

# 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.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Sunday, February 16, 2025

## 10 AM Service of Holy Communion

Blessings and woes abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the blessings and woes are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and offers power to heal us all.



### **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** "Light Dawns on a Weary World" - arr. David Schwoebel  
TEMPLE OF PEACE

### WELCOME

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### DIALOG AND INVOCATION

God, you root those who trust in you  
by streams of healing water.

**Release us from the bonds of disease,**  
free us from the power of evil,  
**and turn us from falsehood and illusion,**  
that we may find the blessing of new life in you  
**through the power of Christ.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.  
**Amen.**

### ENTRANCE HYMN

**Jesus, the Very Thought of You**  
ELW 754 (harmony)



- 1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
- 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
- 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
- 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## 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. 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.**

*Be seated.*

✠ WORD ✠

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

## FIRST READING

## Jeremiah 17:5-10

*Blessed are those who trust the LORD, they are like trees by water*

A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;

it is perverse —  
who can understand it?  
<sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

God has been revealed to us in the word.  
**Let us wait here and dwell in it.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

## Psalm 1

*Antiphon: Ps. 1:3*

They are like trees planted by streams of water.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water.**

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit  
in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

**They are like trees planted by streams of water.**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died*

A reading from First Corinthians:

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then

Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that God raised Christ – whom God did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

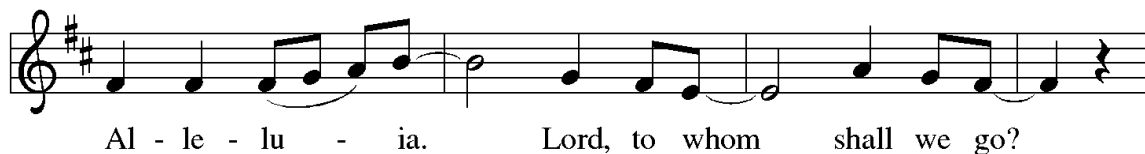
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**Let us wait here and dwell in it.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 6:17-26**

*Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry, woes on the rich and full*

The Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

<sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the dominion of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son-of-Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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**

**When the Poor Ones**

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1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;  
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;  
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;  
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;  
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na-tions work to change war-in-to peace;



when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;  
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:  
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:  
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

*Refrain / Estribillo*



We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



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Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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## 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.*

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way, especially Trudy, Jameson, Claude, 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)*. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed is this congregation. Blessed also are our partners in ministry, especially St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Cordova and Mosaic of Delaware. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace, especially Betty, Joan, Julia, Sean, Dan, and Charlotte. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. 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

“O Lord, I Call to You” - arr. Jayne Southwick Cool  
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.

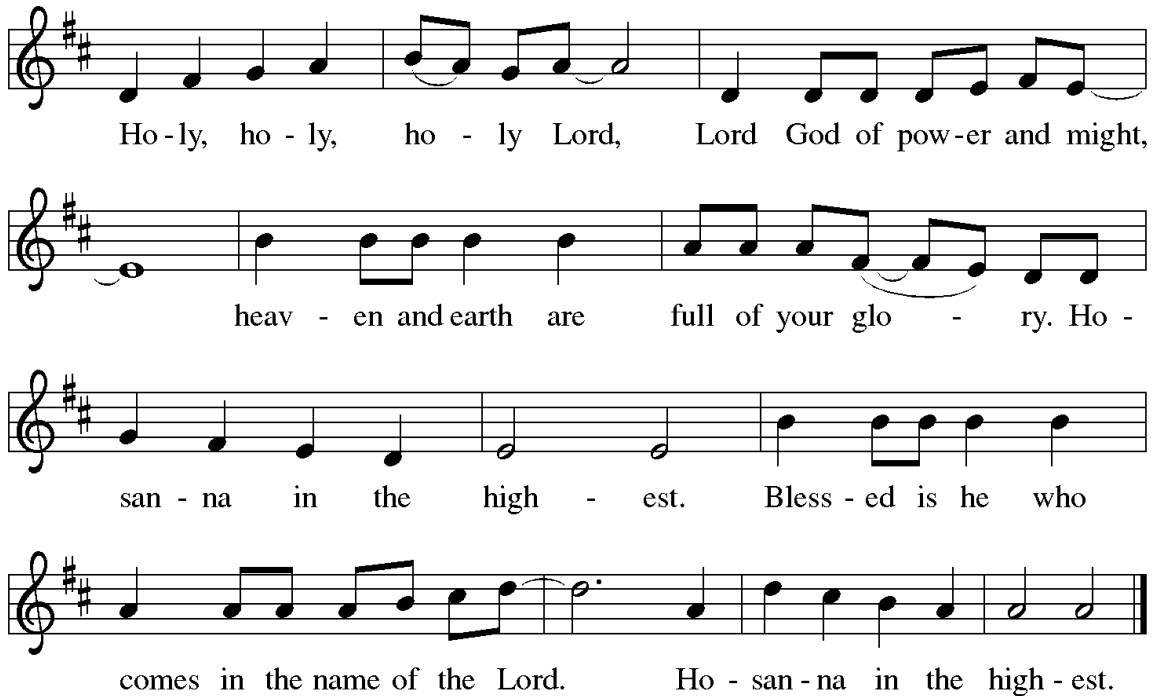
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

## EUCHARISTIC 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.

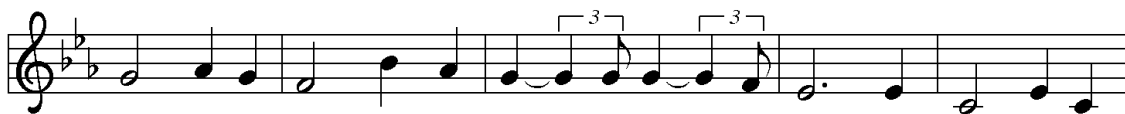
**We come to eat this meal of gladness.**

### 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 -

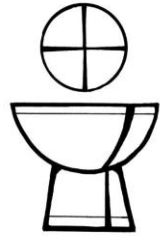
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### Canticle of the Turning ELW 723

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 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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- 1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
- 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
- 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

# I Shall Not Be Moved

TFF 147

## Refrain

I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved. be moved.

