

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2019**

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Welcome to worship. Today we are using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the red book found in the pew racks, for today's hymns.

Friendship Pads. Please sign the friendship pads in the pews. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book in the narthex.

Introduction to the day: The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	“Andante Cantabile”	D. Lasky
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Trusting in the mercy of almighty God,
 we gather in the name of the Father,
 and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us now confess our sins.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Almighty and ever-living God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you
and against our neighbors
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.**

**In your mercy,
cleanse us and heal us,
renew us and refresh us,
that your holy light
might shine in us—and through us.
Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus who says,
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives.”

Know that you are forgiven of your sins,
and are freed to love God
and serve your neighbor,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”

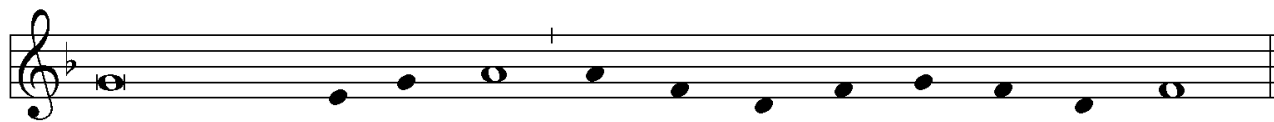
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GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them so that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Nehemiah

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” (Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,**

where God has pitched a tent or the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;**

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,**

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:12–31a)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:14–21)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Empower all members of Christ's body with your Spirit, and open our hearts to hear your word of life and respond in lives of service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth. Heal environments damaged by disaster or pollution. Make us wise stewards of all you have entrusted into our care. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. Liberate us from our captivity to fear and ways of violence. Give us vision to seek the pathways of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. Rescue those who are abused. Bring an end to hunger.

Accompany those who are vulnerable. Comfort those who suffer (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Bless those who proclaim your word and those who teach. Help us to honor the gifts of all your people. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have gone before us in the faith. Wipe away all tears, and bring us with them into the joy of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

OFFERING

Ushers: Come immediately to the front and wait for the Communion Assistant. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

OFFERTORY (8:00)

“Impromptu”

H. Kihlken

ANTHEM (10:30)

*“Teach Me, O Lord”

T. Attwood

OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that your gracious presence might shine forth in us through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



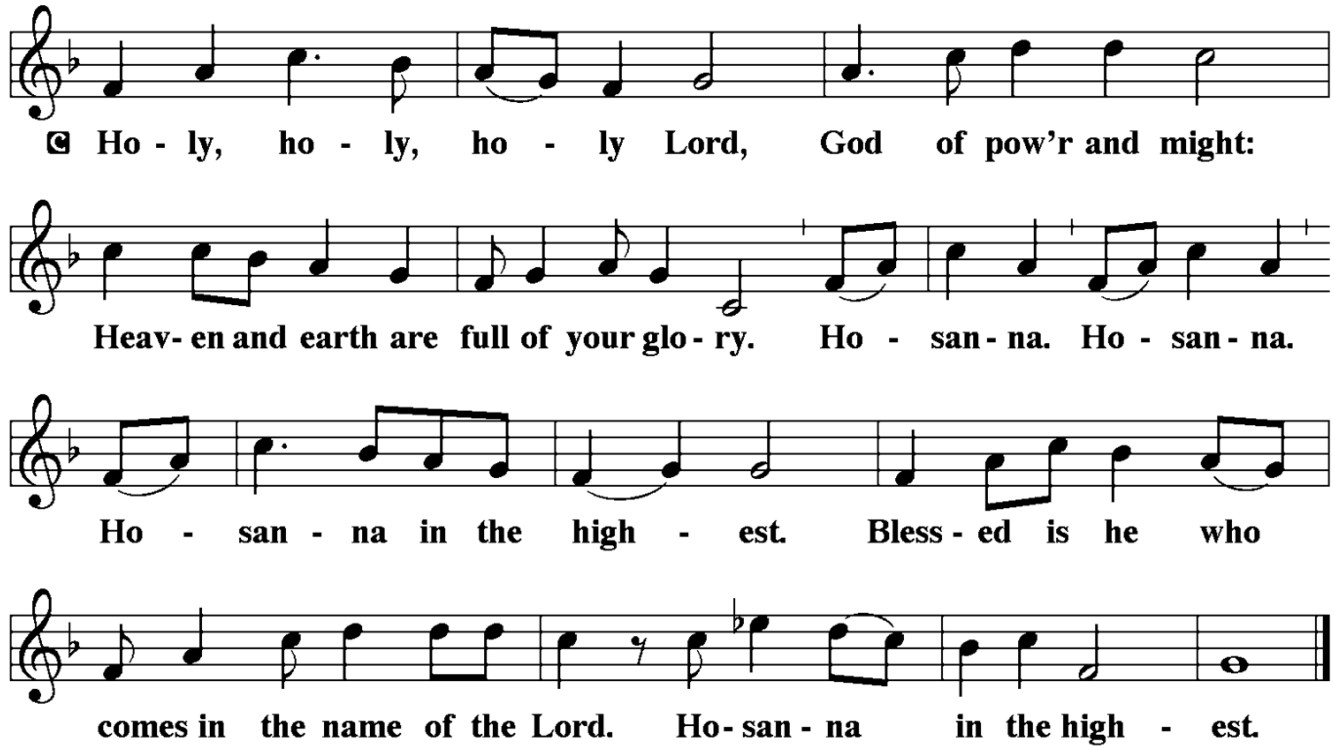
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.
Share in the feast of God's abundant life.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward will receive the Sacrament in their pews.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“As the Grains of Wheat” #465

