

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
127 YORK STREET
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2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

January 14, 2024

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- Generously** stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- Serving** as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- Providing** for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- Growing in Faith** through worship, study, and discernment
- Praising** God through music, word, and service
- Welcoming** all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

For the Season of Epiphany we are using the Bread of Life – Setting V from With One Voice. All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation

L: Lay Reader

A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
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INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

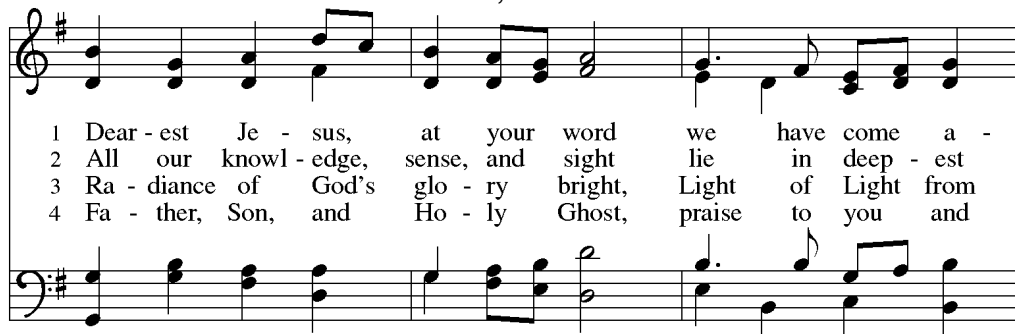
Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

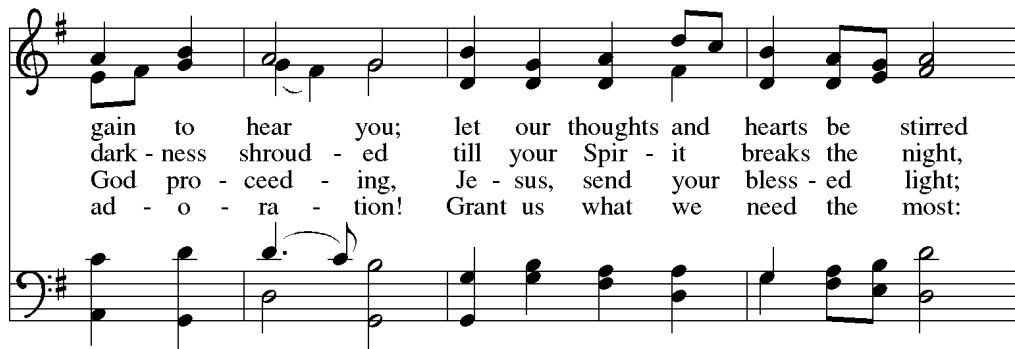
C **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

