

# 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.*

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

**10 AM Service of  
Holy Communion**

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.



**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](http://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.**

**Two Praygrounds are available for young children – one in the rear of the sanctuary and one in the narthex.**

## ✠ 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.*

**PRELUDE** "Will You Come and Follow Me" - arr. Jeremy J. Bankson  
THE SUMMONS

### WELCOME

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### DIALOG AND INVOCATION

Our loving God has called forth  
disciples and prophets  
**to live and speak God's word.**

Give us ears to hear

**lives to respond,**

and voices to proclaim

the good news of salvation,

**which we know in our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,

our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN

**Let the Whole Creation Cry**  
ELW 876 (harmony)



- 1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
- 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

## **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.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **† WORD †**

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

## **FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]**

*Isaiah says, Here am I; send me*

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of the Lord's robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above the Lord; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of the glory of the LORD.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the Sovereign, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [<sup>9</sup> And the Lord said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.’

<sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And the Lord said:

“Until cities lie waste  
without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
and the land is utterly desolate;

<sup>12</sup> until the LORD sends everyone far away,  
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak  
whose stump remains standing  
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

God has been revealed to us in the word.

**Let us wait here and dwell in it.**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Psalm 138**

*Antiphon: Ps. 138:2*

I will bow down toward your holy temple.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple.**

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*I am the least of the apostles*

A reading from First Corinthians:

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

<sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, Christ appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

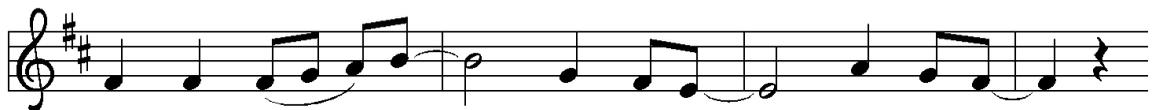
God has been revealed to us in the word.

**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

## Luke 5:1-11

*The disciples leave their nets to follow Jesus*

The Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; those who were fishing had gone out of the boats and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For Simon and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching human beings." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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**

**Here I Am, Lord**  
ELW 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH      Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope,  
we confess our faith.

**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 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.*

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind, especially Loretta, Ricardo, Karen, Kathy, Dot, Mike, Cheryl, Deborah, Bob, Eric, Silas, Jane, Judy, Nancy, Hugh, Rob, Marie, Susan, Michael, JoEllen, Elizabeth, Melissa, Ginny, Isabella, Heyward, Olive, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... (*brief silence*). Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation and of our partners in ministry, Faith Lutheran Church in Salisbury and St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Pike Creek, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith, especially Joan, Julia, Sean, Dan, Charlotte and Will. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. 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

"Trust and Obey"  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

*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.

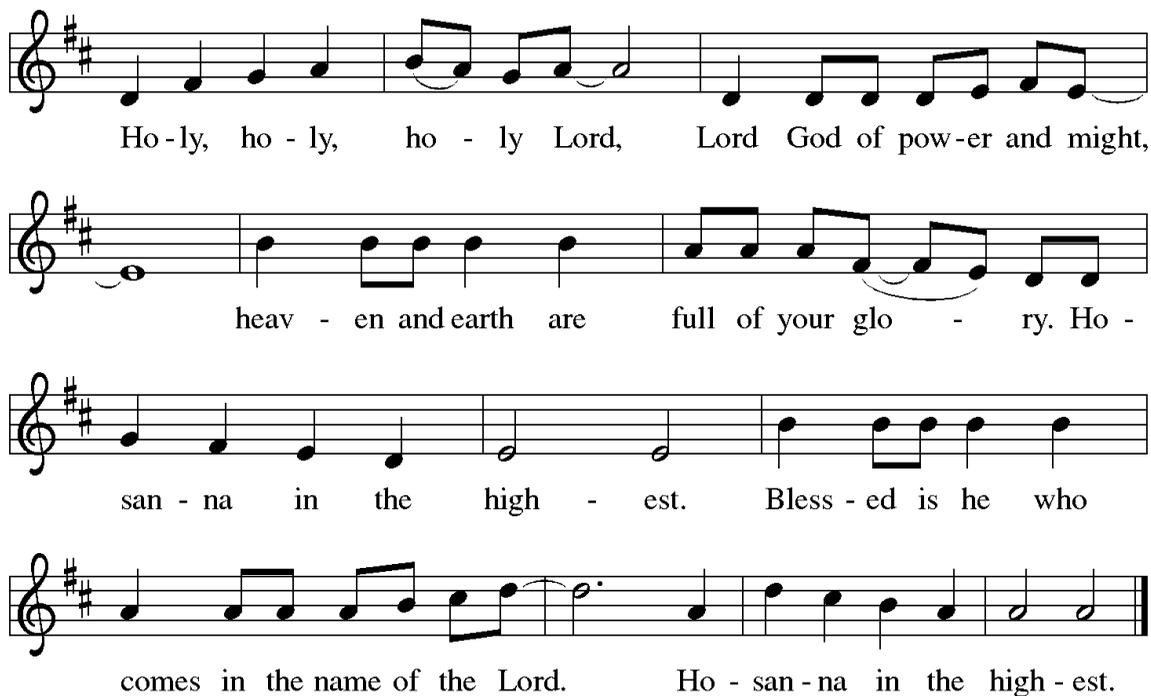
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 seek to be your people,  
even as we pray as you taught us, 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.

