

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 21, 2024

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

M. Hayes

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by our own sins
and the brokenness that binds us.**

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.

We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.

Forgive us for all we have done and left undone.

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins have washed away; God remembers them no more!

Now live as children of God and rejoice in the promise of eternal life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
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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 musical score for a hymn, consisting of nine staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. B Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. A - men'.

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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM JONAH

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

(Jonah 3:1-5, 10)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12 (Read Responsively)

⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

**¹⁰Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

¹¹Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

**¹²and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD.
For you repay to all according to their work.**

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

(1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

(Mark 1:14-20)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

[See back of bulletin]

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Read 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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for all the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for non-profit and non-governmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, and especially for everyone on our prayer list, that amid suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

(The pastor concludes): Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8 AM)

"Hymn"

L. Smith

ANTHEM (10:30 AM) "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" C. Gabarain

OFFERTORY HYMN "Let the Vineyards be fruitful, Lord"

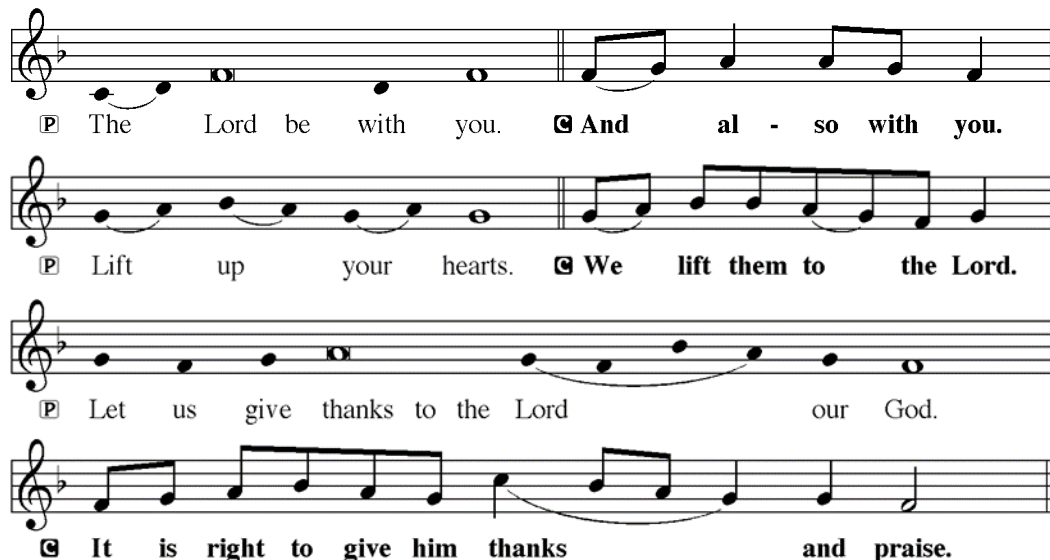
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One, you are the source of all good gifts. Your Spirit invites us to gather at this table as we hear your word of life and share in a simple meal. Nourish us and help us to follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



♩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

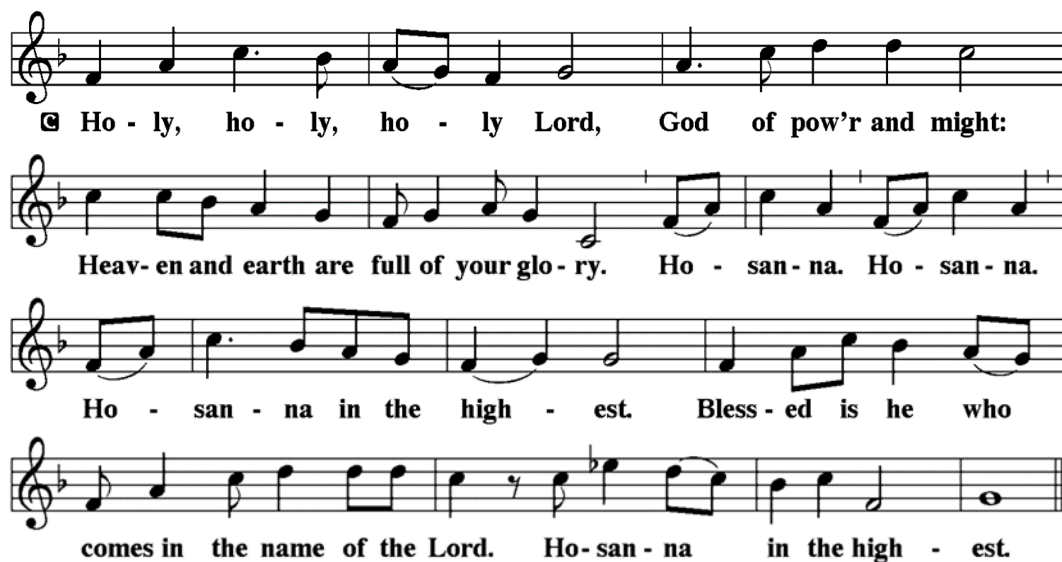
♩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give 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. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 (Read 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.

