

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



**Jesus took her  
by the hand  
and lifted  
her up**

MARK 1:31

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF  
EPIPHANY  
Boy Scout Sunday  
February 4, 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  
+ 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY +  
Boy Scout Sunday  
February 4, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION**

*In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

**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.**



**\*OPENING HYMN***We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

Hymn 617

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

**\*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



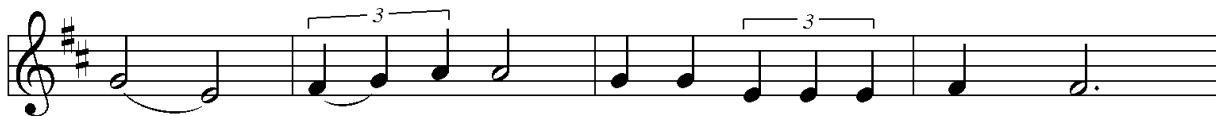
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**☐** 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;

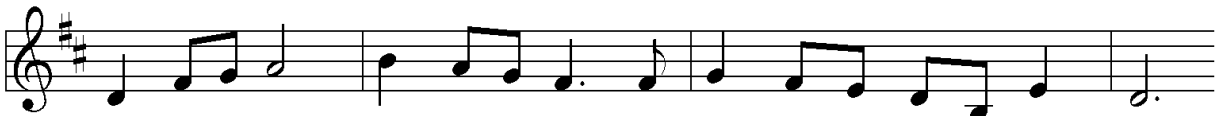
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**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** Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

**L** <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known?

Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

read responsively

A <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

C <sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

A <sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C <sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

A <sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

C <sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

A <sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

C <sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

A <sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

C <sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

A <sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

*God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others.*

L <sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself

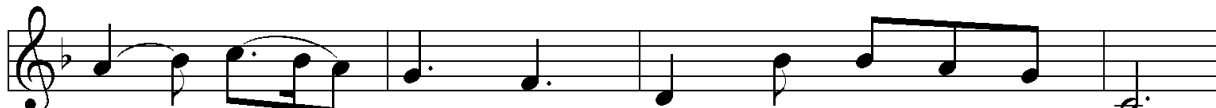


am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**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**

Mark 1:29-39

*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

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

**P** <sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

Pastor Katrina Holland

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW 858

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.  
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai - ly at-tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

**\*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.*

A Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need (*especially*). God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. 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

*There Is A Balm in Gilead*

Lau

Adult and Youth Choirs

Angie Welty & Doug Riley soloists

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*(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

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P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

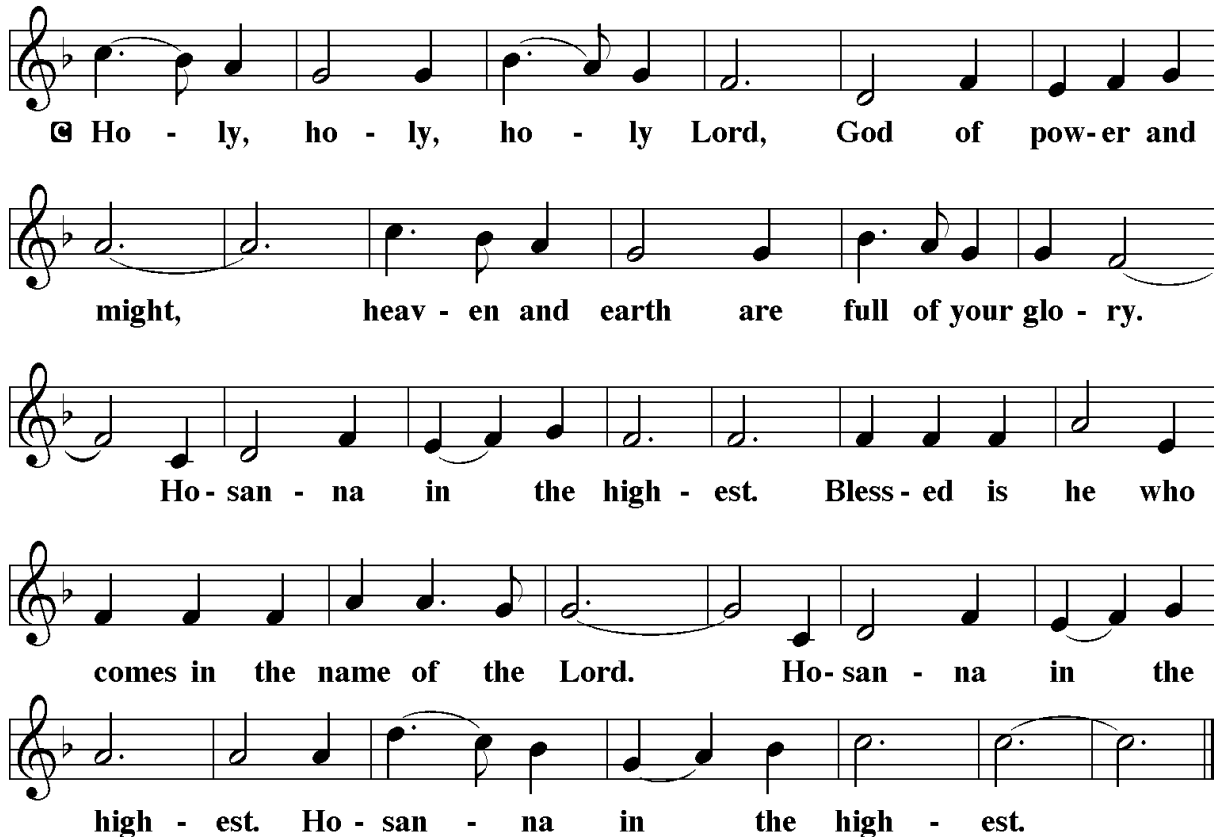
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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**