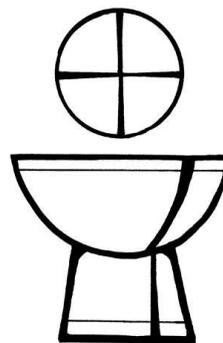
*Be seated.*

## 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.





1 Mak-ing their way down through the a-ges, sin-ners and saints have  
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o-ver, Chris-tians as-sem-ble  
 3 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney



heard God's call: wealth-y and poor, pow-er-ful, low-ly,  
 on this day, hear-ing the Word, shar-ing the Ban-quet,  
 till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,



Je-sus' dis-ci-ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of-fer-ing thanks,  
 learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u-nit-ed in love,  
 car-ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to-geth-er grow.  
 to-geth-er we will come to our e-ter-nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626

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## In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW 575 (harmony)



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional  
Text © 1995 Pilgrim Press

*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

## Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

ELW 696

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. R. Wayne Fisher

NICAEA

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister: Mary Beth Bergstrom  
Lector: Henry Chisholm  
Bread Provider: Sherry Mench  
Altar Guild: Cheryl Johnson  
Flower Guild: Cheri Simons



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



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*Jesus says, Follow me, and  
I will make you fish for people.*

Matthew 4:19

# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025

### LECTIONARY 5 (YEAR C)

We are part of God's epiphany. In baptism God calls us. In holy communion Christ feeds us and sends us into the world—just as God called Isaiah, and just as Jesus sent Simon, James, and John. The good news handed down to us is meant to be passed on to others.

### ASSISTING MINISTER LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

After worship on **Sunday, March 2**, there will be a gathering of those who currently serve as Assisting Ministers and any folks who would like to join this ministry. Together, we'll review the work of leading worship and make sure everyone who takes on this responsibility is comfortable with their work. Please speak with Pastor Cris if you'd like to hear more about this important opportunity to support the worship life of St. Paul's.

### RECONCILING IN CHRIST PROPOSAL

The congregation will be reviewing and voting on a proposal to become a Reconciling in Christ Partner Congregation at the Annual Meeting. Printed copies of the proposal are available in the narthex. Please review this document in advance of the meeting and bring your questions to the RIC Committee.

### HOLY HIKE

Love to enjoy walking in the great outdoors? Please plan to join us after worship Sunday, February 16, as we hike the trail at Judge Morris Estate, 76 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark. This is a four-mile, wooded, mostly flat trail. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Grund at [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com) or Rudy Schock at [rschock324@gmail.com](mailto:rschock324@gmail.com).

### YOUTHERAN ACTIVITY

Please join the youth group (Grades 6-12) on Sunday, February 16, from 4 – 6 PM for a game night with the Lutheran Campus Ministry, 247 Haines Street in Newark.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

If you have not submitted a report for your committee, small group fellowship, or ministry, please submit to [office@stpaulsnewarkde.org](mailto:office@stpaulsnewarkde.org) by tomorrow, Monday, February 10.

## **20(ISH) QUESTIONS 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 is posted in the Narthex. 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](mailto:LoriDavis1025@gmail.com).

## **MARCH OWLS OUTING**

Join us on Friday, March 7, at 9:30 AM as we explore the world of Verse Immersive, the only holographic theater of its kind. The experience uses augmented reality headsets. There is no headache or motion sickness with this equipment as there might be with a virtual reality experience. Our multi-pass tickets will include two thirty minute experiences with a thirty minute rest break between events. A late lunch will be on your own at the Kountry Kitchen Family Restaurant. Both venues are in Manheim, Pennsylvania. We will return by 4:30pm. Cost \$39.99 per person. RSVP by Sunday, February 16, to Linda Grund with a cash payment of \$40.00. Questions - contact Linda at 302-738-5491 or [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com)

## 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:

February 26 "Eruption" by Michael Crichton/James Patterson

March 26 "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt

## BREWING THEOLOGY

For everyone 21 and older, please plan to join us on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 PM at the Delaware Saengerbund for a tasty beverage, some snacks, and some hearty conversation. Our topic for this month will be "Our childhood church traditions compared to St. Paul's".

## ADULT FORUM

Our Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark ("The Gospel of Mark, According to Greg") continues this Sunday starting at 8:30 AM in the Blue Room. Pastor Greg Johnson will walk us through three chapters of the Gospel, leading discussion around Jesus' teachings, His miracles, His compassion, His example of service, and Jesus as both true God and true man.

## CONNECTIONS WITH CREATION

In *The Green Good News: Christ's Path to Sustainable and Joyful Life* (Cascade Books, 2019), T. Wilson Dickinson sees the story of Jesus calling the fishers as part of a movement to transform the food economy. He notes that fishermen, as part of a labor system, were "squeezed on both sides of their fishing trips, as they funneled their catch to the elite both in the form of paying an imperial official for the right to fish in the emperor's lake and on the back end as they had to pay a toll on their catch" (pp. 54-55). The fact that Jesus reached out specifically to these marginalized and oppressed laborers tells us something important about his work to disrupt the extractive economic system of his time – and ours.





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## Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast

Articles due by Wednesday morning at

10 AM. Late submissions will be shared

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