



# GATHERING HYMN

## We Three Kings



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



### Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



## **GREETING**

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

**O come, let us adore him.**

May the light and peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from Isaiah**

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

(Isaiah 60:1-6)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**DONE TO HERE!**

**PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14**

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.

<sup>2</sup>**May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**

<sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

<sup>6</sup>**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**

<sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

<sup>12</sup>**For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup>He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

## A Reading from Ephesians

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. (Ephesians 3:1–12)

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** Matthew 2:1–12

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

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “What Child Is This?”

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## **SERMON**

### **THE NICENE CREED (In Unison)**

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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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**

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Praise is on our lips and in our hearts, Holy One, for the gracious deeds and acts that you have bestowed upon your church. Give to your whole church open hearts that we might work together to share your good news in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you, Creator of all, for you have given to us a rich diversity of nature and creatures: sun, moon, stars, mountains and all hills, oceans and rivers. Sustain all that you made and keep us faithful in our care for creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We bless you, Ruler of all, for the communities and nations of which we are a part. Gather into your arms the many peoples of the world and grant humility to all leaders, so that all may find blessing and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O Holy One, you overcame death and freed us from all fear. Give courage to all who are afraid and comfort to all who suffer in any way (*especially...*). Give patience and compassion to those who provide care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you care for all your children in any danger. Grant courage to minister to children who need our love and protection, to parents who grieve the loss of children, and to those who seek safety from hurtful situations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Light of this world, you claim us as your children forever. We praise you for those who have gone before us in the faith, serving as witnesses to your presence. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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)**

“I Saw Three Ships”

D. Edwards

**Anthem (10:30)**

\*“Born ’Neath a Star”

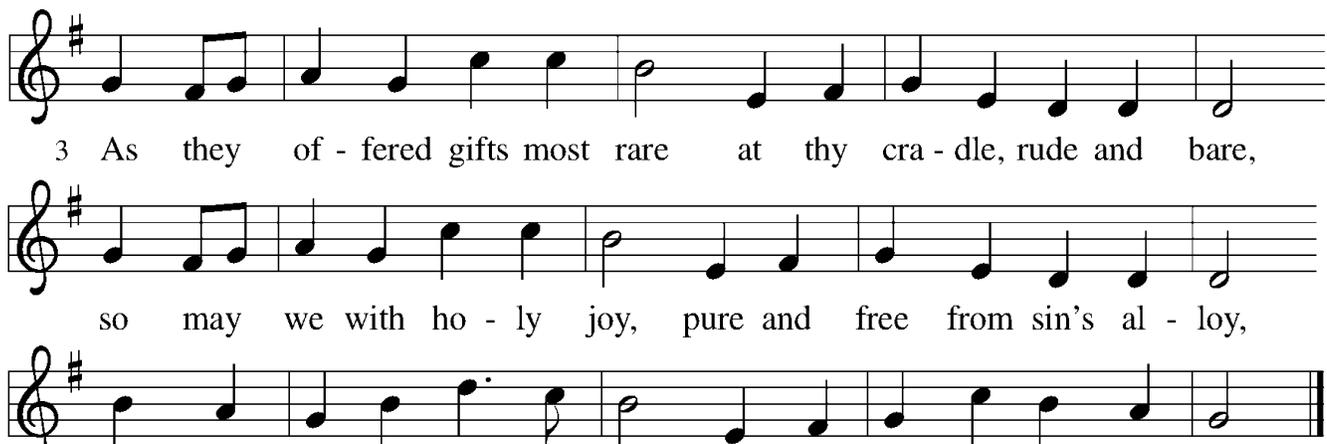
C. Gray

*Chancel Choir*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

#302 Vs. 3



3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
all our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly king.

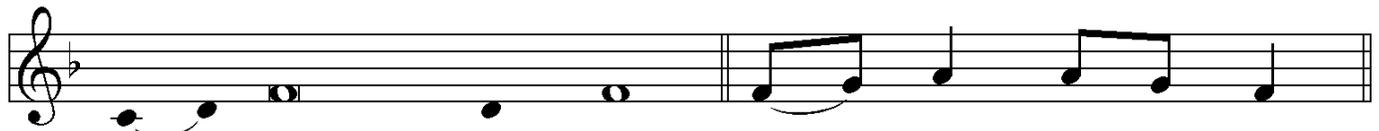
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

