

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 15, 2023

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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Orwigsburg, PA
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GATHERING

PRELUDE "The Lord Is My Light" F. Allitsen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
who makes all things new, and whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O Holy One,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves.

Our feet have not followed in your path and

our hearts have turned away from you.

Forgive us that we may be reconciled to you and one another

and teach us to walk in the light of your grace. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus who says,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives."

Know that you are forgiven of your sins,

and that you are freed to love God and serve your neighbor.

May the Light of Christ guide you now and forever. **Amen.**

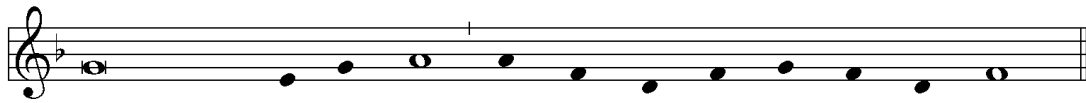
GATHERING HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

[See back of bulletin]

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



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ 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

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (Isaiah 49:1-7)

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

PSALM 40:1-12 (Read responsively)

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD;

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD!**

They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!

How great your wonders and your plans for us!

There is none who can be compared with you.

⁶**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!**

But they are more than I can count.

⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;

you have given me ears to hear you;

⁸**burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”

¹⁰**I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;**

behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹²**You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;**

let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

A READING FROM FIRST CORINTHIANS

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you

wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

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

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

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

(John 1:29-42)

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”
[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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries sent by our synod and all who are supported by Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Preserve the world’s waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us as we strive to be faithful stewards of your creation. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Show your mercy to all peoples and nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to everyone who suffers from violence, injustice, sickness, or poverty. Protect all who suffer and hide them in the shadow of your hand. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and the people of Ukraine. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

Like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., give us wisdom and courage to boldly trust in you that we might do what is right even when it is dangerous to do so. Remind us that every human being is made in your image and likeness, and all are worthy to hear your message of salvation. Merciful Lord, **receive our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8 AM)

“Lamb of God”

arr. L. Larson

ANTHEM (10:30 AM)

“Lamb of God”*

arr. L. Larson

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.

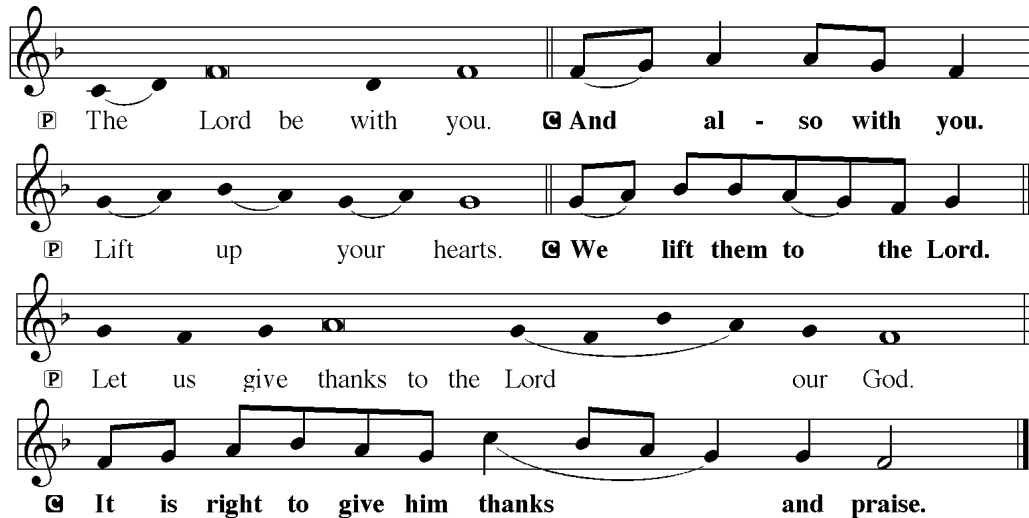
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them, we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. Ⓜ And al - so with you.

