

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Growing in faith. Growing in community. Welcoming all in Jesus' name.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Sunday, January 19, 2025

**10 AM Service of
Holy Communion**

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.



Catch the excitement! Witness the joy! Shape the vision!

ST. PAUL'S VISION STATEMENT (adopted 02/25/2018)

- To worship as a diverse community of all ages
- To engage in faith formation as a community grounded in God's word
- To maintain with depth and integrity the work of feeding the hungry and housing the homeless
- To nurture a strong foundation of generosity, giving, and caring for creation
- To provide a music ministry that encompasses congregation and surrounding communities

Worship at Home and Away

When we cannot be together in person, we can still hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Therefore, we offer the 10 AM service through simultaneous live streaming to St. Paul's Facebook page. The service is then posted to the website, www.stpaulsnewarkde.org and can be found in the upper right hand corner of the home page, along with a digital copy of this worship folder.

**Large print worship folders and hearing assist devices
are available in the narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.**

**A Prayground is available for young children
in the rear of the sanctuary.**

✘ GATHERING ✘

*Worship begins with God who takes the initiative and calls us into being.
We gather at the Holy Spirit's invitation and assemble as the community of faith
on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

*Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation
allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.*

The sanctuary doors will be closed as worship begins with the prelude.

PRELUDE

Two Settings of
"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"
JESUS IST KOMMEN, GRUND EWIGER FREUDE

arr. Culli

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to
faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

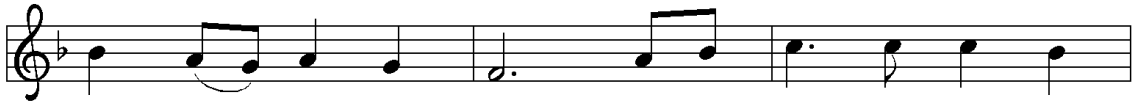
All Are Welcome
ELW 641



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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The candidate for baptism, the family, and sponsors make their way to the font during the singing of the hymn. The assembly turns to face the font, as they are able.

HOLY BAPTISM

Ridge Norman Kline

Ryder George Kline

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Congregational sponsors, Cheri and Troy Simons, present the candidates:

We present Ridge and Ryder for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents, Tyler and Kristy Kline:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors and Godparents, Lauren and Mike Guggenheimer:

Sponsors and Godparents, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Ridge and Ryder and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water is poured into the font during the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receive a baptismal garment.

Joined by these waters with the communion of saints, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain name with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to a sponsor of each of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.**

The ministers and baptismal party return to their places. The assembly turns forward during the singing of the baptismal song.

SONG OF ACCLAMATION

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453 - Verse 1



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door



to a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more.

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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The assembly is seated.

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall God rejoice over you

A reading from Isaiah:

- ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until its vindication shines out like the dawn,
and its salvation like a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the rulers your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as one rejoices in marrying one's beloved,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

God has been revealed to us in the word.

Let us wait here and dwell in it.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 36:5-10

Antiphon: Ps. 36:8

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD.

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD.

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

There are a variety of gifts but the same Spirit

A reading from First Corinthians:

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of

miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.


God has been revealed to us in the word.

Let us wait here and dwell in it.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

The wedding at Cana

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Cris Frigm

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

ELW 312



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. Bring healing to places of disaster, especially California. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. In this time of political conflict and division, guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need, especially Angelo, Deborah, Bob, Rich, Kara, Eric, Silas, Jim, Dot, Jenny, Jane, Judy, Stan, Claude, Nancy, Jane, Paul, Pat, Margaret, Jay, Rob, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Isabella, Heyward, Olive and Jim. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites, especially our partners in ministry Community Lutheran Church in Frankford and Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Odessa. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints, especially Will and Susan, and Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, whom we commemorate today. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The assembly exchanges Christ's peace
in word and gesture, saying, **Peace be with you.***

Be seated.

*At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask **visitors** to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask **members** to update any changes to their information so our records can be maintained.*

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts for service and mission.

