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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

Greetings and welcome in the name of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith.

You are invited to sign **the guest register** at the entrance to the sanctuary or fill out **a welcome card** from a pew pocket. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or another parishioner.

Restrooms are located in a room off the entryway to the sanctuary and also across the gym on the west side of the building and on the lower level. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions. **Parents and children** are welcome to make use of the anterooms on the main level at the Woodside entrance.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. **Please use a welcome card** from a pew in front of you. Additional information is available from pamphlet displays and tables throughout the facility. Our website may be accessed at the following address: www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org .

In addition to words, music and gestures, the liturgy includes several **periods of silence**. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins, we are called to a time of reflection and centering.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you or a member of your family is interested in Baptism, please speak to Pastor Dennis. Join us for conversation following worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—indicates those who are able may stand. **Bold parts** are for the participation of all.

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 26th, 2020 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the Word, the Font, and the Holy Table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy. (*A brief silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*) God of peace, **we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of Peace, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of + Jesus our Lord and Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come. **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.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**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. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, your loving-kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.

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

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:10–18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

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

SERMON

Where to Begin?

*HYMN OF THE DAY

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576

*CREED

**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 to the dead.
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

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For Christ's church on earth and for those who proclaim the good news of the kingdom, that all divisions cease, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For sky and sea, fish and birds, and the beauty of the whole creation, that God's goodness be seen through our everyday surroundings, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our political and social leaders, that they use their power justly, and for all the nations of the world, that peace and understanding prevail, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all who call upon the Lord for help: those dealing with gloom or anguish, those who are afraid, those suffering from illnesses, especially... and for those who seek shelter, that God provide them with compassionate care-givers and advocates, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the followers of Jesus Christ gathered here, that we be guided by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the cross as the power of God, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Other prayers may be offered here in speech or silence.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, especially... that their witness to the spread of God's Word inspire us in our doings, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Guide Me, Lord, We Pray

Mark Patterson

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let us pray. Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DIALOGUE

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.

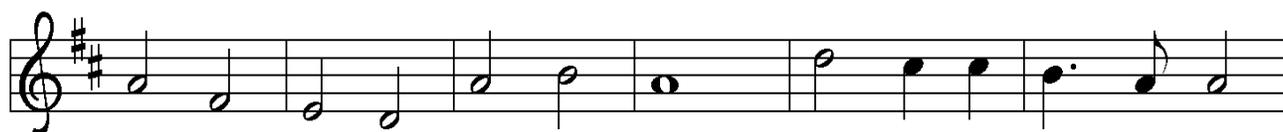
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

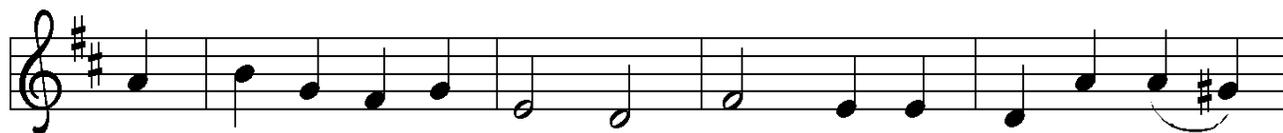
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



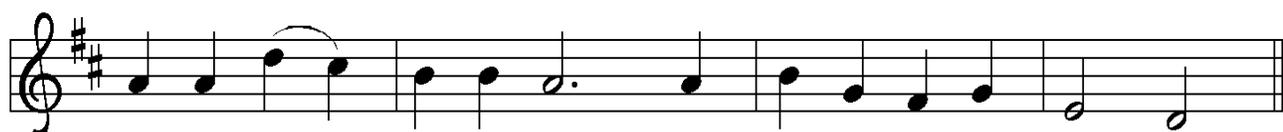
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

**All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**



***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

You are welcome to bring with you to Communion your worship books (ELWs) so that you may continue to join in singing the hymns during the distribution.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ELW 490

I Love to Tell the Story ELW 661

***BLESSING**

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

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Thy Strong Word

ELW 511
(verses 4-6)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Charles Matthies

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

J. T. and Beverly Tarbox

COMMUNION MINISTER

Brandon Michaels

ACOLYTE

Aidan Altavilla

GREETERS

Sandy Garvey and Karyn Bute

USHERS

Donald and Johnathan Haase

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Fred Kuzel

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

Sunday, January 26

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

Monday, January 27

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

Tuesday, January 28

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 26

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| 9:15 AM | Confirmation Class |
| 9:30 AM | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:15 AM | Liturgy of Holy Communion |
| 11:30 AM | Mission and Meal Sunday |
| | Epiphany Pot-Luck and Annual Congregational Meeting |
| 11:30 AM | Youth Choir Rehearsal |