INSTRUCTIONS

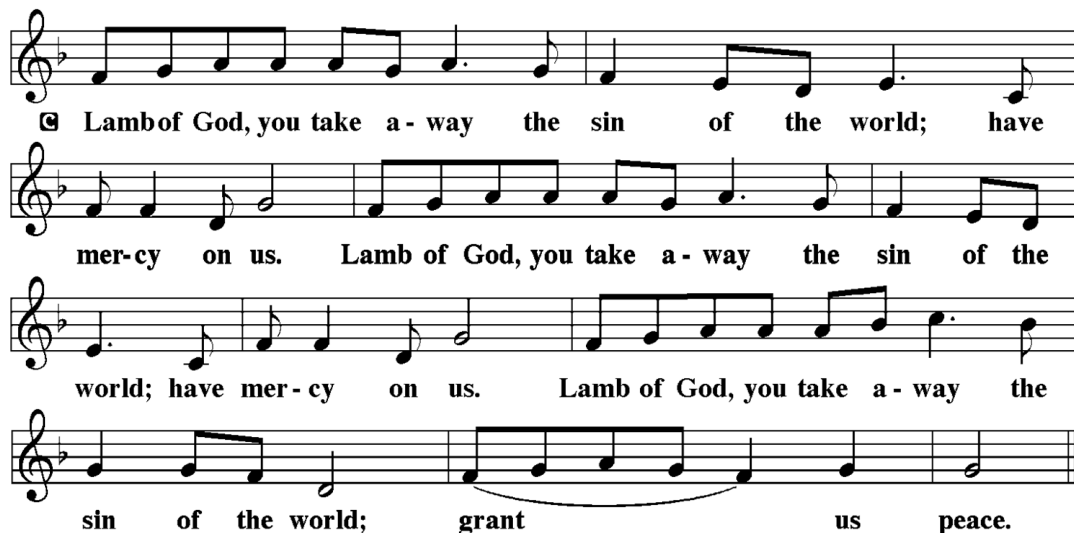
All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. After you have received the Sacrament, you may choose to briefly stand at the chancel rail before returning to your seat.

If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.

Communion is shared with those seated on the pulpit side and then with those on the lectern side.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

[See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

You claim us from the power of death and the devil, and you give us hope and abundant life. Abide with us in every storm and struggle, and teach us to love one another as you love us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May Almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”
[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The Call to Serve"

T. Kendall

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Introduction to the day: As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to reveal Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, early on we see the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, January 21	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, January 22	6:30 PM	Worship & Music
Wednesday, January 24	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, January 27	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, January 28	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (1/21/24)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Tom Wehr; LECTOR: Kristin Durkee

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Rischel

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (1/28/24)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Amy Dewald

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Cindy Ritschel; USHER: Madelyn Knecht; LECTOR: Jeff Ritschel

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Bill Smoot

ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Second Sunday School class will take place on Sunday, February 11. Children ages 1-10 are welcome to come upstairs during the 10:30 AM service for Bible stories, fun, fellowship, and a snack. Students ages 11 to 18 are invited to join me between the services (9:15 - 10:15 a.m.) for a teen Sunday School group.

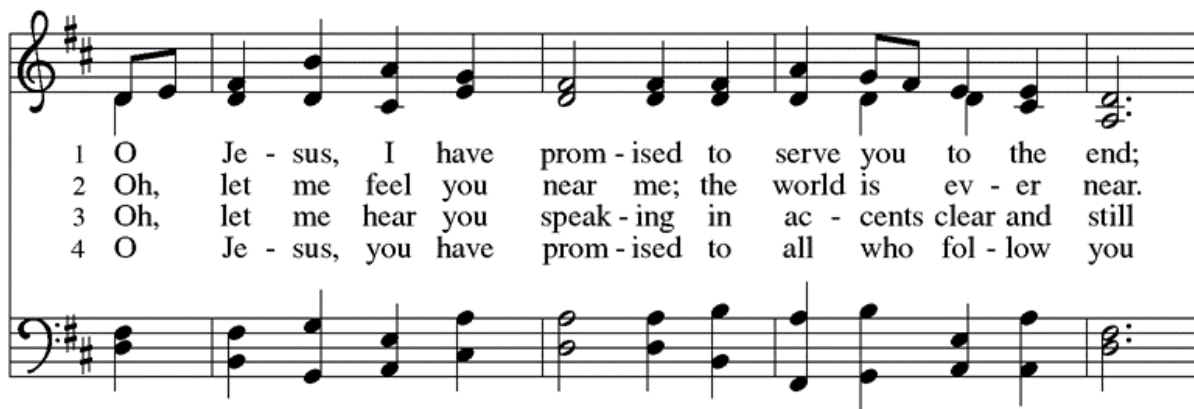
Please contact Sarah Eger with questions or to volunteer. (570) 394-3522 (cell)
swoodring86@hotmail.com.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please consider worshiping with us after the holidays. Take a copy of our January newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube. And get to know us better!

We are a Lutheran congregation with a rich tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. While we treasure the past, we look forward to an even brighter future. Everyone is invited to worship and work together here to the glory of God!