P The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

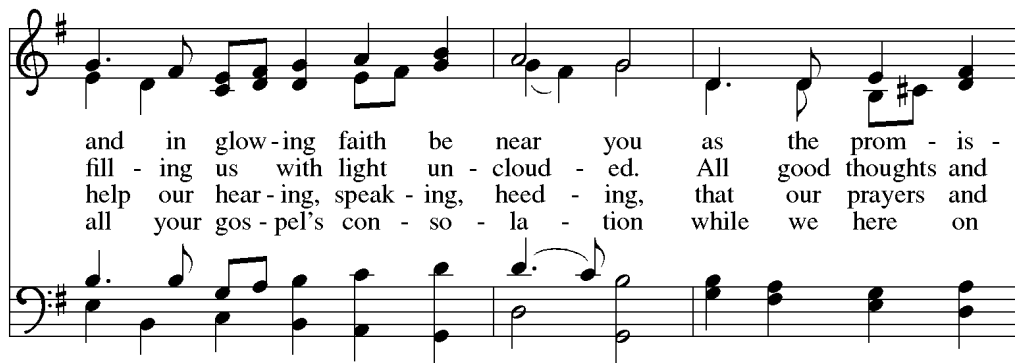
C **Amen.**

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word


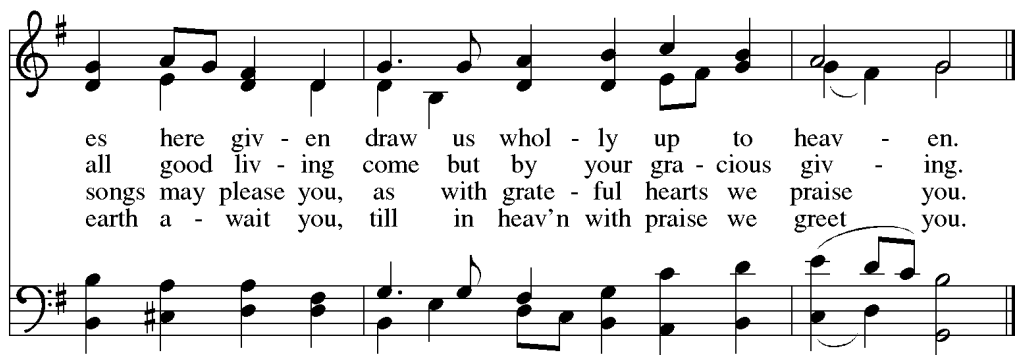
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

*GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple 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.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ 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, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☐
☐ 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.



C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

L ¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and

went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

read responsively

A ¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

C ²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

A ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

C ⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

A ⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

A ¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C ¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

A ¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

C ¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

A ¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

L ¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

***GOSPEL**

John 1:43-51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

P The Holy Gospel according to John 1:43-51

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Sister Marianne Brock

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

*** APOSTLES' CREED**

A: Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,

**was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE**

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church (*especially*) be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration (*especially*). God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity. Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth, we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints (*especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church*). God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**
A Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.
The assembly is seated.*

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord
Handbell Choir

arr. J. Honore

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

There are a number of ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates in front of the pews or to give online at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give>. If you prefer not to give online, you may of course mail a check to St. Paul's. If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you are able to give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, Holy One,
C **... for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*DIALOGUE