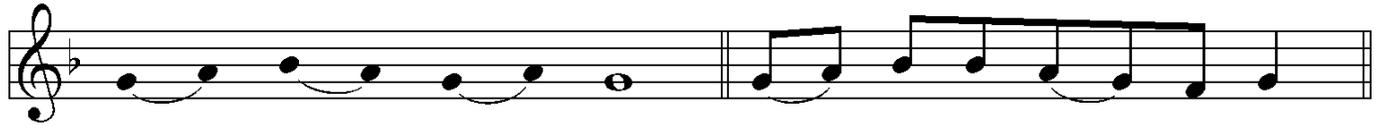
**Amen.**

# MEAL

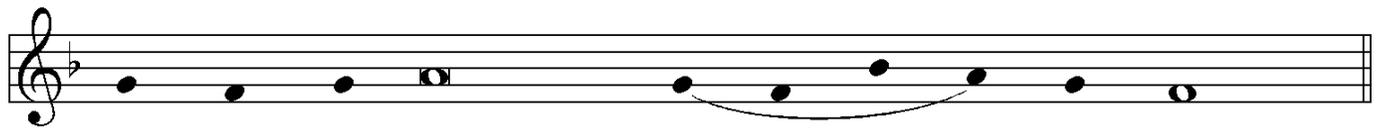
## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**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 at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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.

## 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.

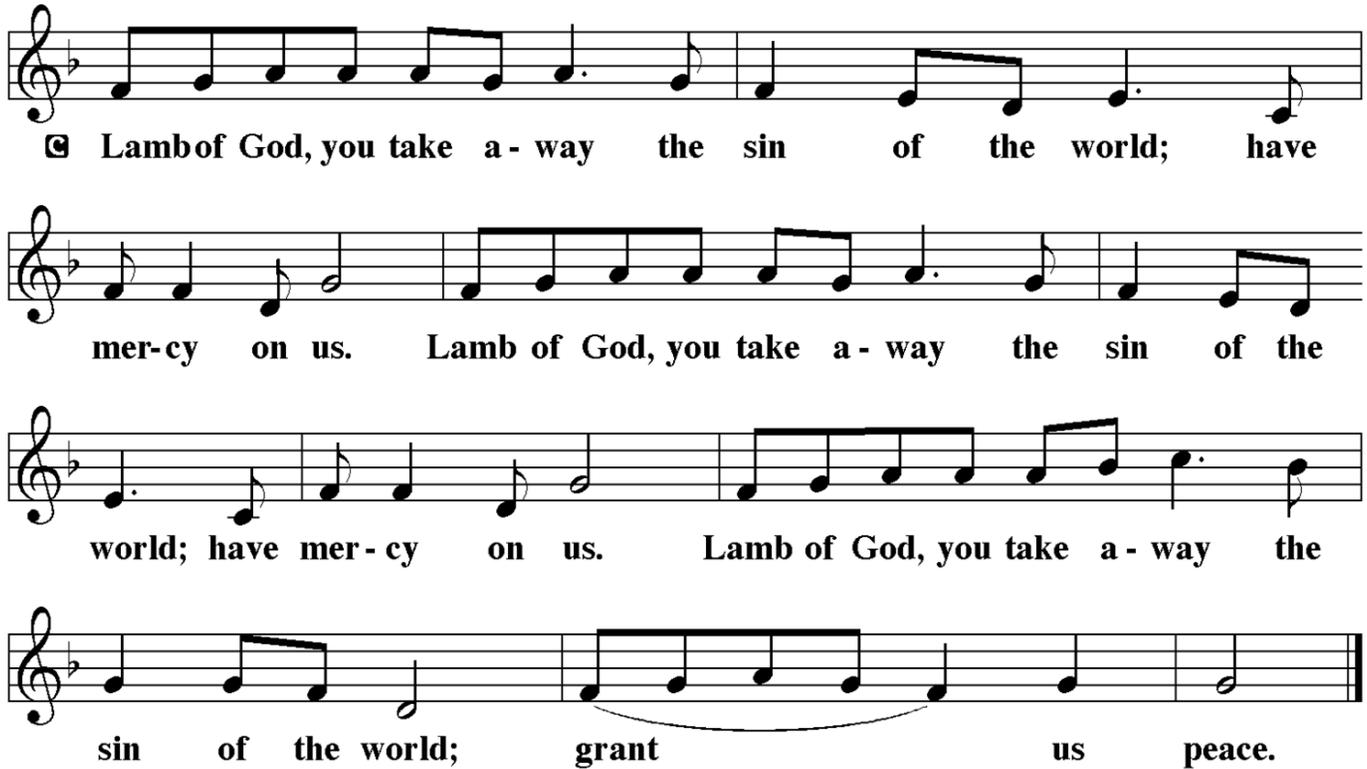
## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table where Christ meets you.  
Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

