

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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HANOVER, PA

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are you
LUKE 6:22



THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 23, 2025

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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

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

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.

**+ 7th Sunday after Epiphany +
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INTRODUCTION

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

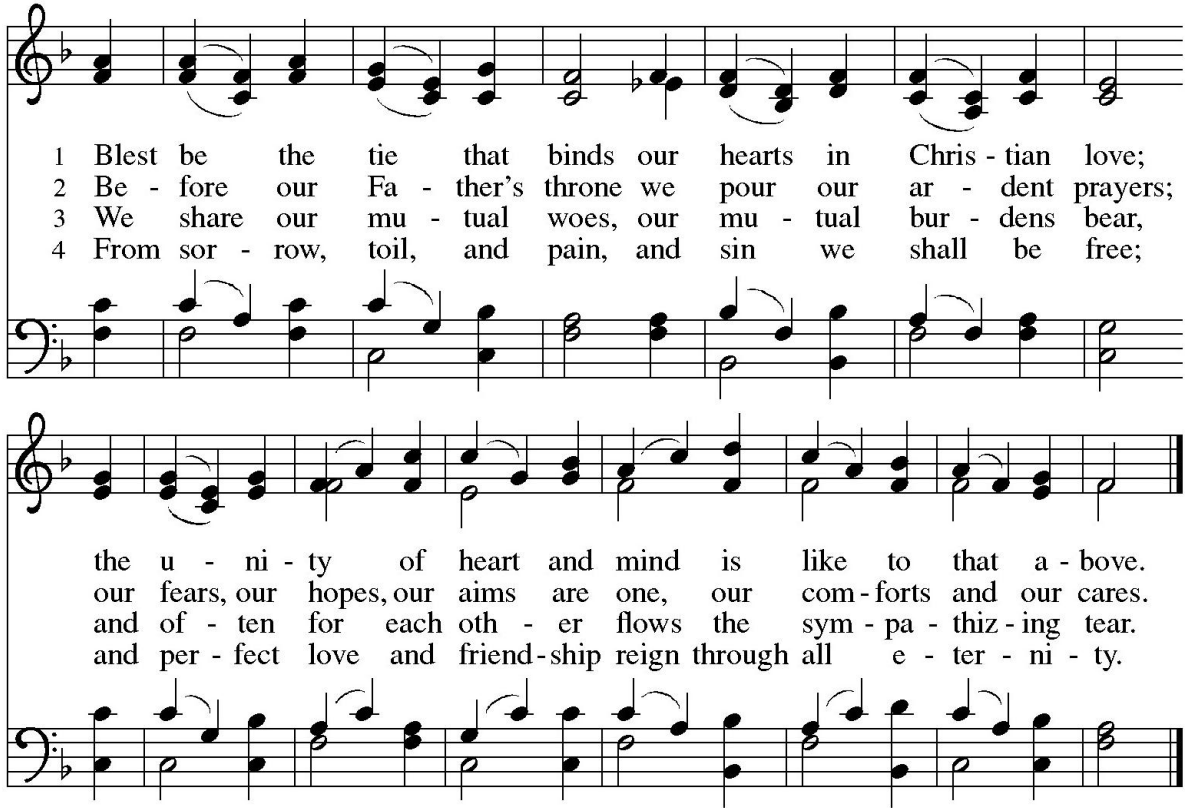
you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ☩ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

Hymn 656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

***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.



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.



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



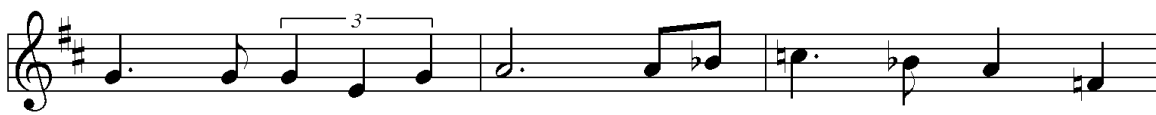
glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



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



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.**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

L The First Reading according to Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

read responsively

A ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

- C** ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- ¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**
- ¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.
- ³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**
- ⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.
- A** Holy wisdom, Holy word.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

- L** The Second Reading according to 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- ³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.
- ⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving

spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38

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

P [Jesus said:] ²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners

do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

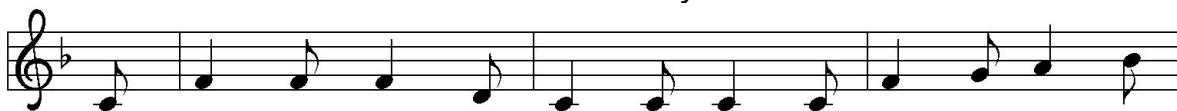
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Come with Joy”

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

***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 With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all

creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us.