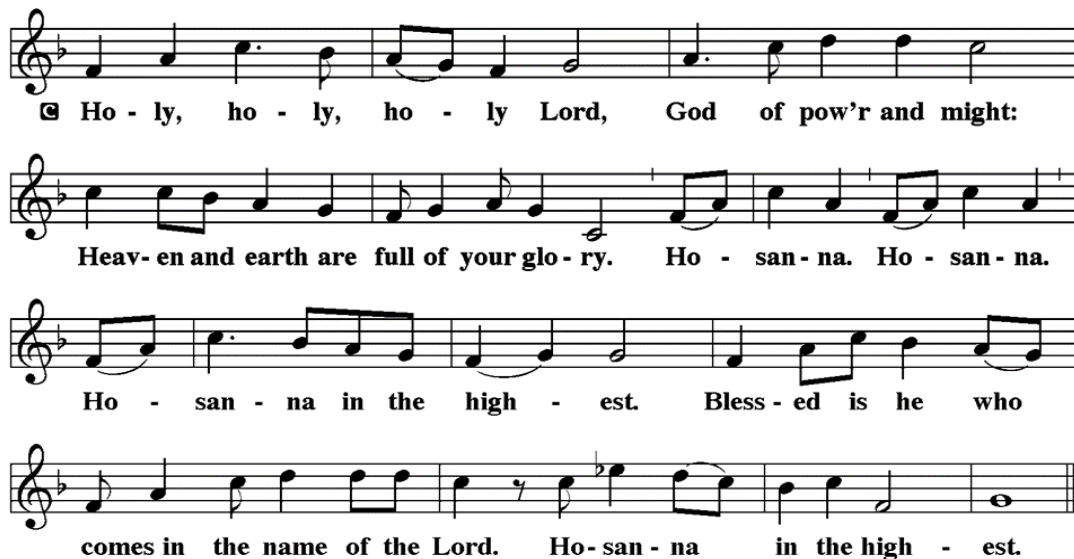
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. Ⓜ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ 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.

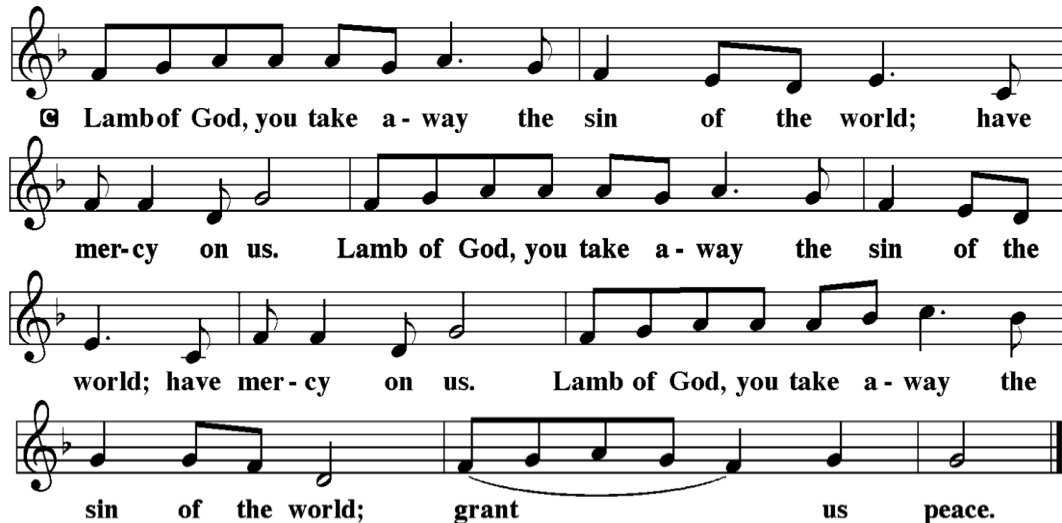
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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. 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 may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pew.