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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| 6:30 PM | “Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m. |
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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| 7:00 PM | Overeaters Anonymous Meeting |
| 7:00 PM | Windsome Quintet Rehearsal |

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

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| 6:30 PM | Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting |
| 7:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal |

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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| 11:00 AM | AA Big Book Study Group Meeting |
| 7:00 PM | AA Group Meeting |

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD, FEBRUARY 2

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| 9:15 AM | Confirmation Class |
| 9:30 AM | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:15 AM | Liturgy of Holy Communion |
| 11:30 AM | Youth Choir Rehearsal |

The church office will be closed Tuesday, January 28th through Thursday, January 30th.

—Karen Rouleau, Administrative Assistant

Please Remember in Prayer . . .

Sheryl Hallmann, Dot Myers, Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Mildred Mendel, Mary Sasuta, Mary Sordel, Bob Skudrna, Wally Kessler, and Steve Podzamsky.

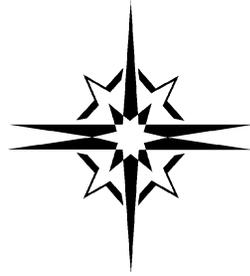
Carol Zitko (*church secretary at Concordia Lutheran Church, Berwyn*), **Danny Orozco** (*co-worker of Tom Michaels*), **Jacob Kavicky** (*great-grandson of the late Betty Kavicky*), **Jessica Babiari** (*niece of Vera Borysek*), **Barbara Kessler** (*sister-in-law of Wally Kessler*), **Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt of Ann Head*), **Delores Linden** (*aunt of Martin and Ann Pennino*), **Donald Neal** (*brother of Barbara Kessler*), **Marguerite Boike** (*mother-in-law of Kristine Boike*), **Pat Pileggi** (*Helen Gaydusek's co-worker*), **Joe Caruso** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Eric Dennison** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Rev. James Kuemmerle** (*Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago*), **John Racek** (*life-long friend of John Kostelny*), **Nicole Kisiel** (*friend of Fred Kuzel*), **Ramona Daugs** (*relative of Beverly Tarbox*), **Mary Costello** (*mother of Debbie Boor*), **Damon Cooke** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Dr. Craig Reckard** (*friend of Milan Oklepek*), **Gertrude Tarbox** (*mother of J.T.*), **Jim and Janie Tarbox** (*brother and sister-in-law of J.T.*), **Ralph Thompson** (*friend of Lois Mika*), **Dale Renville** (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Kelly Alvey** (*granddaughter of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Alice Puglise** (*relative of Steve and Bev Podzamsky*), **Cpt. Kristopher Mabrigo** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Celia Martinez** (*mother of Rafael*), and **Mark Van Scharrel** (*former pastor at St. Peter and St. Paul, Blue Island*).

Please let us know when people may be removed from the prayer list and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!

Flowers for the Lord's Table may be ordered by calling the church office. The price is \$20 per vase. Please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The final day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

Join us today on **Mission and Meal Sunday** for the Epiphany Potluck Luncheon in the dining hall following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation which will begin at 11:30 a.m., also in the dining hall. Copies of the Annual Report are placed at the entrances to the sanctuary and in the lower hallway. Epiphany is the season when the Light of Christ shines forth to all nations. Come, celebrate this wondrous season of light during the darkest days of the year around our vibrant mission, warm fellowship, and international culinary delights.

Today is Mission and Meal Sunday



Epiphany International Potluck Luncheon
on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord
beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the dining hall following the

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
which will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. also in the dining hall.

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WHO'S
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AGAIN?
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ZEBULUN AND
NAPHTALI WERE
TWO OF THE
TRIBES OF ISRAEL
AND GALILEE WAS
THEIR HOME:
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BUT THEY WERE LOST
WHEN THEIR LAND WAS
SEIZED AND THEY
WERE SENT INTO
EXILE!
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WHEN JESUS COMES TO THESE
FISHERMEN IN GALILEE, IT'S TO
FULFILL THIS PROPHECY BY
TAKING BACK & FREEING ALL
WHO ARE LOST.
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IT'S CATCH
& RELEASE
FISHING!
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MATTHEW 4:12-25

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