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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.*

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155***

**GATHERING**

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

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

*Wo Gott zum Haus*

Pachelbel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP FOR EPIPHANY**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Lift up your eyes and look around:

**all gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.**

Your sun will never set again.

**The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

Your moon will wane no more.

**The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

Your days of sorrow will end.

**The Lord is our light and our salvation!**

Whom shall we fear?

**Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life;**

**whom shall we fear?**

**\*ORDER FOR 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. *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. Reunite us with one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of Peace, our Savior and Lord Jesus. 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 Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come. **Amen**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*

LBW 85

- 1 When Christ's appearing was made known,  
King Herod trembled for his throne;  
but he who offers heav'nly birth  
seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.**
- 2 The eastern sages saw from far  
and followed on his guiding star;  
by light their way to light they trod,  
and by their gifts confessed their God.**
- 3 Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
the heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood,  
that he, of whom no sin was known,  
might cleanse his people from their own.**
- 4 And oh, what miracle divine,  
when water reddened into wine!  
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed  
in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.**

**5 For this his glad epiphany,  
all glory unto Jesus be;  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost forevermore.**

Text: Coelius Sedulius, c. 5th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

**\*GREETING**

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 43:1-7

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

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

**SECOND READING**

Acts 8:14-17

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

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

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

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

SERMON

## \*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**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 Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer, especially... that God shower compassion, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered in speech or silence.*

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

**\*PEACE**

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

**MEAL**

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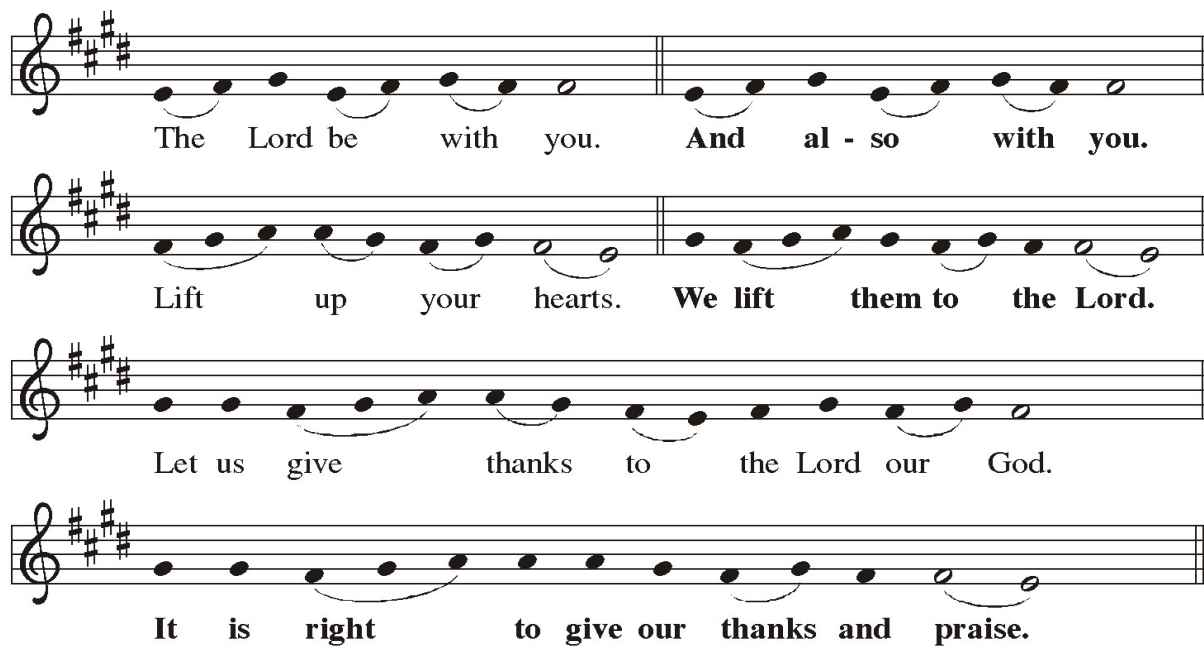
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

