

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

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals, we accomplish nothing without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from Deuteronomy

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

(Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8 (Responsively)

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!

²**Happy are they who observe his decrees
and seek him with all their hearts!**

³Who never do any wrong,
but always walk in his ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

**⁶Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

**⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.**

**⁸I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

Here ends the reading.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

(1 Corinthians 3:1-9)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God When Human Bonds are Broken

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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

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator God, heaven and earth bear witness to your goodness and mercy. Help us to live in harmony with one another and help us be good stewards of all that you have placed within our hands. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, you stand with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of hatred, that all people may be treated justly and be comforted through your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of abundance, help us to use what we truly need and share with those who have so little. Give us confidence to believe that that you will abundantly bless your people as they generously share with their neighbors in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you give life, bring healing, and restore health and wholeness. Bring new and abundant life to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*especially...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of truth, you enlighten the whole world and in you there is no darkness. Teach us to speak the truth in love. Keep our lips from deceptive words and our hearts from foolish and destructive thoughts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love. May we listen to their stories with awe and rejoice in their faithfulness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in 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)

"Piece in Baroque Style"

R. Lau

Anthem (10:30)

*"Teach Me, O Lord"

T. Atwood

Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN

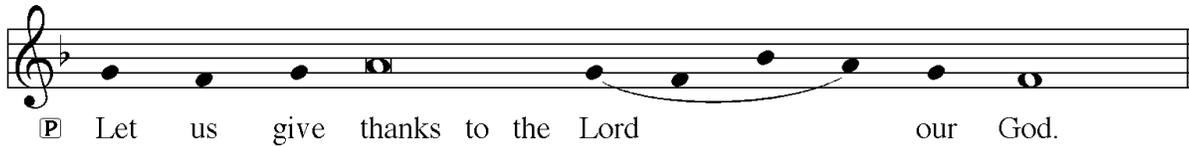
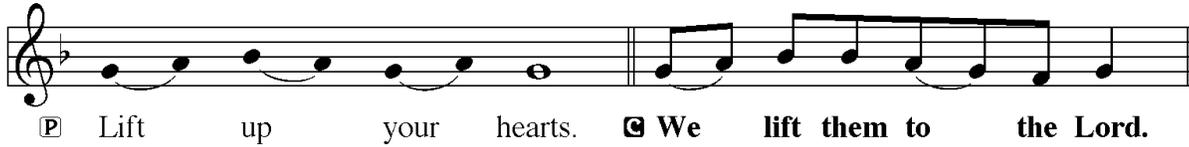
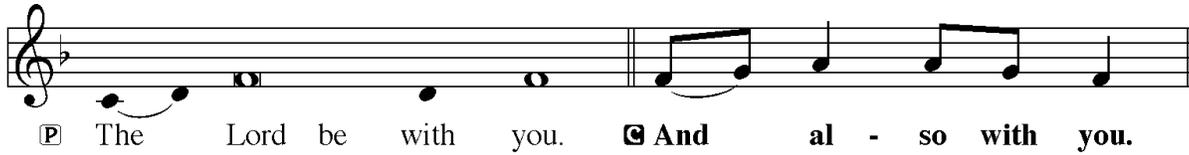


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of wonder, you give us the gift of life and daily bring forth abundance from your creation. Upon this table, we place bread and wine, and offer all we are, and all we have. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. **Amen.**

MEAL



GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. 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



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.

