- 2. Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
- 3. Take your place along the chancel step.*
- 4. The ministers will bring the host and wine to you.*
- 5. Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
- 6. Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

HYMN

Jesus, the Light of the World (ACS 914)



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty, God, in the incarnation of your Son you began the work of our deliverance from sin and death. Through the grace given us in your Son, strengthen us in spirit and renew in us the New Birth we have through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

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

HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain (ELW 290) next page

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Jazz quartet Christmas selection

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Live Stream	Greeters	Ushers -	Altar Guild
1/5	10:30 AM	Tristan Ericson	Jaclyn Kinkella	Allison Lehr	Allen Reep	Larry & Deb Becker	Team 3L: Dan Garber, Joe Guarriello, Larry Becker	Larry & Janet Moore

*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God in memory of
Richard & Margaret Martin 79th Wedding Anniversary
by Tom Martin.*



Altar Flowers

Food Pantry Needs: Plastic and paper grocery bags. Peanut butter.

Monetary donations can be placed in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

Volunteers on: Tuesday (distribution day), Thursdays (food delivery days) and some Sundays (pantry stocking days) Contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, Ken Hinkle, or the church office (717-843-8155) with questions.

The “Pantry Grocery Cart” in the Good Shepherd Room is for bags and food donations only.

Hurricane Relief Offerings to help meet needs with Hurricane Helene and Milton should be placed in a special offering envelope and marked “Hurricane Relief”. All donations will be given to the ELCA Donations for Disaster Response Fund.

Music and Create will start again on January 14—Age 3 through Grade 6

Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM—7:15 PM

We provide this opportunity for our families with young children to engage in music and art while also having the opportunity to connect with other families. The program is designed for children ages 3 through grade 6. We divide the children into two age groups, age 3 through grade 1 and grade 2 through grade 6.

St Paul’s is collecting clothing for Union Lutheran Church’s Clothing Ministry and your help is requested. 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. If you have large donations you may take them directly to Union Lutheran Church. Simply call them to arrange a time.

January Adult Education, Sundays, Christ Hall 9:15 AM

“Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer” Tristan Ericson (Meets in Christ Hall)

January 12 - February 16, A new curriculum written by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, President of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English language section and a professor of religion at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. Plan to invite a friend to attend with you.

Catechetical Instruction Continues for students in grade 7 & 8.

January 12—February 16

The group gathers in the Upper Level Youth Room. The Rite of Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, the Feast of the Transfiguration. Please mark your calendars now so that you are present in worship to support the young women and men as they confess their faith in Christ Jesus.

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday, January 5

- 9:15 AM Pancake breakfast & LWR presentation
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live-Stream—Council
Installation with Jazz quartet
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Room

Tuesday, January 7

- 9:30 AM Pantry

Wednesday, January 8

- 10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor—Nave
10:30 AM Bible Study—Christ Hall
6:00 PM Preschool Committee Mtg
7:00 PM Mpuguso Mtg—Christ Hall

Thursday, January 9

- 10:00 AM Preschool & Pastor—Nave
6:00 PM English Class—Community Rm
6:30 PM Handbell Choir
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, January 10

- 5:30 PM Staff Epiphany Supper

Sunday, January 12 Baptism of Our Lord

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Live-Stream
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
6:30 PM AA Meeting—Community Room

Book Club meets at St. Paul's—January 16th 3:00-4:00 the Book Club will meet at the church to discuss *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. All are welcome!

About being sick

We are in the season of colds and flu and other forms of sickness. Please, when you do not feel well, or when you know that you have been exposed to someone extremely contagious, please stay home from church and utilize the live stream accessed from our web site stpaulsyork.org. This summer we added an additional camera to enhance the viewing experience. While we love to have a full church nave, we want nothing more for anyone who is ill to stay home, rest, take care of themselves and not put others of the faith community at risk. Thank you.

Congregation Council Installation

Sunday, January 5, 10:30AM

At the Annual Meeting held in November we elected persons to serve on the Congregation Council. Council members leading the St. Paul's congregation in 2025 are: Ann Anstadt, Kirsten Barns, Sharon Diaczun, Joe Guarriello, Nicki Herdson, Alexis Heistand, Keith Kates, Kass Keleta, Kathleen Lemke, Chris Lipp, Sheridan Palmer, Darren Smith, Frank Tyminski, Carol Woodbury and Tim Yakim. We thank them for their service to God and to our congregation.



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of
the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the
earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong
for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height
of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness
of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness
for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

or Sirach 24:1-12 [not printed]

Psalm 147:12-20

or Wisdom 10:15-21

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

[not printed]

GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the
beginning with God. ³All things came into being
through him, and without him not one thing came
into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was
life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was
John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so
that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was
not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The
true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming
into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into
being through him; yet the world did not know him.
¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people
did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him,
who believed in his name, he gave power to become
children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of
the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's
only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to
him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He
who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he
was before me.’”) ¹⁶From his fullness we have all re-
ceived, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given
through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus
Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only
Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made
him known.