## **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 HYMNS

- “In the Bleak Midwinter” #294  
“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning” #303

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ✠ Child in the manger,  
and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

*May be sung in unison*



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God, our heav - enly Fa - ther, A bless - ed an - gel came;
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,



Re - mem - ber Christ, our Sav - ior, Was born on Christ - mas Day,  
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same:  
This day is born a Sav - ior, Of a pure vir - gin bright,  
And with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - brace;



To save us all from Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray.  
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.  
To free all those who trust in him From Sa - tan's power and might."  
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas Doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and joy;

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy! A - men.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in Peace. Share the joy of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Today in Bethlehem”

R. Parks

*Dzisiaj w Betlejem*

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**Altar Flowers** are presented in memory of grandparents, William and Lottie Lengel, and parents, Guy and Frances Lengel, by sons, James and John Lengel and Families

**Chancel Flowers** are presented in honor of Charlene and Norman Knauss’s birthdays by Gail and Jeff Rarick.

**Bulletins** are presented in honor of Sue Schenck’s birthday by Barbara Sterner.

\*Extra copies of this anthem were presented in memory of our parents, Dick and Florence Teets and Elizabeth and Eugene Ritschel, by Jeff and Cindy Ritschel.

**SERVING TODAY (01/05/20)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Ron Rozansky COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Julianne Schenck COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel**

**USHERS: Glenda Bright & Joanne Emerich GREETER: Chris Long**

**COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, & Glenda Bright**

**ALTAR GUILD: Crystal Brensinger & Cindy Ritschel**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/12/20)**

**8:00 AM**

**LECTOR: Ron Rozansky COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul**

**10:30 AM**

**LECTOR: Sandy Kriner COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Connie Teter USHERS:**

**Schoener Family GREETER: Chris Long COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle,**

**Marlene Eidam, & Diane Brobst**

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

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

Sunday, January 5	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship
Tuesday, January 7	6:30 PM	Evangelism
Wednesday, January 8	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 10	by midnight	Deadline for Year-End Reports
Saturday, January 11	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, January 12	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	9:15 AM	Property Meeting
	10:30 AM	Worship

## **CHURCH FLOWER PRICES**

As of January 1, Freed's Flowers increased their prices: The minimum price for a Chancel Basket is now \$25.00 and Altar Flowers cost \$30.00. If you would like to order a special arrangement for a given date, you can do that by contacting Freed's directly; just mark the flower book accordingly. Please see Sue Schenck with any questions.

## **SHARING THE SIGN OF PEACE!**

The sign of peace is a wonderful part of our liturgy. As God has sent his peace to us in Jesus Christ, we delight in sharing that peace with one another. During this cold & flu season, let us share God's peace in ways that are not likely to spread illness from physical contact. You may even choose to "signal" your peace to one another without leaving your pew. Please remember that while winter colds and flu are just troublesome to most people, they can literally threaten the lives of others.

## **GROCERY CARDS FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY**

One of the ways you can help the Orwigsburg Food Pantry during the cold winter months is by donating gift cards from our local grocery stores. These cards purchased in any amount and donations will allow our food pantry to purchase any item which they may need when they need it. They are an easy and effective way to help our food pantry help those in need. If you are interested in donating grocery gift cards, please tape your receipt to the gift card's back, and place it in the offering plate or in one of the alms' boxes located in our narthex. Thank you!

## **ATTENTION: ALL COMMITTEE LEADERS**

Your year-end reports for 2019 will be needed by Friday, January 10, 2020. Please complete them and send them to: [office@stpauls-orwigsburg.org](mailto:office@stpauls-orwigsburg.org) by the deadline date.

## FPU CLASSES RETURN

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class will be offered again at St. Paul's starting Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

This biblically based nine-week class will teach its members how to make smart financial decisions, including budgeting and investing, making wise, well-planned purchases, having the right insurance, funding college, getting out of debt, and more. Those who sign up for this class will be personally notified if it will need to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

For more information, please contact Mary Timpany at 570-449-9965 or send an email at: [mtimpany@mtimpanylaw.com](mailto:mtimpany@mtimpanylaw.com). To register for the class, go to [fpu.com/1103951](http://fpu.com/1103951). Please share this with you friends and family!

## ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum resumes today, Sunday January 5, 2020 at 9:15 AM. We will complete the series "Faithful Citizen" resuming our discussion with Session # 5 – "A Common Interest in Healthy Lives."

## A BIG THANKS FROM THE CHOIRS

To Cindy Ritschel, who sponsored our concert bulletins in memory of all our deceased Chancel and Bell Choir members and in honor of those who have retired. We appreciate you kind thought!

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