1 When my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved,  
2 The church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved, the  
3 Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved,  
4 Fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved,

when my cross is heav - y, I shall not be moved;  
church of God is march - ing, I shall not be moved;  
Je - sus is our cap - tain, I shall not be moved;  
fight - ing sin and Sa - tan, I shall not be moved;



*Refrain*

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the spiritual 'I Shall Not Be Moved'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The refrain begins with 'like a tree plant-ed by the wa - ter, I shall not be moved.' and ends with a double bar line. The word 'be moved.' is written above the final notes of the melody.

Text African American spiritual  
 Music: I SHALL NOT BE MOVED, African American spiritual

*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**

**Light Dawns on a Weary World**  
 ELW 725 (p. 18)



## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. Hal Hopson

DUKE STREET

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Assisting Minister:	Jeanine Heath
Lector:	Victoria Kenyon
Bread Provider:	Sherry Mench
Altar Guild:	Cheri Simons
Flower Guild:	Cheri Simons



The flowers in the chancel are given  
to the glory and praise of God in honor of  
Bob and Ellen Garrison’s fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.



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## *The Beatitudes*

*(see Luke 6:20-22, Matthew 5:3-12)*

The poor, and those in solidarity with them -  
God is on your side.

Those who mourn and feel grief about the state of the world -  
God is on your side.

The non-violent, gentle and humble -  
God is on your side.

Those who hunger and thirst for the common good -  
God is on your side.

The merciful and compassionate -  
God is on your side.

Those characterized by sincerity, kindness and generosity -  
God is on your side.

Those who work for peace and reconciliation -  
God is on your side.

Those who keep seeking justice -  
God is on your side.

Those who stand for justice and truth as the prophets did,  
who refuse to be quiet even when slandered,  
misrepresented, threatened, imprisoned or harmed -  
God is on your side!

~ posted on the **Third Space** blog.

<http://third-space.org.uk/fairtrade-beatitudes-and-sanctuary/>

# ST. PAUL'S WEEKLY EPISTLE

## IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2025

### LECTIONARY 6 (YEAR C)

A fundamental decision is placed before us this day: Will we choose the way of blessing or the way of woe? The death and resurrection of Jesus is the pivot on which the decision turns. To be in Christ means that we get planted by streams of water and rooted among those who thirst for God's reign. The mystery of our faith points the path to life: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

### 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.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHARLOTTE FRENCH

A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10 AM until 11 AM on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 121 West Park Place, Newark, DE. A graveside service will follow at 11:45 AM in Gracelawn Memorial Park, 2220 North DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE. A funeral service will begin at 1 PM here at St. Paul's.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlotte's name to Insight for Living - The Bible-Teaching Ministry of Pastor Chuck Swindoll at Insight for Living Ministries, PO Box 5000, Frisco, TX 75034.

## **HAVE FUN HELPING WITH FEBRUARY FISH**

If you're tired of being cooped up this winter, come join us for the February FISH events. Our Food Bank pick up will be on Thursday, February 20, at 1PM, and then at 6:30PM we'll gather in Fellowship Hall to pack boxes. On Friday, February 21, from 2:30 PM until 4 PM we will have the monthly distribution, also in Fellowship Hall. Contact Keith Bart (302-345-6107/[keith.m.bart@gmail.com](mailto:keith.m.bart@gmail.com)) for more information.

## **HOLY HIKE**

Enjoy walking in the great outdoors? Please plan to join us after worship on 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).

## **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 6PM. You will have the opportunity to sign up for one of the follow-up sessions at the dinner (and following).

The hospitality committee asks that everyone signs up in the Narthex to bring their favorite dish to share. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used towards paper goods and drinks. Please note 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).

## **BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Plan to come early on Sunday, February 23, and support our Scout troops. They will hold their annual Scout Sunday pancake breakfast from 8AM - 10AM, prior to worship and the Annual Congregational Meeting.

## **MARCH OWLS OUTING**

Join the Older Wiser LutheranS 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 due today, Sunday, February 16, to Linda Grund with a cash payment of \$40.00. Contact Linda at 302-738-5491 or [lgrund923@gmail.com](mailto:lgrund923@gmail.com) with questions.

## **BOOKS AND BANTER**

St. Paul's avid readers meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1PM 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

## **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.

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

St. Paul's will hold its annual congregational meeting next Sunday, February 23, immediately following worship. Members in good standing are asked to stay and vote. The 2025 Annual Report is available in the Narthex. Please read it in advance of the meeting and come prepared with any questions regarding the constitutional/by-law amendments, the Reconciling In Christ proposal, and the 2025-2026 proposed operating budget.



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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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