“Let Us Break Bread Together” #471

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet table with heavenly food beyond compare. Send your Spirit to us, that we may proclaim freedom to the captive, build one another up for service, and in all things reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of glory dwell in you, shine brightly upon you, and enlighten your pathway; and may our almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “The Church’s One Foundation” #654

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Rondeau” J. Mouret

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Altar flowers are presented in memory of Ron “Buck” Reibie’s and Duke Schenck’s birthdays by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck.

Today’s bulletins are presented in memory of Lois and Boris Sklar.

*This anthem is presented in honor of Gertrude Herb for over 50 years’ service to St. Paul’s Chancel Choir. (1989)

A bit of history: It is the first dedicatory anthem ever offered at St. Paul’s.

Correction: The bulletins for January 13 were presented in memory of mother and grandmother, Muriel Reibie, by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck.

SERVING TODAY:

8:00 AM

**LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers;
USHERS: Kay Weidensaul; GREETER: Kay Weidensaul**

10:30 AM

**LECTOR: Connie Teter; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Long; USHERS:
Samantha Clarke & Kathy Couch; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: ; GREETERS: Sue
Schenck & Richard Shoener; COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Jean Premich & Barb
Sternner; ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck & Barb Sternner.**

SERVING NEXT WEEK (2/3/18)

8:00 AM

**LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul;
USHERS: Ruth Ann Withers & Barb Lafko; GREETER: Ron Rozansky**

10:30 AM

**LECTOR: Robin Zimmerman; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor;
USHERS: Jerry & Nora Goessel; ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER: ; GREETERS: Scott
Butler & Cindy Sklar; COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr & Glenda Bright;
ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright & Danielle Richards**

CALENDAR

Saturday, Jan. 26	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, Jan. 27	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting
Monday, Jan. 28	6:30 PM	Financial Peace University
Wednesday, Jan. 23	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, Feb. 2	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, Feb. 3	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship & Installation of Council

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

IMPORTANT: The annual congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 service **TODAY, Sunday, January 27, 2019**. We will vote for new council members, vote on our budget for 2019, and review the committee reports for 2018. If you are a member, please come to this important meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Please be sure that you receive an annual report for 2018 from the greeters. Review it as soon as you are able so that you are prepared for the congregational meeting.

Get Ready for the



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

**Saturday, February 2 at 5:30 PM
Sunday, February 3 at 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

On Super Bowl weekend, St. Paul’s Youth will be collecting nonperishable food items (canned and dry goods) for the Orwigsburg Food Pantry. We will also have soup pots for the collection of monetary donations. Our youth have participated in this event since 1999 and are always happy to support our local community. Please help us to fill the pantry while rooting for your favorite Super Bowl team!

BECAUSE WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER . . .

For the sake of those whose health is at risk, as well as for those assembled, their families and friends, our Pastor and our Council encourage us NOT to share the peace with hugs and handshakes at this time. Let us find “other ways” to acknowledge our unity in Christ Jesus—and still greet one another in true Christian love!