OFFERTORY

“Faithfulness”

arr. Raney

Sanctuary Choir

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray: God of grace,

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

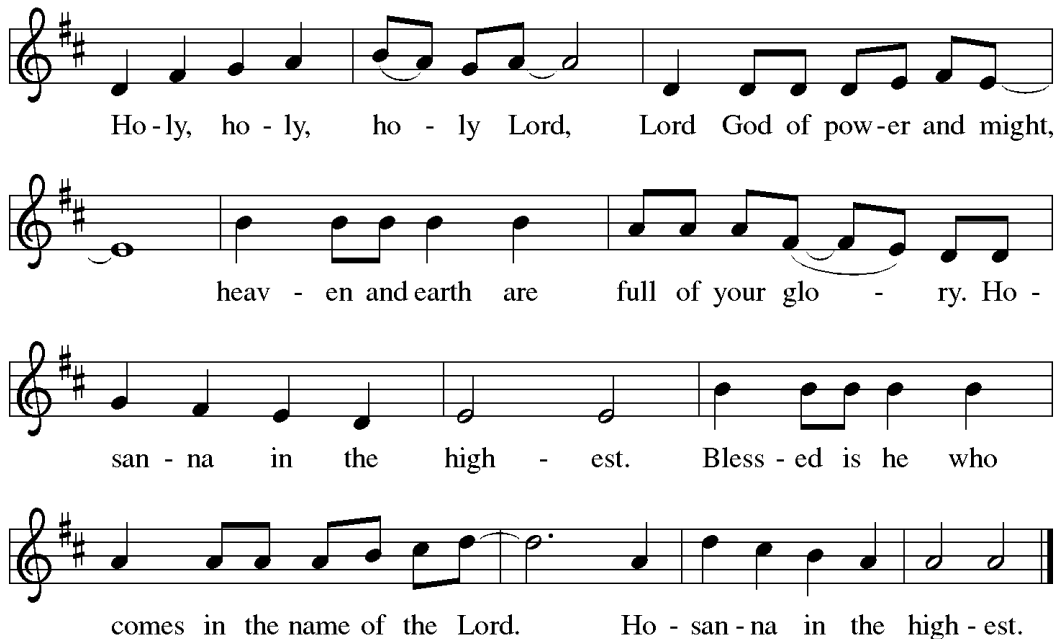
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

ELW Setting 6



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

We have heard of you,
and will proclaim your glory to all,
even as we pray, saying,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

We come to eat this meal of gladness.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

ELW Setting 6

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.

Be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.



All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.

Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

ELW 470 (harmony)

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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW 488 (harmony)

Found on p. 18

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:11

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
 glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
 pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
 dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
 quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
 though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
 joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,
 por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
 heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
 fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
 con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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After all have returned to their places, please stand, as you are able.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Let us pray.

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,
Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING SONG

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576

Found on p. 20

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise“

SALZBURG

arr. Hobby

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Ping-An Tjoa
Lector:	Lynn Deschere
Bread Provider:	
Altar Guild:	Janet Mease
Flower Guild:	Keith Tyson

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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The flowers in the chancel are given
to the glory and praise of God.



TALK ABOUT VARIETY!

Epiphanies don't just happen in church—a sudden insight can lead to a “Eureka!” in scientific experiments, an “Aha!” in a detective's casework, a “Checkmate!” in a fierce chess game, and even a self-satisfied “Yes!” in Sudoku, crosswords, or finding a set of lost keys. So, too, epiphanies about the true nature of Christ come in a variety of words, actions, and places in our gospel readings during the Sundays after Epiphany.

First wise men from the east, then a dove from heaven and the voice of God, and now water into wine—all pointing to the glory and wonder of God-made-flesh. Just as we have been created and blessed with varieties of gifts, services, and activities, so too has God created and blessed us with varieties of epiphanies throughout human history. In our world that so often relies on an us-versus-them mentality, can we see the rich tapestry of differences as part of God's glory? Will we be able to look past our traditions, our comfort zone, and our familiarities to see the glorious diversity of God's revelation? Are we open to an epiphany in any form so that we can in fact “do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5)?

