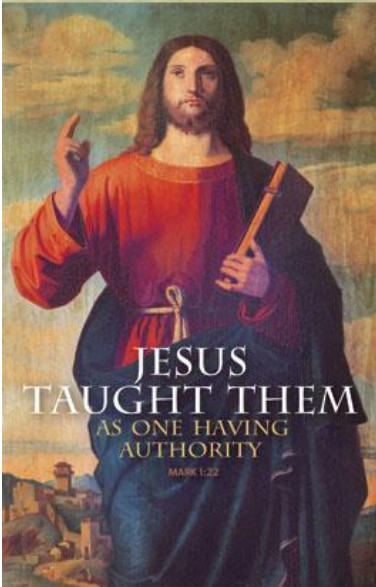


**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
127 YORK STREET  
HANOVER, PA**



## **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**January 28, 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  
+ 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY +  
January 28, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION**

*In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.*

**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,

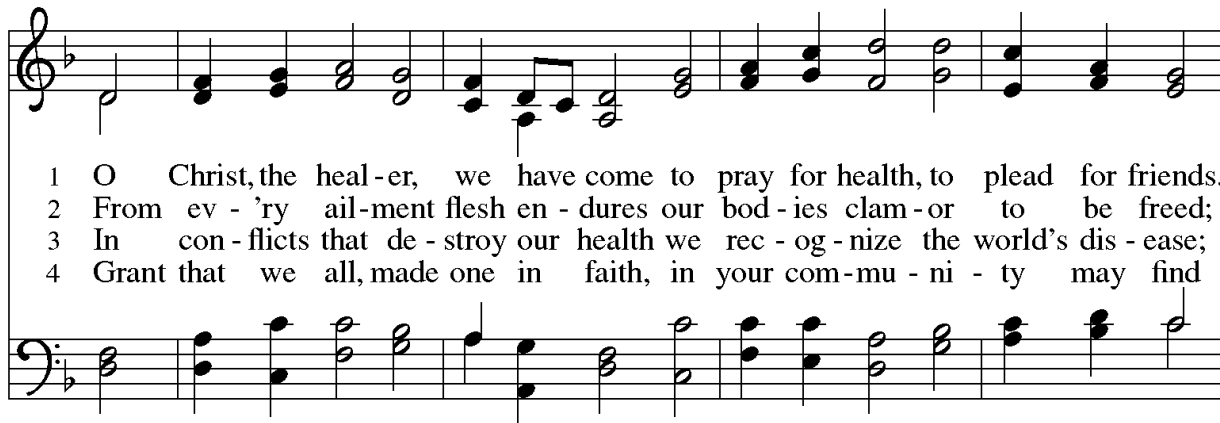
**C** **we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good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

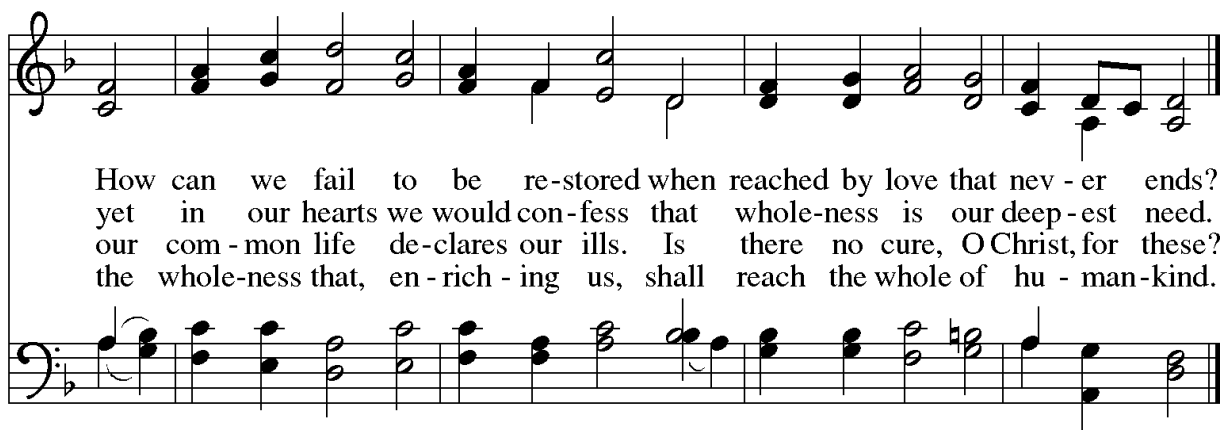
**C** **Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN***O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

Hymn 610



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
 2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;  
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;  
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.  
 our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
 the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

**\*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**


**G** 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 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.



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



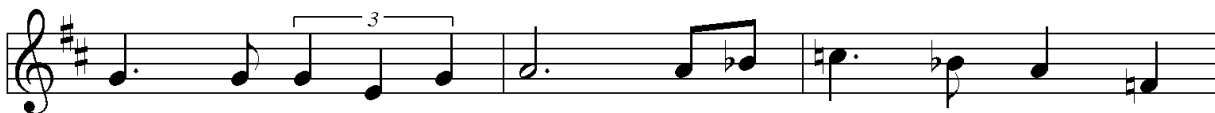
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



III 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.

