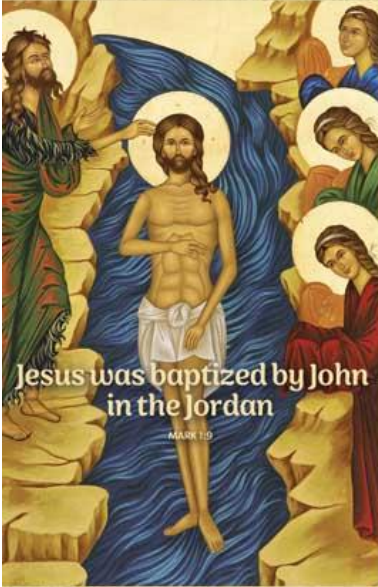


**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
127 YORK STREET  
HANOVER, PA**



# **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY**

**January 7, 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**  
**+ The Baptism of Our Lord +**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 7, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.*

**THE GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God,  
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

Hymn 445

*Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters*



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

**\*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.



**I**  
**II** 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.



**☒** 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** Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

**L** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the 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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

Psalm 29

read responsively

**A** <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

- A <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- A <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- A <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- A <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”
- C <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- A <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

- L <sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He 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.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul 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.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.
- L The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**



## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## \*GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

*Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:4-11

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

P <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He 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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Katrina Holland



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

## \*NICENE CREED

A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.

C **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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,\*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 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.*

**A** Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift 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,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

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

**C receive our prayer.**

A Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

*Jesu, Light of the World*  
Adult and Youth Choirs

Wesley

*(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 Let us pray. 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



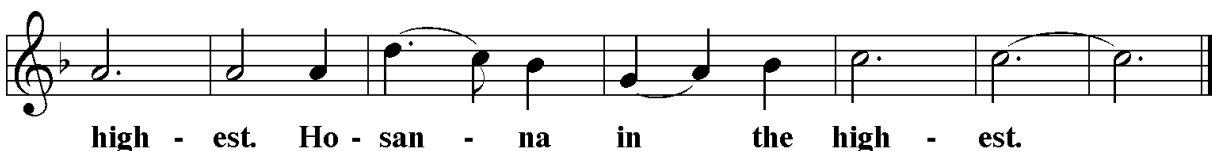
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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**



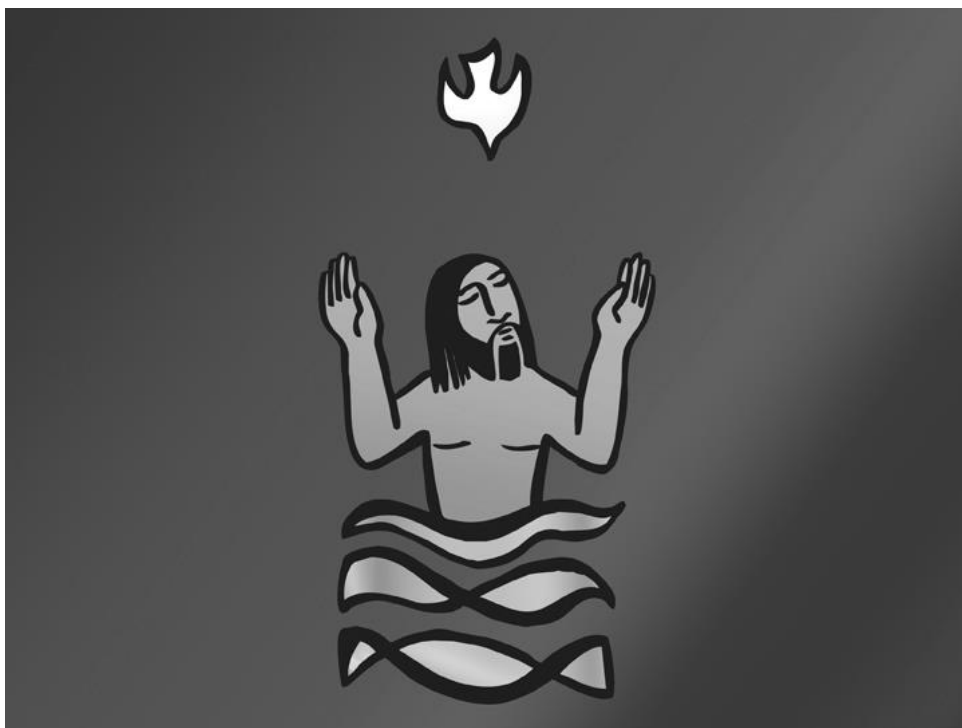
**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**



**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

## *I've Got Peace Like a River*

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,

I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;

I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul.  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul. I've got joy like a foun - tain in my soul. I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.'