COMMENTS FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Many of Christ's miracles, although at first obscure, have become clearer in the course of time. Then, those who saw the event from the very beginning narrated what had taken place: Jesus then made wine from water. But now, as well as then, Jesus continues to change our weak and unstable wills into that which is better. For there are, I affirm, people who differ in nothing from water: they are cold, weak, and never stand firm. Let us bring those who are so afflicted to the Lord, that he may change their will to the quality of wine: that they no longer simply flow away, but that they be steadfast, and that they become to themselves and to others a source of comfort.

—John Chrysostom, in *Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, I, pp. 264-265

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ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2025

LECTIONARY 2 (YEAR C)

Scenes from familiar life and landscapes of disappointment become the setting where God intends to perform miracles. A wedding is about to happen between God and people, joining the predictable with the extraordinary.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, St. Paul's usually follows the local school district's determination of whether or to open or close. We will place our final decision on Facebook but you can also check WDEL.com and click on their SnoWatch listings. Should the county make a poor decision, we will consider re-opening based on the condition of our parking lots and sidewalks.

ADULT FORUM

Jesus as true God and true man comes to us from the Gospel of Mark, probably the first and also the shortest of the 4 Gospels. Mark also portrays Jesus as not one "to be served, but to serve." A model for our own lives as Christians. What else does Mark's Gospel tell us about our Lord and Savior? Find out as Pastor Greg Johnson presents, "The Gospel of Mark, According to Greg!" a multi-week "Good Old Fashioned Bible Study" for our Adult Forum classes starting January 26th, at 8:30 a.m., in the Blue Room.

BOOKS AND BANTER

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in the Youth Room. If you have a book that you would like to share with the group, please let us know. Please join us for conversation and fellowship.

Upcoming Books:

January 22 "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai

February 26 "Eruption" by Michael Crichton/James Patterson

HOLY HIKE

Love to enjoy walking in the great outdoors? Please plan to join us after worship today as we plan our schedule for the coming year. Questions? Please contact Linda Grund at lgrund923@gmail.com or Rudy Schock at rschock324@gmail.com We hope to grow our group this year and welcome input on when and where you would like to hike!

OLDER WISER LUTHERANS EVENTS

Please join the OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS) as we kick off the new year with our first outing. It's simple – we're going to dinner (on your own) at La Casa Pasta on **Wednesday, January 22**. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:00 PM for fellowship and food. Please let Bill Saylor (bsaylor2@verizon.net; 302-834-4074) know today if you would like to be included in our gathering, as he needs to make reservations. If you need transportation, contact Bill as well.

All OWLS are invited to the third annual Progressive Supper held here at the church on Saturday, February 8, at 4 PM. This year we are asking for international dishes - specifically from a country of your ancestry. Register with Lynn Deschere (302-368-6437 home; 302-373-0644 cell; Lynn@Deschere.com) as soon as possible for an appetizer, soup, entree, salad, vegetable or dessert. First come, first options.

BREWING THEOLOGY

For everyone 21 and older, please plan to join us on Wednesday, January 29, at 7 PM at the Delaware Saengerbund for a tasty beverage, some snacks, and some hearty conversation. Our topic for this month will be "Differences in Lutheran denominations".

YOUTHERAN ACTIVITY

Please join the youth (Grade 6-12) on Sunday, January 26, at 5 PM, for a gathering here at St. Paul's, Newark. We'll have some winter fun and look at making Valentine's Day Cards for homebound members in the community.

NEW STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please note the new staff email addresses on the back page of this worship folder. Please start using them as soon as possible. Staff will still be monitoring their old addresses for the time being.

MEMBERS ONLY INFORMATION

If you do not have access to the members only information on our website, www.stpaulsnewarkde.org, please email splcdeonline@gmail.com. Leave your name, email address and/or phone number, and Rich Wallden will provide you with the password.



20 QUESTIONS(ISH) WITH PASTOR CRIS

As we continue to get to know one another, we will be holding a series of small group conversations for members to get to know Pastor Cris and for him to get to know our members. We'll kick off these sessions with a potluck dinner that will include the Rite of Installation with Bishop Bill Gohl presiding. This won't be a formal worship service, but an opportunity for us to continue to learn about our ministry together. The dinner and installation will happen on **Monday, February 17, at 6 PM.** You will have the opportunity to sign up for one of the follow-up sessions at the dinner (and following).