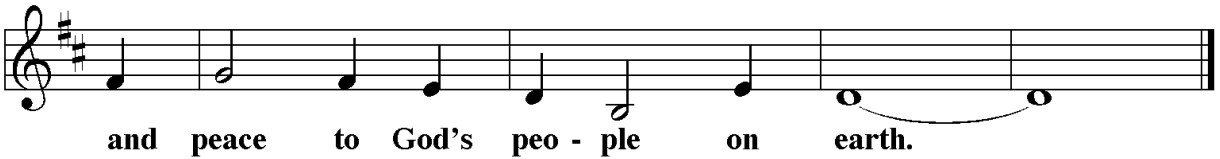
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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

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,



### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

**L** [Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

**L** The word of the Lord.

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

### THE PSALM

Psalm 111

read responsively

**A** <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

- C** <sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**
- A** <sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**
- A** <sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- A** <sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**
- A** <sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.
- C** <sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*

- L** <sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him. <sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your

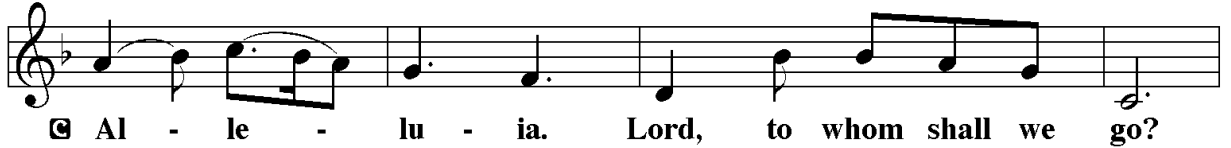


family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.  
<sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL**

Mark 1:14-20

*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28

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

P <sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*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.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

**\*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 Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer (*especially*). God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. 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

*I Will Sing of the Mercies*  
Children's Choir

Fillmore

*(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**

ELW 612

Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

# Thy Word Is a Lamp

♩=70

## CHORUS

F C/E F B♭/D C F



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

5

C/E F B♭/D C F

Last time Fine



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

## VERSE

9

C Gm Dm Am B♭ C



1. When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be -  
 2. I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

12

B♭/F F C Gm Dm Am



-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
 wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

15

B♭ C C/D D C<sup>SUS</sup> C

D.C.



Please be near me to the end.  
 I will love You to the end.



### **\*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.

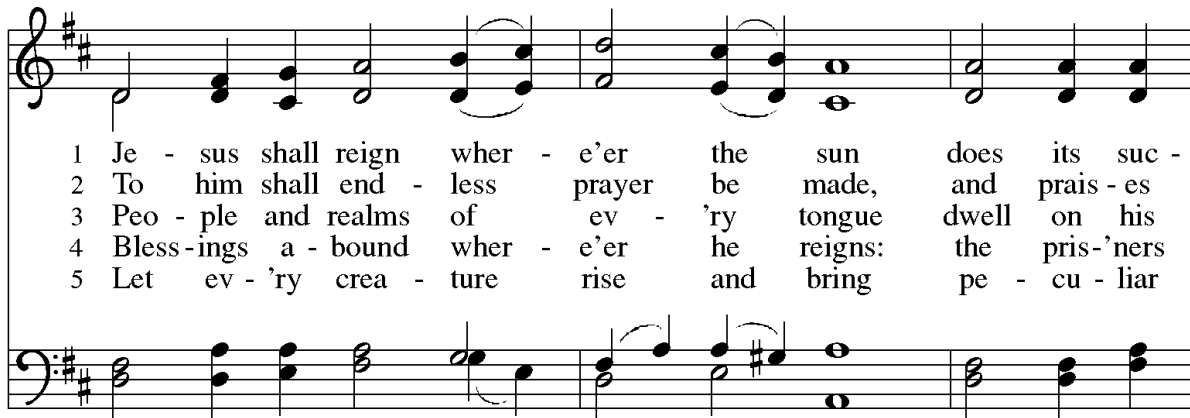
**C** Amen.