May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

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

"Songs of the Cross"
Organ/Piano Duet

arr. Mouz

(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. God of grace,

C **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

***DIALOGUE**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

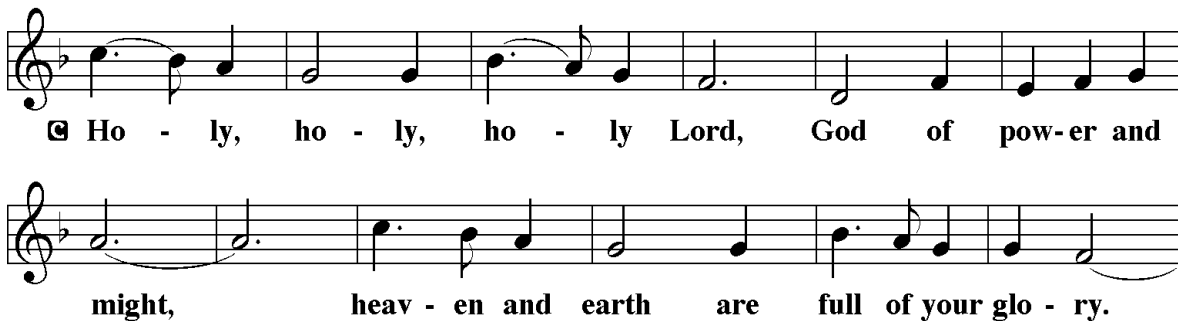
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

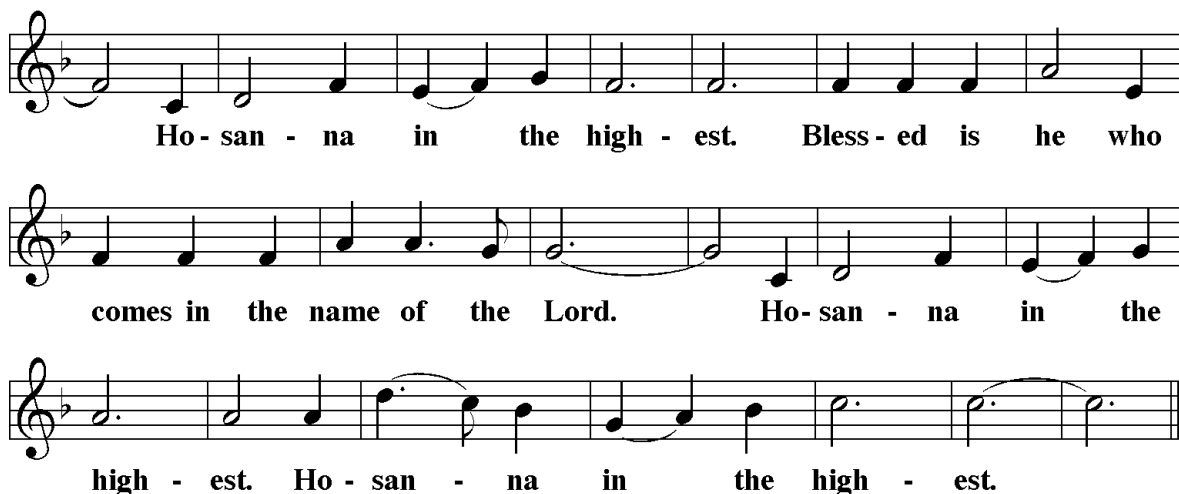
***PREFACE**

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.



***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 The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Thy Word"

Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith

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.

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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

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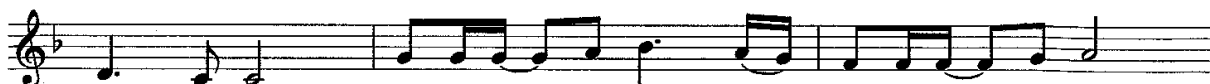
C Gm Dm Am B♭ C



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^{sus} C



D.C.

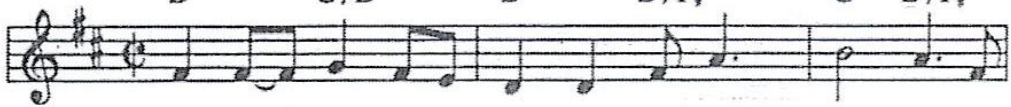
Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Haugen

VERSE
Leader
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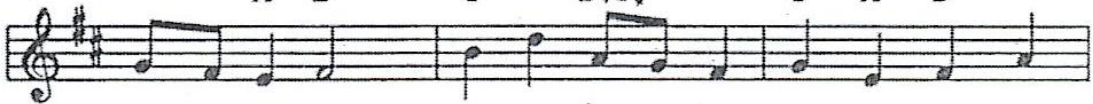
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G D/F#