The hospitality committee will be hosting the potluck supper and asks that everyone bring their favorite appetizer, soup, main dish, side, or dessert to share that evening. Monetary donations would also be appreciated and will be used towards paper goods and drinks. The sign-up will be posted in the Narthex as of this Sunday, January 19. Please note the item you will be bringing as well as the number of people attending. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lori Davis via call/text at 302-897-8759 or email at LoriDavis1025@gmail.com.



NOTICE OF ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2025, following the service. Items on the agenda include:

- The annual budget
- Two amendments to the constitution:
 - an amendment to change the number needed for a meeting quorum from 5% to 15%,
 - an amendment to change the amount of money the Council can spend without congregational approval from \$5,000 to 10% of the annual budget.
- An amendment to the bylaws changing the timing of the annual review of the congregational role from May to 90 prior to the annual meeting.
- Other business of the congregation.

Hard copies of the details of the amendments are available in the Welcome Center area and on pages 25-26 of this worship folder.

Proposed amendments to St. Paul's Constitution: Feb. 23, 2025

1. Chapter 10: Congregation Meeting:

Current:

C10.04. **Five** percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed:

C10.04. **Fifteen** percent of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Rationale:

St. Paul's congregation currently has about 145 voting members, so five percent is only 7 or 8 people, not even as many as are on the Church Council. Fifteen percent would be 22 people, and more likely to ensure representation of the opinions of the congregation.

2. Chapter 12: Congregation Council

Current:

C12.05.c. The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to **\$ 5,000** for items not included in the budget.

Proposed:

C12.05.c. The Congregation Council may enter into contracts of up to **10% of the current year's budget** for items not included in the budget.

Rationale:

As we have discovered with several projects needing approval, \$5,000 is not a very large amount in the current economy, and would require frequent approval by the congregation. 10% of the budget is a reasonable number for Council to be able to approve independent of the congregation, and will float with the current year's budget.

Proposed Amendment to St. Paul's Bylaws:

Current:

B.05. Membership Roll

In May of each year the Pastor shall submit for Congregation Council approval a list of those members who have not communed and contributed in the current or preceding year. With approval, the Pastor will notify those members of the inactive status and inform them that unless they contribute and commune or consult with the Pastor within 60 days they will be removed from the roll of members.

Proposed:

B.05. Membership Roll

Annually, no later than 90 days in advance of the annual Congregational Meeting of each year the Pastor shall submit for Congregation Council approval a list of those members who have not communed and contributed in the current or preceding year. With approval, the Pastor will notify those members of the inactive status and inform them that unless they contribute and commune or consult with the Pastor within 60 days they will be removed from the roll of members.

Rationale:

An accurate record of the voting membership of the congregation is required for a correct quorum count and vote at the Annual Meeting. A yearly review in time to notify inactive members prior to the Annual Meeting is necessary to ensure the accuracy of the membership roll.

A Message from Bishop Eaton on the California Wildfires

January 9, 2025

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” (Isaiah 43:2).

Dear church,

The images of leaping flames, smoke-choked skies, and the wreckage of homes and habitats in and around Los Angeles are hard to bear. The ongoing, deadly California wildfires have claimed lives, displaced hundreds of thousands of people, and destroyed homes, businesses, schools and houses of worship. The devastation continues as winds spread the flames. So far we know that Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwest California Synod and her wife, Janis, lost their home in the Eaton fire. We believe that the fires have touched the lives of many more ELCA members and several congregations as the synod continues to receive damage reports and assess the immediate needs for support.

The prophet Isaiah writes that even when fires rage, the final word is faith, not fear. God redeems us and calls us by name to be agents of healing and hope, even amid staggering loss. In faith, we respond through prayer, accompaniment and action.

Please join me in praying that God’s love and care be manifest among all who are impacted by these wildfires. Pray for the firefighters battling unrelenting blazes and for first responders, health care providers and public servants providing safety and support for those impacted. Pray for ELCA ministries as they care for the many needs of their communities. Pray for the long-term well-being of all who are affected by the widespread devastation and who face ongoing danger.

[Learn](#) how your church is responding and how you can get involved.

In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
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Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.



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