# JESUS

*Is Baptized*

Shall We Gather at the River

Hymn 423



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

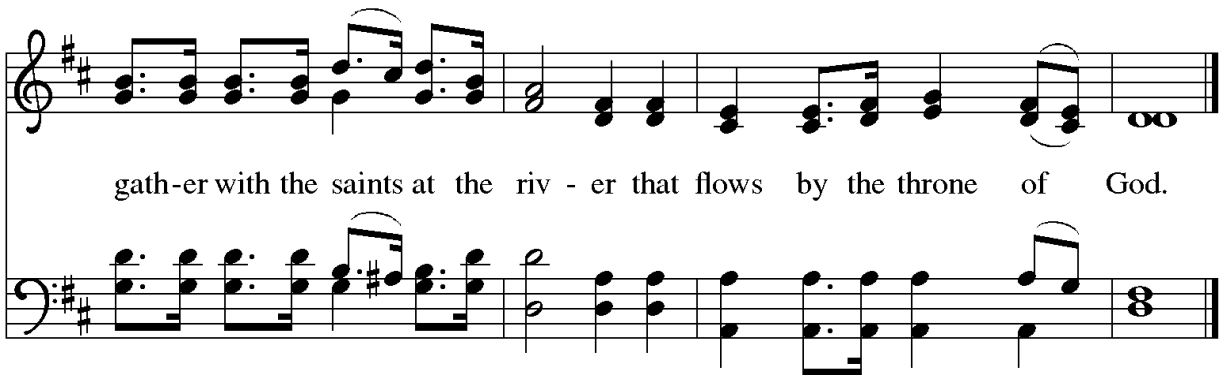


*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;





gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

**\*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.

**INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL**

**\*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.



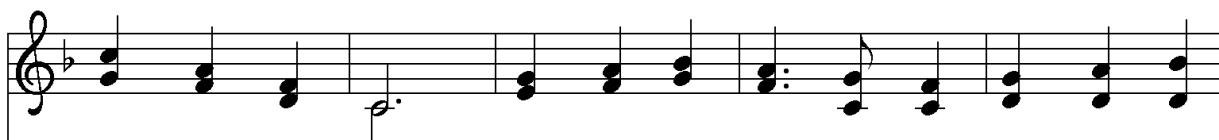
\*SENDING HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

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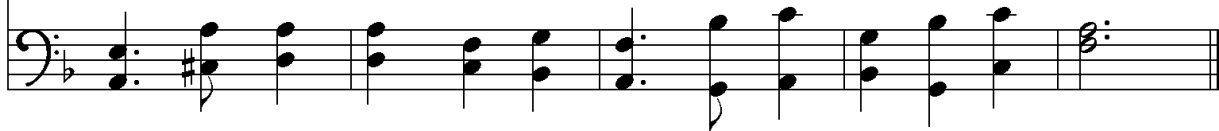
1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.



## \*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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	Norma Lucabaugh	Norma Lucabaugh
	Janet Haack (linens)	Janet Haack (linens)

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

**JANUARY'S DESIGNATED GIVING – Missionary Support**

**GATHERING MEETING!** Youth and (at least one) parent are to meet briefly for an update on our plans and upcoming events. Today following worship, grab some refreshments in the lounge and join us in the Youth Room. The meeting should conclude by 11:30.

**DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY** begins **TODAY** (January 7) 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!

**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.

**THE 2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the hallway outside of the pulpit entrance. Please feel free to contact Maureen in the church office (717-637-5941 or [finance@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:finance@stpaulsyorkst.org)) anytime you have questions about your offerings.

**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.

**PLEASE ENJOY OUR ADVENT IN FULL COLOR** mural displayed in the hallway beside the 2024 Offering Envelope boxes. Thanks to all who participated in coloring and reflecting on our Advent preparations. May the God of love, hope, joy, and peace continue to fill your life with innumerable blessings!

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 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 board. 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.

<b>SUN., JAN. 7</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – Baptism of our Lord Installation of Council
	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)
	10:30 am	Gathering meeting – Youth room
<b>MON., JAN. 8</b>	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor and Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Something’s Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
<b>TUES., JAN. 9</b>	7:00 pm	Church Council
<b>THUR., JAN. 11</b>	6:00 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal–sanctuary balcony
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 102–2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	6:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 102–Youth Room & gym
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal–sanctuary
<b>FRI., JAN. 12</b>	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
<b>SAT., JAN. 13</b>	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Boy Scouts Troop 102)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
<b>SUN., JAN. 14</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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)

Endowment Funds as of 12/31/2023

Full Year Performance

Fund	Amount	Market Gain/Loss	Disbursements/Contrib.	Comments
Family Crisis	\$1,698.82	\$ 214.03	\$ 20.00	
Sabbatical Potley	\$32,707.36	\$ 4,101.35	\$ 578.99	Contrib- Designated Giving
Marsh Family Fund	\$62,912.53	\$ 8,088.11	\$ (1,725.25)	
Mission Trip	\$11,334.96	\$ 1,441.31	\$ -	
Gladys Raubenstine	\$71,649.73	\$ 12,864.31	\$ (69,773.15)	
Main Endowment	\$503,660.35	\$ 65,198.90	\$ (15,815.00)	
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$683,963.75</b>	<b>\$ 91,908.01</b>	<b>\$ (86,714.41)</b>	

Calendar Year 2023  
Performance

Category	Budget (12 Months)	Actual	Difference	Comments
Parish Offering	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 242,635.38	\$ 42,635.38	Regular Offering Plus Plate + Thanksgiving/Christmas
Synod	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,509.81	\$ (4,490.19)	Only Regular Synod Offering
Property	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 17,856.00	\$ (7,144.00)	Regular Envelope Giving
Capital	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,393.00	\$ 393.00	
Grocery Ministry	\$786.00			Not on Regular Budget but non-AIM funds - Dec. Donation
December Designated	\$995.00			Family Crisis Fund - Endowment
Youth Gathering	\$ 500.00			
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$315,452.51</b>			
Actual Parish Offerings	\$242,635.38			
Bequests - Undesignated	\$20,446.08			Will receive undesignated bequest of \$85,719.13
Total Parish Income	\$263,081.46			
<b>Deficit to Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$52,371.05</b>			