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the
3. You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the
4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the

Leader

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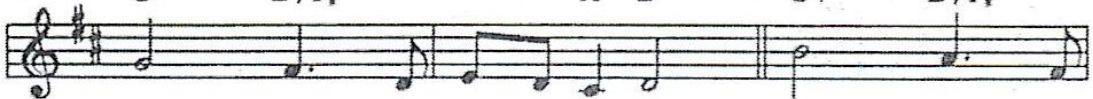


king-dom of God! Share the fla-vor of life, O peo - ple:
cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
king-dom of God! Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice,
king-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and love our home-land:

All

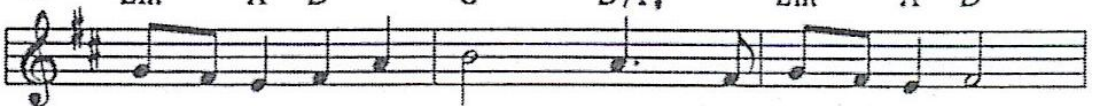
CHORUS

7 G D/F# A D G D/F#



life in the king-dom of God! Bring forth the
shine for the king-dom of God!
grow in the king-dom of God!
love is the king-dom of God!

10 Em A D G D/F# Em A D



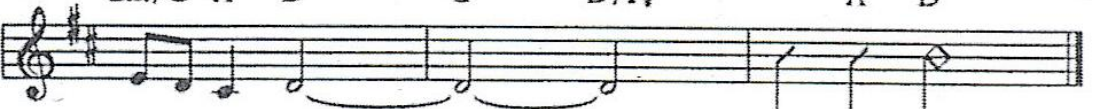
king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the king-dom of peace;

13 G D/F# G A D G D/F#



bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice, bring forth the

16 Em/G A D G D/F# A D



cit - y 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 Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C Amen.

THE SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

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1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch-ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me?
par - don for you and for me.

“Come home, come home!
Come home, come home!

You who are wea-ry, come home.” Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live in hope.

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

*POSTLUDE

* Stand if you are able

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	<u>February 23</u>	<u>March 2 – Camp Sunday</u>
Assisting Minister	Donna Lehman	Deb Sowers
Acolyte	Matthew Kaltreider	Dilynn Long
Lay Reader	Lucille Farrington	Frank Hueske
Communion Distributors	Lucille Farrington	Peg Sennett
	Gretchen Walter	Frank Hueske
Ushers	Michael Kelly	Sally Lovelace
	Sharon Kelly	Karen Mummert
Altar Committee	Becki Davis	Amy Feeser
	Norma Lucabaugh	Suzanne Mummert

Council approved the hiring of Pastor Dan Yeiser as our Intentional Interim/Bridge Pastor. He will begin on March 1. He will attend the Saturday Night Service on March 1 and preside over the Sunday, March 2 service.

He will also preside at our Ash Wednesday service.

Pastor Yeiser has previously served two local location Lutheran congregations. From 2004 until 2018, he was the Sr. Pastor at St. Matthews and from 2022 to 2023, he was the Intentional Interim at St. David's. He has also served other Lutheran Congregations. Please welcome him to St. Paul's.

BOTH ALTAR VASES are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Amos Daniel Feeser by his family.

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

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We know that fellowship is an important part of our faith community; that's why we hold Coffee Hour after church each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers to help keep our Coffee Hour going! There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer as coffee makers or to bring snacks. Coffee makers would start the coffee urn around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request!) Both volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

FEBRUARY'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to support our missionaries, The Swanson's, in Tanzania. Their newsletter can be found on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office.

MARCH'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief, California Wild Fires.

NEXT SUNDAY IS CAMP SUNDAY. Kelsey Tomlinson, Director of Camp Nawakwa will provide the sermon and the children's sermon at our 9:30 am worship service. Wear your camp shirts, if you have any.

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

Radio—March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-March 2 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine- March 2, 5, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- March 2, 9, 16 & 23 (\$20 each date)

Eternal flame-March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE, for anyone who is not attending the children's Faith Formation classes, is held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us **in the nursery, across from the lounge,** to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish by 11:30 am.

DESSERT AUCTION AND DINNER WILL BE HELD TODAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 1PM. This year we will be serving a Roast Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Proceeds benefit the next generation of St. Paul's Youth attending future National Youth Gatherings in 2027 and 2030! Tickets will be sold following worship beginning February 2nd. Adults \$15, Children \$5. Thank you for your support!

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY - Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Lounge. Join us!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Join us Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor beginning March 11 as we study the elements of the Crucifixion with the book ***He Chose the Nails*** by Max Lucado. The book focuses on what Jesus did for us on the Cross by getting us to look at it in a new light, and with a fuller understanding. Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than **today** so we may order your book.

THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wed., Feb. 26, 2025** at **12:30pm** in the **Conference Room** on the second floor. The elevator will take you up to the second floor then follow the hallway to the Theater Room and go through that room into the Conference Room. Please bring a brown bag lunch and a drink if you like. This month's book is Then Came Hope by Buffy Andrews. Buffy Andrews is a local author from the York, PA area who has spoken to our group before when we read one of her other books. Hope to see you there.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025** at **12:30pm** in the Conference Room. The book we will be discussing is Return of the Bones by Belinda Vasquez Garcia. This is a thrilling journey of ancestry, love, and forgiveness. Based on the true story of 2,067 skeletons that were stolen from the Ghost Pueblo of Pesos. It was the winner of the Best Historical Fiction New Mexico/Arizona Book Awards. Peg Sennett is the Discussion Leader for this book.

RUTH'S HARVEST-- The **Faith In Action Committee** has selected **Ruth's Harvest** as their Lenten project again this year. **Ruth's Harvest** is a free ministry of the Hanover Area Council of Churches adopted in 2013. This outreach effort focuses on child hunger in our community, providing healthy meals and snacks to children to take home for the weekend. For some children, free and reduced breakfast and lunch at school are the only meals they have, and are left without healthy meals, and often no meals over the weekend days when school is not in session. With this program, each Friday participating students receive a bag of food for the weekend which usually includes 2 breakfast entrees, 2 lunch entrees, 3 dinner entrees, several snacks, and disposable drinks.

The program requires single-serve fruit cups and vegetables, single-serve entrees, single-serve snacks, single-serve cereals, and single-serve drinks. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the boxes found on the pulpit side of the hallway. This project will run during Lent from **Sunday, March 5, 2025-Sunday, April 21, 2025**. All donations will be delivered to the Ruth's Harvest drop off spot at St. Matthews Lutheran Church after Easter. Thank you for taking part in this outreach project again this year. Your generosity is always amazing.

SUN., FEB. 23 Immediately following Worship	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 7 th Sunday after Epiphany
		Children’s Choir rehearsal – Children’s Music Room Followed by Faith Formation
		Coffee Hour - Lounge
		Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 st floor)
	1:00 pm	Dessert Auction and Turkey Dinner – Fellowship Hall
MON., FEB. 24	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Groups – 2 nd floor (no Daisies)
	7:00 pm	Something’s Brewing Bible Study – Lounge
TUES., FEB. 25	10:30 am	LIU #12 – Fellowship Hall
WED., FEB. 26	12:30 pm	St. Paul’s Book Club – Conf. Room (2 nd floor)
THUR., FEB. 27	5:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 102 Court of Honor-Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Bellchoir rehearsal – Balcony of the Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – 2 nd Floor
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir I rehearsal – Choir Loft in the Sanctuary
FRI., FEB. 28	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
	4:00 pm	Private Use – Fellowship Hall
SAT., MARCH 1	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – Council
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service)
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., MARCH 2		CAMP SUNDAY
	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast - 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
	9:30 am	Worship Service – 8 th Sunday after Epiphany
Immediately following Worship		Children’s Choir rehearsal – Children’s Music Room Followed by Faith Formation
		Coffee Hour - Lounge
		Daily Discipleship class – Nursery room (1 st floor)
		Adult Choir II rehearsal - Choir Loft in the Sanctuary

WHY CAMP?

A place for Christ-centered community

Daniel comes from a family that is all about baseball. Their vacations and their summer plans all revolve around coaching, playing, and refereeing games and visiting famous ballparks and baseball history museums. But every summer, Daniel makes sure that he has one week set aside to go to camp – even if it means missing a game or two.



“A week at camp is like nothing else I do,” Daniel says. “It’s different than being on a team playing a game. Our cabin group – and the whole camp community – is like a family. The counselors are fun, and you can tell they really care about us, and nobody has to be the best at anything – we just have fun together! And I like talking about God with the staff and other people my age.”

Camp provides daily opportunities for prayer, faithful conversation with other Christians, stewardship of God’s Creation, elements of service to God and others, and daily devotions. We hear and experience God’s Word, and have opportunities to put it immediately into practice. We live out our baptismal promises, reminded that we are named, claimed, and sent. It’s an immersion in a loving, grace-filled community of Christ that offers us the a glimpse of the promised Kingdom - a fully immersive experience of the loving presence of Jesus, thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit - and, as Daniel reminds us, we also have a lot of fun.

Maybe it’s time we rethink the value we place on church camp. It really does reinforce everything we teach about being a beloved child of God and allows us to encounter the living Christ in powerful ways.



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