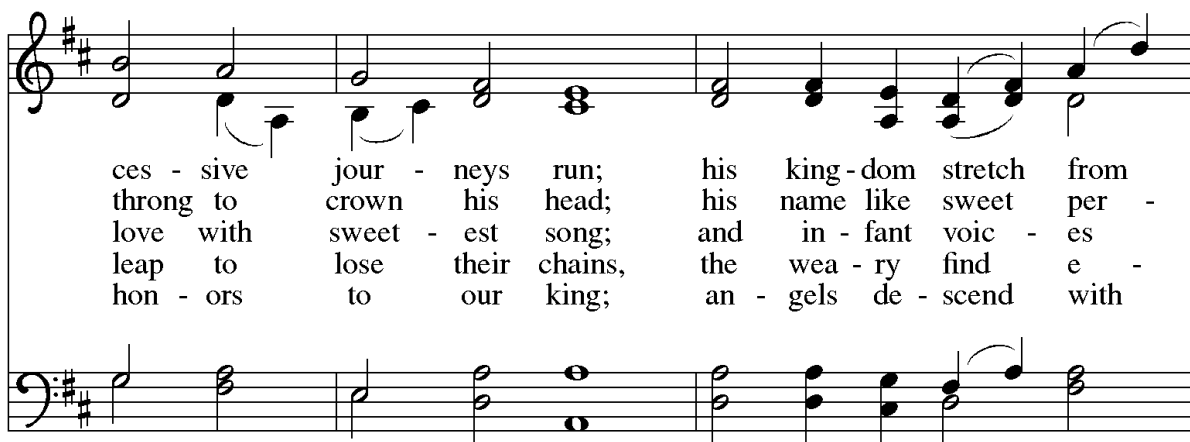
**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

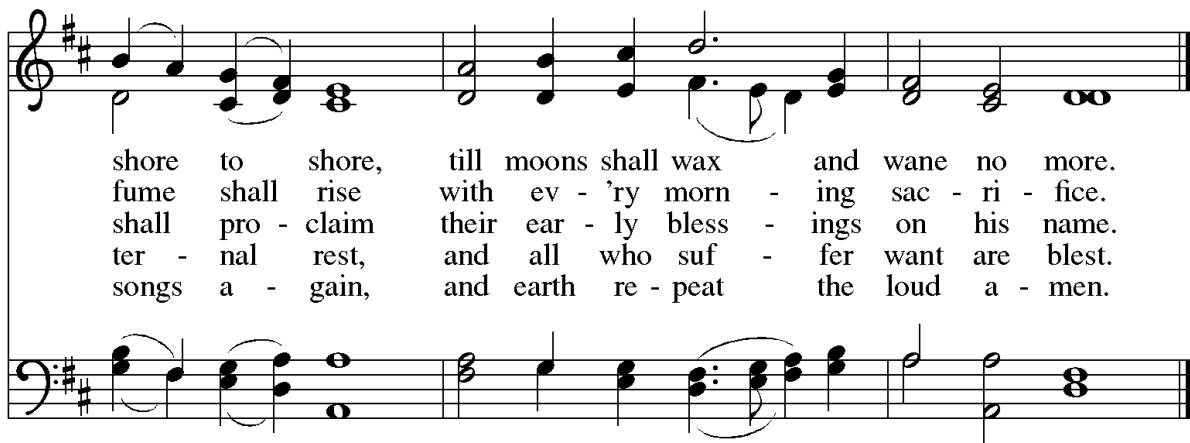
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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**\*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**

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\* Stand if you are able

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**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!

**JANUARY'S DESIGNATED GIVING – Our Missionaries - the Swansons**

**YOUTH AND FAMILY** group WILL meet today following worship. We'll meet till **11:15** in the Youth Room for activities together. SPY will then help with Pie Auction prep.

**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!

**THERE WILL ALSO** be a “Silent Auction” of goods and services donated by families of the Gathering group. Come check them out this afternoon at the Pie Auction!

**ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB** will meet on **Wed., Jan. 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. 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, Mon. evenings at 7:00pm, beginning Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**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???

**GATHERING UPDATE!** Our hotel arrangements have been announced and we're getting more and more excited about our journey. Continue to check out the Youth and Family bulletin board for details and information about our fundraising efforts. There are opportunities for you to join us on our journey!

**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.

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

<b>SUN., JAN. 28</b>	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
	Immediately following	Coffee Hour in the lounge
	10:30 am	Youth and Family – Youth room
	10:30 am	Daily Disciple's Bible Study-nursery (across from the lounge)
	1:00 pm	Pie Auction and Dinner
<b>MON., JAN. 29</b>	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor and Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Something's Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
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<b>THUR., FEB. 1</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. 2</b>	3:30 pm	Grocery Ministry prep
<b>SAT., FEB. 3</b>	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry (volunteers needed)
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Service
<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)

## **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.