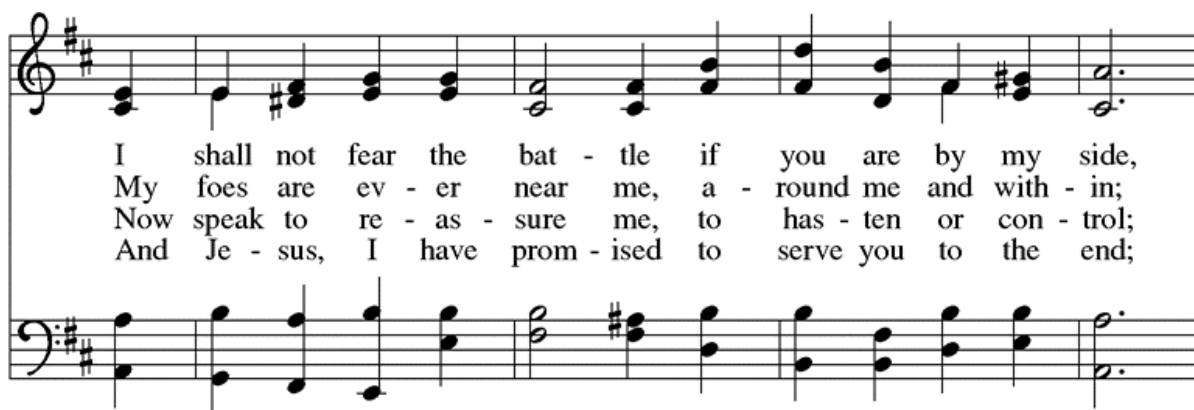
GATHERING HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised”



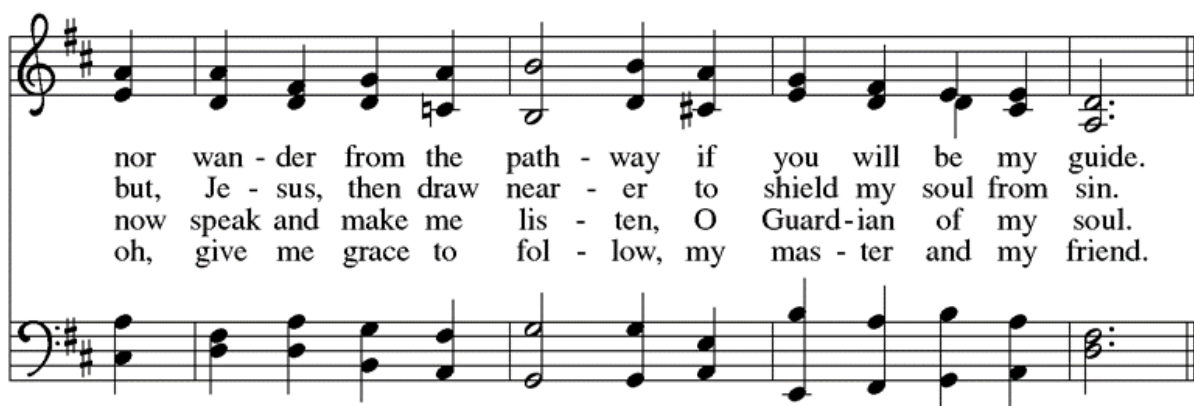
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me”:
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Evangelism Committee invites all interested adults to participate in a Progressive Dinner on Saturday, February 24, beginning at 6 p.m. Anyone who attends the Saturday service will be able to join us. Appetizers will be from 6 to 7 p.m. at the home of Barbara Sterner. At 7 p.m., we will proceed to the home of Michael and Elinda Lado for soup and salad. And at 8 p.m., we will enjoy desserts at the home of Lee and Amy Dewald. A sign-up sheet is located at the gathering place. If childcare is needed, please let our committee know.

COMMUNION HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

[Refrain shown on next page]

SOUP & CHILI SALE

As an "appetizer" to Super Bowl Sunday on February 11, 2024, The Men of St. Paul's will host a Super Bowl Eve Chili & Soup Sale on Saturday, February 10 beginning at 8:30 a.m. "on the Square." Come early for the best selection of delicious chilis, tasty homemade soups, and just baked breads and pastries.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This year our Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m. The imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at this service. Please mark your calendars!

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

A MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT!

The Evangelism committee would like to continue sending cards signed by our church family to members who cannot worship with us in person (such as military personnel and college students away from home). Cards are located on the small table next to the prayer list. Please remember to sign our card(s) upon entering or before leaving our church.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Members who use their envelopes to contribute to the ministry of this congregation should pick up their 2023 Giving Statements TODAY. Statements which are not picked up by Monday, January 22, 2024, will be sent to members via U.S. Mail. If you have any questions, please contact our Financial Secretary, Wayne Lutsey, by email: cwlutsey@gmail.com or by telephone: 570-617-9617.

SENDING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, February 18, 2024, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. In case of inclement weather, our annual meeting will be held on the following Sunday, February 25. Members should mark their new calendars for this important meeting!

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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