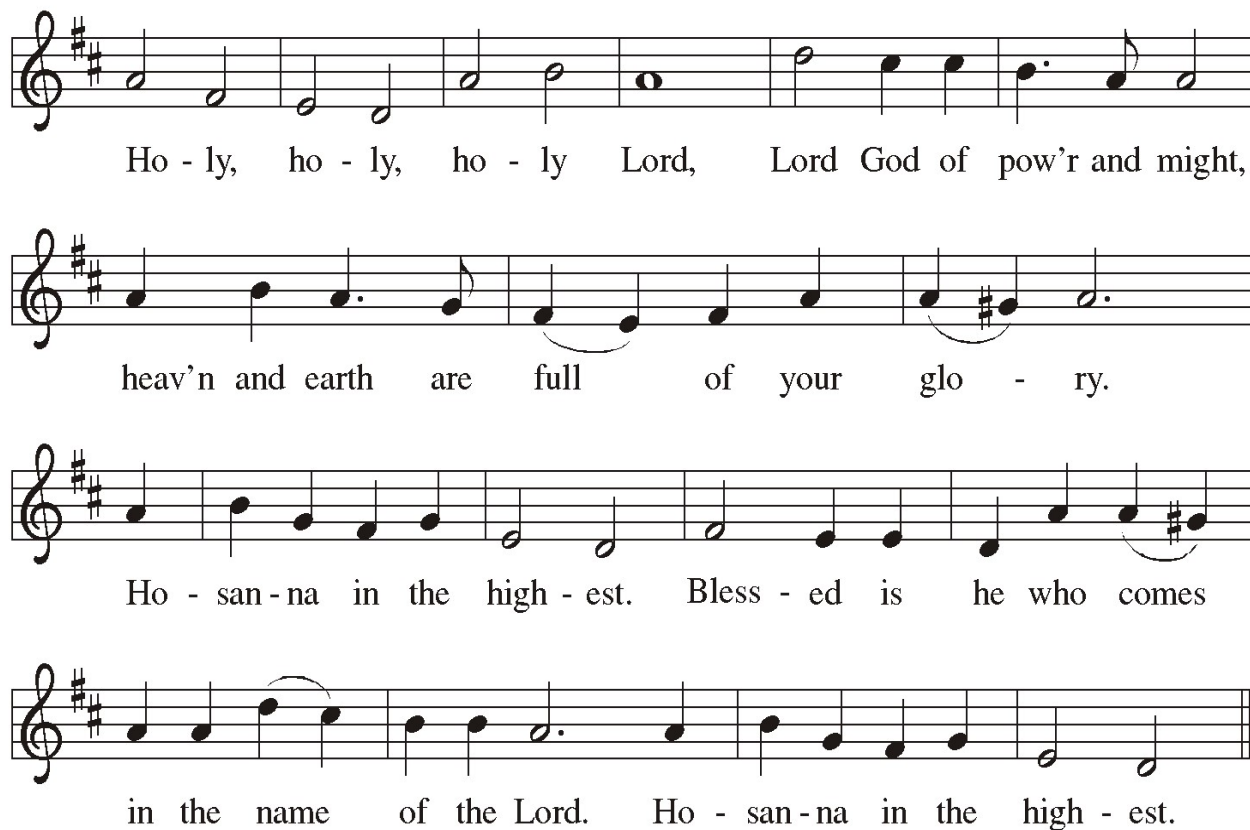


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\*PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

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**

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. 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

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*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

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

TFF 258

- 1 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul;  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.**
  
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.**
  
- 3 I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul;  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.**

Text: traditional

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Sonata*

Pergolesi



## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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**Baptism of Jesus, Castera Bazile, Portau Prince Mural**

*At our baptism, a hand is laid on us, invoking and inviting the Holy Spirit through benediction. Over our cleansed and blessed bodies willingly descends from the Father that Holiest Spirit. Over the waters of baptism reposes the Spirit, who glided down on the Lord in the shape of the dove. The very nature of the Holy Spirit was declared by means of this symbol of simplicity and innocence: accordingly Jesus says, “Be innocent as doves.” After the waters of the deluge, by which the old iniquity was purged—after the baptism, so to say, of the world—a dove was the herald that announced to the earth the placating of celestial wrath. The dove had been sent from the ark and had returned with the olive branch, which even among the nations is a sign of peace. In the same way, the dove of the Holy Spirit flies to the earth—that is, to our flesh—as we emerge from the font, bringing us the peace of God. —Tertullian (155-240 AD)*

## IN THE PRAYERS...

*Members of the Congregation:* Heather Greer, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Mary Sasuta, and Edward Sefara. *Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Tom Duran, Barbara Dykes, Melissa Foe, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Jeff Kubik, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Mike Matthies, Julie Mroz, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Tim Richard, Krystal Romandine and family, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Dan Smith, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Janie Tarbox and Tom Thoreson.



### **Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering January 5<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2024:</i>	\$2,615.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$.00

Donations are welcome via Zelle at [donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org](mailto:donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org) .

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968*

*Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>*

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1968.

*Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356*

*Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>*

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

*Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346*

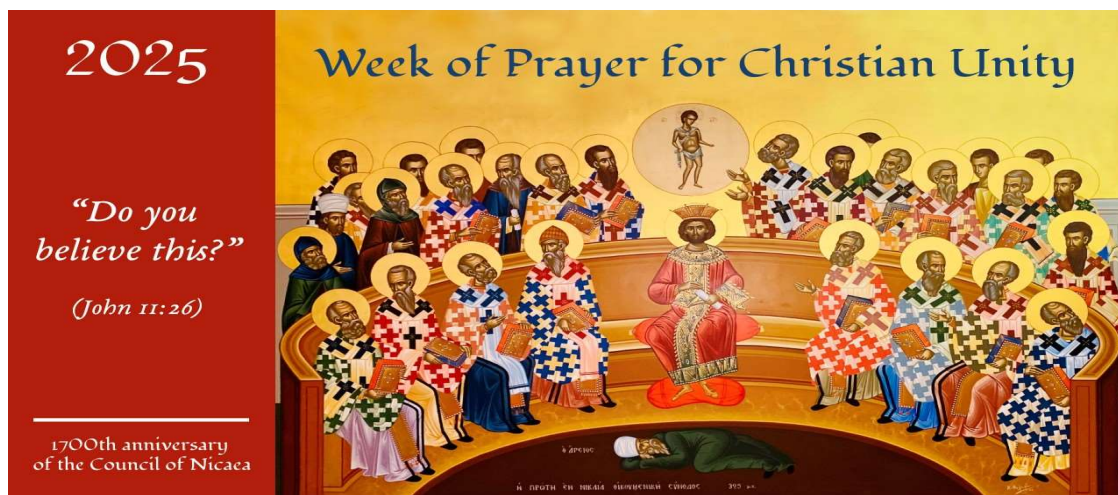
*Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>*

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

*Confession of Peter*

*Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>*

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.







Life's most persistent and  
urgent question is,

**what are  
you doing  
for  
others?**