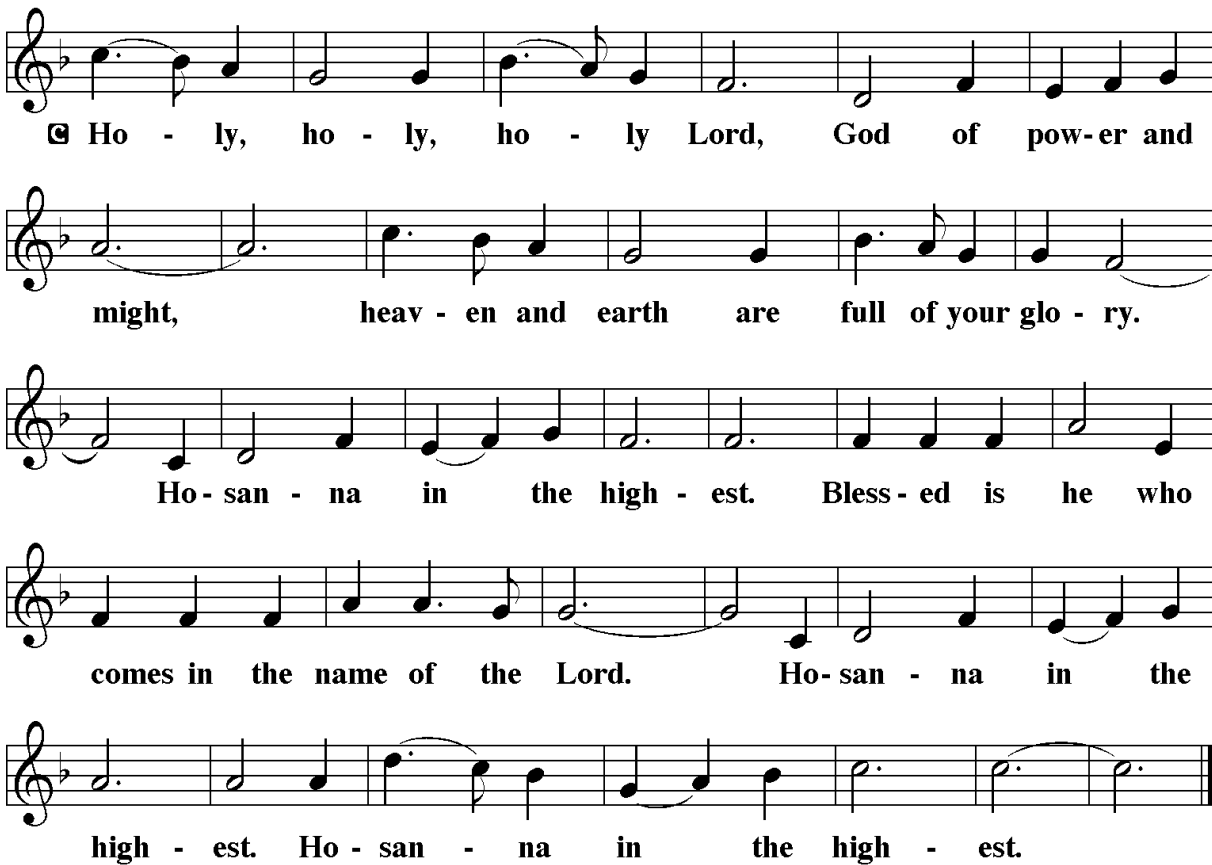
ELW 144

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

P 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen!

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C **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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

All are welcome to commune. If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

***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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Moving Meditation
Handbell Choir

arr. J. Krub

Come and See

Words and Music by
Lenny LeBlanc

$\text{♩} = 65$ VERSE

F C/E B \flat ²/D F/C B \flat ² C⁷ F B \flat /C



1. Come and see the glo - ry of_ the Lord. Come, be-hold the_ Lamb.
2. Come and give thanks un-to_ the Lord. Come, be-hold the_ Lamb.



5 F C/E A⁷ A/C# Dm Dm/C B \flat B \flat /C C⁷

Come and see the mer-cy of_ the King, _____ bow-ing down_ be-fore _____
Come and sing the prais-es of_ the King, _____ bow-ing down_ be-fore _____



8 1. F B \flat /C 2, 3. F CHORUS C C/E F B \flat F

Him. Him. For He is Lord a-bove_ the heav-ens, Lord in all_ the earth.

12 C C/E F B \flat A^{sus} A



Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.

15 Gm B \flat F/C C/E Gm B \flat



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

18 1. F/C C/E D.C. 2. F/C C/E F



-lu - ia. lu - ia, Lord.

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*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

*BLESSING

P God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

ELW 676

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C **We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.**

***POSTLUDE**

* Stand if you are able

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	<u>January 14</u>	<u>January 21</u>
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Lay Reader:	Dan Fuhrman	Janet Haack
Ushers:	Josh and Steph Baringer	Josh and Steph Baringer
Altar:	Becki Davis	Becki Davis
	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh
	Janet Haack (linens)	Janet Haack (linens)

WE WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY Sister Marianne Brock. Sister Marianne is not a stranger to St. Paul's. She has spoken here in the past representing the Lutheran Camping Corporation.

ONE ALTAR VASE is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Hilda Myers, by Mona Hormel and family.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—Jan. 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers—Jan. 21 & 28 (2 vases @ \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine—Jan. 21 & 28 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins—Jan. 21 & 28 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame—Jan. 21 & 28 (\$10 each date)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN OUR CHURCH LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY continues following worship. We will gather on the pews in the lounge to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish up by 11:30. We hope to see you there!

FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES PK-6 - This year for the first 3 Sundays of the month Faith Formation class will be held after worship from approximately 10:30 - 11:30 am in the Gathering Room on the 2nd floor. On the fourth Sunday of the month, Faith Formation will be for children, youth, and their families from approximately 10:30 - noon in the Youth Room.

JANUARY'S DESIGNATED GIVING – Our Missionaries - the Swansons

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Over 240 ELCA missionaries serve in more than 40 countries around the world, invited by global church partners to work together hand-in-hand. Some are doctors in rural areas. Others teach children where there are few opportunities to go to school, or work in seminaries that prepare pastors and future church leaders. Others support, nurture and preach in some of the fastest growing Lutheran congregations in the world. And still others are young adults, engaging in a life-changing, year-long experience.

No matter where or how they serve, every one of these missionaries needs your prayers, support and gifts to succeed in their work. Your gift connects you directly to these missionaries. You make their life-changing ministry happen.

