

FOR THE
LAW WAS
GIVEN
THROUGH
MOSES:

GRACE
AND
TRUTH

CAME
THROUGH
JESUS
CHRIST.

JOHN 1:17

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 3, 2021

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

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Announcements

† Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious God,

Cong.: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your gracious Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Cong.: Amen.

Psalm: 147:12-20 (*read responsively*)

¹²Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,

¹³**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command | to the earth,
a word that runs | very swiftly. R**

¹⁶God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

¹⁹**God declares the | word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah! **R**

* 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.

* Song

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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* Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Response to the prayer: **C: Amen.**

First Reading:

L: A reading from Jeremiah 31:7-14
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Ephesians 1:3-14
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 1:10-18

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Rotation Faith Formation

The pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School. Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.

Sermon

Pastor Burkhardt

* **Song**

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

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* **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,
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**

Each petition ends with these words:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers: C: Amen.

Offering

Offering Song (*Sung while offering is collected.*)

"Give Thanks"



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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*** Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

C: 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.

*** Communion Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

*** 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.

*** Invitation to Communion**

All baptized believers are welcome to commune. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

Continuous Communion Distribution

Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6 ft. distance in the aisle. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Please remain fully masked when receiving your bread and wine. Proceed to the cup disposal area and consume both elements at that location. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.

*** Blessing**

Response after the blessing: C: Amen.

*** Prayer after Communion**

L: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*** Benediction**

Response: C: Amen.

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Response: **C: Thanks be to God.**

An usher will dismiss one row at a time, first one side of the sanctuary and then the other side; be patient and follow usher guidance. Wear mask until you leave church property. Do not congregate in the building.

* Postlude

* Stand if you are able

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

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 Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915
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When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

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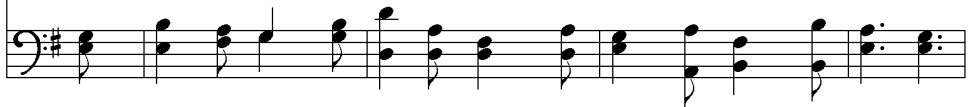
What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



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.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is sponsored to the Glory of God by St. Paul's.

BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsored to the Glory of God in memory of Jim Sennett who entered eternity on January 2, 2013 by his loving wife Peg.

THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE are sponsored to the Glory of God by St. Paul's.

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SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Radio – Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – Jan. 17 & 24 (2 vases each) It is the responsibility of the sponsor to take their flowers following worship.
- Communion Bread & Wine – Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$12)
- Bulletins – Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31 (\$20)

Please contact Sue (swineholt@comcast.net or 717-637-5941) in the church office to reserve your special date.

THANK YOU TO LORI REBLING for being our guest pianist today while Steven is on vacation.

NEW EMPLOYEES AND A NOTE OF APPRECIATION – We are pleased to announce the hiring of two individuals to perform housekeeping and sexton duties. Becky Kiser, a member of St. Paul's, will perform housekeeping duties including vacuuming, dusting, bathrooms and keeping the sanctuary clean. Becky will be working on Sundays. Toby Tasker will work two afternoons per week focusing on heavy duty chores and housekeeping. Generally, housekeeping and sexton duties total 35 hours per week, but because of COVID and reduced use of the building, their work schedule is limited for now.

We also take this time to express deep gratitude to Janet Haack, Wayne and Suzanne Butler, and Maureen Kaltreider for keeping our building clean and sanitized over the last several months. It would have been extremely difficult (maybe impossible!!!) to have opened the building for worship, business, and meetings without them. We have been truly blessed by their service.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available on tables in the hallway by the lounge. If you can take envelopes for family or neighbors that aren't able to get out, please do so and see that they get them.

CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND – The new list for 2021 is posted on the bulletin board in hallway. Please help brighten the day for our shut-ins by signing up to send them cards throughout the year. Thank you for helping with this important ministry within our church!

JANUARY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING will benefit the Hanover Area Council of Churches for their many ministries in our area. Please see page 7 of your December/January Evangel for more details.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *“But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.”* – **John 1:12-13**

We begin 2021 with the sure and certain knowledge that the Christ has given us power and new birth as children of God. Our world is still filled with uncertainty, suffering, and fear, but none of these things can undo the hope and promise we have in Christ.

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NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST: Gary Hoke, Ethel Scheivert
Names to be included on the prayer list should be given to Janet Haack (jmhaack@comcast.net or 717-633-1365). If you have need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Bob directly or through the church office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY for St. Paul’s Lutheran Church is as follows:

- * If Hanover Public School District has a 1-hour delay, the building will open at 9:00 am.
- * If Hanover Public School District has a 2-hour delay, the building will open at 10:00 am.
- * If Hanover Public School District has an early dismissal, building hours will follow that dismissal time.

If Hanover Public School District is closed due to weather, the building will be closed.

CONFIRMATION: The confirmation class meets Sunday from 10:30 until 11:30. Lucille Farrington leads the class but **needs an additional adult helper**. More than one member can share in this ministry. If you can volunteer, please contact Lucille Farrington at 717-630-8810.

	January 3	January 10
Assisting Minister:	Russ Kaltreider	Betty Sheets
Ushers:	Team 4	Team 4
Offering Deposit Team:	Russ Kaltreider	Peg Sennett



Give Online During the Holiday Season

Contribute to St. Paul's this season wherever you are worshipping from by visiting our new online donation page at [Home | St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 127 York Street, Hanover PA \(myvanco.com\)](http://myvanco.com).

This page can also be found on our website by clicking "Give".

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

(Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily for lunch)

(The church office is open by appointment only. Please call before you come.
Only one person, other than staff, is allowed in the office at a time.)

SUN., JANUARY 3	8:30 am Radio Broadcast 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Rotation Faith Formation 10:30 am Confirmation Class
MON., JANUARY 4	6:30 pm Girl Scouts
WED., JANUARY 6	7:00 pm All Committee Night
THURS., JANUARY 7	6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal
FRI., JANUARY 8	PAL Team 1
SAT., JANUARY 9	10:00 am Grocery Ministry
SUN., JANUARY 10	8:30 am Radio Broadcast 9:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Rotation Faith Formation 10:30 am Confirmation Class