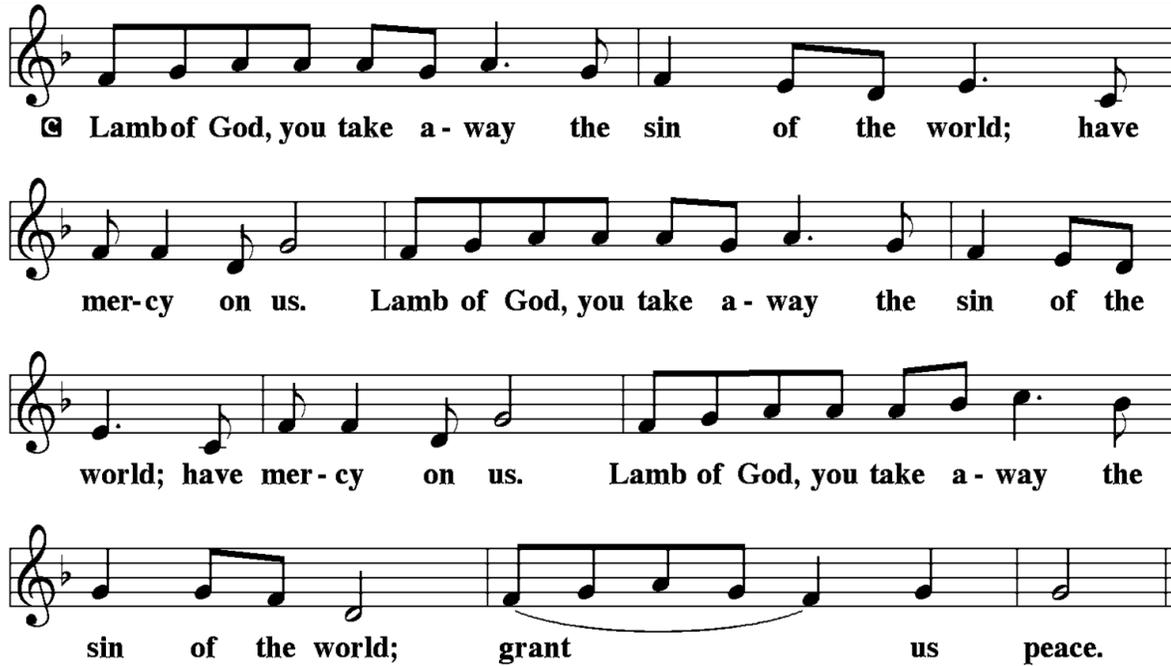
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Healer of Our Every Ill

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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 Christ, the wisdom and power of God
and the source of our life together
keep you united in mind and purpose.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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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

"Fill His Courts with Praise"

E. Woert

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Altar Flowers are presented in memory of Irma Kamp by Tina, Victoria, and Alexandria Spitler.

Chancel Flowers are presented in honor of Tom Wehr's birthday by his wife, Gwen.

Bulletins are presented in memory of father, grandfather, great grandfather Francis J. Piacine by Richards/Dixon families.

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

SERVING TODAY (2/16/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Steve Couch; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Tina Butler;

USHERS: Wendy Schuld and Carl Heintzelman;

GREETER: Doug Travor; **COUNTERS:** Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Dana Jenkins; **ALTAR GUILD:** Tina Butler and Chris Long

SERVING NEXT WEEK (2/23/20)

8:00 AM

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

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Chris Long; **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Doug Travor;

USHERS: Diane Brobst and Steve Zimmerman; **GREETERS:** Sue and Mike

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

ALTAR GUILD: Jean Premich and Joyce O'Rourke

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, February 16	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Adult Forum Worship
Monday, February 17	6:30 PM	Worship & Music
Tuesday, February 18	7:00 PM	Men of St. Paul's
Wednesday, February 19	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 20	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Rainbow Friends Financial Peace
Saturday, February 22	5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Worship Progressive Dinner
Sunday, February 23	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Worship Adult Forum Worship

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WELCOME TO ALL!

Members are encouraged to fill out a Friendship Pad located in every pew. Visitors are encouraged to sign our Welcome Book in the narthex. If you have a special need or concern, please share it with the Greeter at the door -- or with the Pastor.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Ash Wednesday service is set for Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 PM. The imposition of ashes and the distribution of Holy Communion will be available to all who attend. Please plan to take part in this special worship service.

SHARING THE SIGN OF PEACE!

During this cold and flu season, let us strive to share God's peace in ways that are not likely to spread sickness to one another. Please remember that while winter colds and the flu are troublesome to most people, they may literally be life-threatening to a few people.

CARD MINISTRY

The Evangelism Committee would like to keep in touch with those who cannot attend church because they are in poor health or they are away from home. New names and updated addresses are needed for college students, military members, and those who are unable to attend worship regularly. Please contact Maryann Cunningham or any committee member with the information.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Spring Justice Retreat - March 28, 2020

This retreat will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Breinigsville, PA. The theme will be: "Diversity - Reaching Across Barriers to Live as God's People."

Information is available at our WELCA bulletin board. The deadline to register is March 14, 2020.

ANNUAL REPORT

Our congregation's Annual Report for 2019 is still available to every household. If you haven't picked up a copy at the church, please call the church office (at 570-366-2316), request a copy and give your name, phone number, and address.