St. Paul's sponsors the Swanson family. Stephen, a board-certified pediatric and infectious disease physician, serves in the care of children at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC) and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha; is active in educational and research efforts and mentorship; helps to develop pediatric medical curriculum and ongoing training of Tanzanian nursing and medical students, assistant medical officers, interns and international residents; and serves as an intermediary to the international global health community. Jodi participates in the care and management of acute childhood malnutrition in the hospital and community, as well as being active in nursing and health education and training community health workers.

HERITAGE CHOIR will rehearse on Saturday, January 20th, at 9:00 am in the sanctuary.

THE MEN IN MISSION will meet on Saturday, January 27th, at 9:00 am at Perkins.

MYSTERY OF THE SAFE - In the room next to the Sacristy, where sound and outside worship equipment is stored, is a large floor safe. It hasn't been used in over 12 years when a smaller safe was purchased and is now used for cash deposits. We could get rid of the large safe, hopefully selling it. However, we don't have the combination!! Without the combination, the safe is useless to anyone. While we don't believe there is anything of value to St. Paul's in the safe, it would be good to check before disposing of the safe. **DOES ANYONE KNOW THE COMBINATION TO THIS OLD SAFE? MAYBE SOMEONE ON COUNCIL WHEN THE SAFE WE USED?**

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY--The Faith in Action will be collecting regular cans of soup, any kind, from January 14 through February 11, 2024 (SUPER BOWL SUNDAY). Please deposit your cans in the boxes found in the pulpit side of the hallway. All proceeds will be given to St. Paul's Saturday Grocery Ministry to be given out as needed. Soup is always good for the cold days of winter. Thanks for your support in this project. Last year we collected 320 cans of soup, can we surpass this???

OUR FAITH FORMATION TEAM is looking for someone knowledgeable about American Sign Language. In the coming months we'd like to teach our children how to use ASL to sign "The Lord's Prayer". Can you help us? Talk to Bill Sowers or Lynne Thompson.

PIE AUCTION AND DINNER will be held January 28 at 1pm to support our Youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July. Tickets will be on sale following worship in the hallway. If you would like to donate baked goods for the auction, please sign up on the bulletin boards or in the lounge. Thanks for your support!

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 12:30 pm**, in the lounge at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Please bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy while we discuss our book. The book we are reading for January is **Storm Clouds Rolling In** by Virginia Gaffney. This is the story of Carrie Cromwell who comes of age as the dark clouds of the Civil War swallow the country. Born with a fiery spirit and a strong mind, she finds herself struggling between the common wisdom of the South and the truth she has discovered. We extend an invitation to all readers to come and join us for great discussion and good fellowship.

Beginning in February **SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY** will follow Max Lucado as he delves into the Gospel of John. An ordained minister and bestselling Christian author, Max will unpack John's words that Jesus was and is eternally present in spirit. The lessons include intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take us deeper into God's Word. **Join us in the Lounge, Monday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning February 5th.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! There will be a Retreat for all of leadership here at St. Paul's on Saturday, February 24th from 11 am – 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be for all Council and Committee members. Watch for more details in upcoming "Happenings and Reminders", bulletins and newsletters.

SAVE THE DATE! The Westminster Ringers will present a Handbell Concert at St. Paul's on March 10th at 4:00 pm.

GET READY, GET SET, REGISTER FOR CAMP! Council has approved camperships for any St. Paul's members and any person(s) sponsored by a member for this summer at any Lutheran Camping Corporation Camp! Registration for summer camp is now open for Nawakwa, Kirkenwald, Wittal Farm and Mar-Lu-Ridge. Check out the summer schedules here: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/> and <https://www.mar-lu-ridge.org/> For more information see Laura Silver our CampPerson.

SUN., JAN. 14	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in the lounge
	10:30 am	Faith Formation (Sunday School-PreK-6)
	10:30 am	Daily Disciple’s Bible Study-church lounge (pews)
MON., JAN. 15	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd Floor and Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Something’s Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
THUR., JAN. 18	6:00 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal–sanctuary balcony
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 102–2 nd Floor
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 102–Youth Room & gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal–sanctuary
FRI., JAN. 19	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
SAT., JAN. 20	9:00 am	Heritage Choir rehearsal
	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (St. Paul’s Book Club)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
SUN., JAN. 21	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany
	Immediately following	Installation of Council
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour in the lounge
	10:30 am	Faith Formation (Sunday School-PreK-6)
	10:30 am	Daily Disciple’s Bible Study-church lounge (pews)

