

# *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

## *Sunday, January 19, 2020*

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### **GATHERING**

*As we gather together, let us now refrain from conversation, quiet ourselves,  
and welcome the Lord Jesus Christ into our midst.*

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us gather in the name of Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One in Three, and Three in One, ever-glorious and blessed Trinity.

**Amen.**

Recognizing our failures and faults, let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Almighty 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, heal us, and renew us,  
that the Light of Christ might shine in us—and through us.**

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 that you are freed to love God and serve your neighbor.

May the Light of Christ guide you now and forever. **Amen.**

## 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**

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may find you, worship you, serve you, and faithfully follow you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from Isaiah**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

(Isaiah 49:1-7)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 40: 1-11 (Responsively)**

- <sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup>**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**
- <sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- <sup>4</sup>**Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**
- <sup>5</sup>You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.
- <sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**
- <sup>7</sup>Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
- <sup>8</sup>**I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."**
- <sup>9</sup>I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
- <sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**
- <sup>11</sup>Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

## A Reading from 1 Corinthians

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Corinthians 1:1-9)

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## 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 John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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**SERMON**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED (In Unison)**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we marvel at the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be good stewards of the earth, so that our lives might bless your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for everyone who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Bless our elected leaders with strength, wisdom, and discernment. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of persistence, bless our pastor, council members, staff, worship leaders, and all those who strive to meet the needs of our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you walk us through all of life's challenges. Assure us of your continual presence and send healing and hope to all who are in need (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for the communion of saints. Inspire our lives with their testimony and faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

# OFFERING

*For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. 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)

Anthem (10:30)

\*"Lamb of God"

T. Paris

Chancel Choir

## OFFERTORY HYMN



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



cup of bless - ing. 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.



## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

## 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 may receive the Sacrament in their pews. Those who do not desire to receive the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.*

## 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 HYMN

“Just As I Am”

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## TABLE BLESSING

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

“My Hope Is Built”

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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Let the Light of Christ shine in all that you say and do.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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**Altar Flowers** are presented in honor of our mother, Janet G. Mertz, on her birthday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, from her family, Janet and Gary Young, and Sandra Mertz and Brian Sharrow.

**Chancel Flowers** are presented in honor of Joy Wolfe for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.

**Bulletins** are presented in memory of Kathryn Snyder by Tom and Gwen Wehr.

\*Today's anthem is in memory of all our family members who have passed away by Jennifer Betz, Stephen and Lindsay Blank (2019)

**SERVING TODAY (01/19/20)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR:** Kay Weidensaul;

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Ruth Ann Withers

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR:** Leslie Guldin;

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Wayne Lutsey;

**USHERS:** Deb and Danika Bolinsky; **GREETER:** Doug Travor;

**COUNTERS:** Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Dana Jenkins;

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/26/20)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR:** Deb Moyer; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Gail Rarick

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR:** Tina Butler;

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Julianne Schenck;

**USHERS:** Madelyn Knecht and Jean Premich; **GREETER:** Jim Spotts;

**COUNTERS:** Connie Teter, Jean Premich, and Barb Sterner;

**ALTAR GUILD:** Glenda Bright and Danielle Richards

<b>THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S</b>		
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Sunday, January 19	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
Monday, January 20	6:30 PM	Worship and Music
	7:30 PM	Stewardship in Creation
Tuesday, January 21	7:00 PM	Council
Wednesday, January 22	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 23	6:30 PM	Christian Education
	6:30 PM	Financial Peace
Saturday, January 25	5:30 PM	Worship

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**SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Last year more than 260,000 youth participated in the national Soup-er Bowl of Caring drive and collected more than \$9.8 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. This year we will collect only soup (in cans or boxes), and monetary donations, or grocery store gift cards to give to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry. Donations will be collected at all services on Saturday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please mark your calendar!

**HYMN SING EVENT**

On Sunday, January 26, at 3 PM, St. Paul's will hold a Hymn Sing. Please join us as we sing old favorites, classics, and more modern tunes. This will be another opportunity to celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Lutheran congregation. Coffee and cookies will follow the event! Please sign up to make a batch of cookies!

**CHILI & SOUP-ER BOWL SALE**

As a prelude to Super Bowl Sunday, the Men of St. Paul's will host a Chili & Soup-er Bowl Sale on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 9 AM in town square. Come for great chili and tasty homemade soups at \$7.00/quart.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND  
OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020,  
FOLLOWING OUR 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE!**