ELW 715

Christ, Be Our Light

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the





dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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### Jesus Name Above All Names

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**VERSE**

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Bm<sup>7</sup>

Em<sup>7</sup>



1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,  
2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the branch - es,

6 Em<sup>7</sup>/A Em<sup>7</sup>/G F#m<sup>7</sup> G D/A A D<sup>2</sup>



glo - ri - ous Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el, God \_\_\_\_\_ is  
Son \_\_\_\_\_ of God; \_\_\_\_\_ Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful

11 Bm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>/A D/A A D



with \_\_\_\_\_ us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word. \_\_\_\_\_  
Coun - se - lor, Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world. \_\_\_\_\_

### \*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 MEMBERS

## \*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

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW 665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spi - rit calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

## \*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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	Cindy Schmidt	Michelle Johnson
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	Suzanne Butler	Suzanne Butler

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**THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of Michelle Johnson's baptism by her family.

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

**DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDY** continues following worship. Grab some coffee and snacks and join us **in the nursery, across from 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!

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, Mon. evenings at 7:00pm, beginning Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**FEBRUARY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING – St. Paul's Camperships**

**AN ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be held on Wednesday evening, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. It will include the Imposition of Ashes.

**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???

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN THE LUTHERAN TRADITION?** Who do we say that we are? All are invited to come explore the unique vision of the Lutheran faith as a way of worshiping and living. Taught by Pastor Katrina on the five Sundays of Lent at 10:45 a.m., starting February 18<sup>th</sup> through March 17<sup>th</sup>. Each session will be one hour. Location to be announced.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE CAMP SUNDAY** with Mike Youse from the Lutheran Camping Corporation as our guest speaker. Wear your camp attire that day.

**LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNER CHURCH:** We will be having "dinner church" in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday nights, February 21 through March 20. Join us at 5:45 with a dinner prayer at 6:00 pm as we share a meal. Casual worship will begin at 6:30 pm led by Pastor Katrina Holland with music by Steven Ruppright. ***"The Seed of Joy" is our theme for this Lenten season.*** Please sign up on the bulletin board by Pastor's office or click the link below to sign up for individual dates.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544AFA823A2FB6-47210418-lenten>

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** There will be a Retreat for everyone here at St. Paul's on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. This will be for all Council and Committee members and anyone else that would like to attend. Watch for more details in upcoming "Happenings and Reminders", bulletins and newsletters.

**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, Wittel 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.

**THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS FOR ALL THE LADIES AT ST. PAUL'S.** Hanover First Church of God is holding their Women's Conference on March 15 & 16, 2024.

Registration cost is \$55.00 for the two-day conference. Friday night is from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with snacks and beverage provided. Saturday is from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm with a small breakfast, lunch and beverages provided. We need to be registered and pre-paid by **Sunday, February 18, 2024**. You may register yourself at <https://www.hanoverbeacon.org/events>. Make check payable to Hanover First Church of God and put Women's Conference in the memo line.

Sally Lovelace will register anyone who does not want to register themselves. Please provide Sally with your name, address, email (if you have one) and phone number. You can reach Sally at [salgeorge@centurylink.net](mailto:salgeorge@centurylink.net) or 717-479-0084.

<b>SUN., FEB. 4</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Boy Scout Sunday
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in the lounge
	10:30 am	Faith Formation – Gathering room (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
	10:30 am	Daily Disciple's Bible Study- nursery (across from the lounge)
<b>MON., FEB. 5</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., FEB. 6</b>		<b>First PHONEVITE test call</b> <b>(listen for your phones to ring)</b>
<b>WED., FEB. 7</b>		Council Meeting
<b>THUR., FEB. 8</b>	6:00 pm	Handbell 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., FEB. 9</b>	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
<b>SAT., FEB. 10</b>	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (Boy Scouts Troop 102)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
<b>SUN., FEB. 11</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in the lounge
	10:30 am	Faith Formation – Gathering room (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
	10:30 am	Daily Disciple's Bible Study- nursery (across from the lounge)

**A NEW MESSAGING SYSTEM IS READY!**

We have set up a new telephone messaging system for the whole St. Paul's community! This system, called Phonevite, allows the church to immediately send messages to everyone at the same time. In a matter of just a few minutes, we can get a message to 200+ people. This service is a secure service that is only controlled by a select few people within the congregation: the administrator, the pastor, the council president.

School systems, county governments and civic organizations use these kinds of messaging systems. If you've had school children in the last decade or so, then you'll be familiar with this kind of messaging.

Here's how this works:

- All of the phone numbers we have attached to your information in the church directory have been put in the messaging system.
- Check the St. Paul's directory to make sure your correct phone numbers are listed. Contact Carmen if you prefer receiving a call from just one of your numbers - home OR cell number. If you do not see the number you prefer receiving the call from on the most current directory phone list, then contact Carmen asap with the correct number BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH @ 2 PM, we are sending out the first test message to all of you.
- The incoming message will be sent from the church's phone number. If you do not answer, the message will be left on your voicemail.
- WARNING!!! After you hear the message, the system will give you TWO prompts: One to listen to the message again, and the other (#5) if you wish to opt out of ever receiving any message again from this system.
- IF YOU CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF THE SYSTEM, WE CANNOT ADD YOUR NUMBER BACK FROM OUR END.
- If you do not receive the call/message on 2/6, please call Carmen to update or add your correct phone number/s BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH @ 2 PM, we will send a second test message out to make sure we've captured any changes/edits/adds.

How are we going to use this message system:

- For weather-related announcements/closures/delays, for funeral announcements, for special or annual meetings, for special services, etc.

If you have any questions, please see Carmen or Pastor Katrina.