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

“What Feast of Love”
[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

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“God, Whose Almighty Word”
[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Glory to God”

D. Paxton

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Altar flowers are presented in loving memory of mother and grandmother,
Muriel S. Reibie, by Sue, Kurt, and Julianne Schenck.

Bulletins are presented in loving memory of Kathryn Snyder’s birthday, January
13, by Tom and Gwen Wehr and family.

***Lamb of God** is presented in memory of all our family members who have passed
away by Jennifer Betz, and Stephen and Lindsay Blank. (2019)

Introduction to the Day: Today’s gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus’
baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one
anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in
word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and
to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S

Sunday, January 15	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Sunday
Monday, January 16		Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
	7:00 PM	Council
Wednesday, January 18	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 19	6:30 PM	Constitution
Saturday, January 21	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, January 22	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (1/15/23)

8:00 AM

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Jessica Swick; LECTOR: Doug Travor

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sue Reier

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (1/22/23)

8:00 AM

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Doug Travor; USHER: Connie Teter; LECTOR: Bill Smoot

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeff Ritschel

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

CHILI & SOUP-ER BOWL SALE

The Men of St. Paul's will host a Chili & Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale on Saturday, February 11, 2023, beginning at 8:30 a.m. "on the Square." Our soup will be \$7/quart or 3 quarts for \$20 and chili will be \$8/quart or 2 quarts for \$15. Come for great chili, tasty homemade soups, and many delicious baked goods.

"SECOND SUNDAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children ages 1 to 10 years old will continue every second Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us on Sunday, February 12, for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship.

You can also call/text/email me with questions or to volunteer. Sarah Eger: (570) 394-3522 (cell); swoodring86@hotmail.com.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will be on Sunday, February 12, 2023, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. In case of inclement weather, our annual meeting will be held on the following Sunday, February 19. Members should mark their new calendars for this important meeting!

OPEN POSITIONS ON CHURCH COUNCIL

During our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2023, we will vote to fill three (3) open positions on our Church Council. If you are an active member and would like to learn more, please contact Council President Doug Travor, any Council member, or Pastor Mike.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Members who use their envelopes to contribute to the ministry of this congregation can pick up their 2022 Giving Statements when they come to worship TODAY. Statements are located on a table in our narthex in alphabetical order. Statements which are not picked up by Sunday, January 22, 2023, will be sent to members via U.S. Mail.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Financial Secretary, Wayne Lutsey at by email: cwlutsey@gmail.com or by telephone: 570-617-9617.

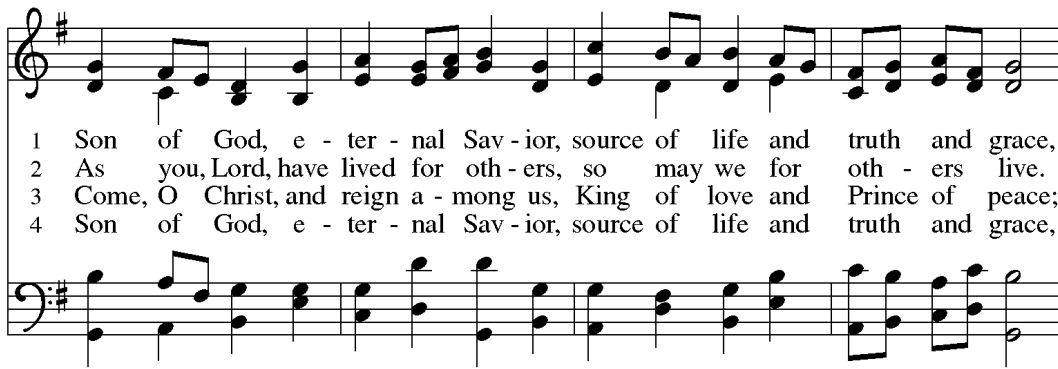
CRAFTER'S GUILD WILL MEET

The first gathering of the new Crafter's Guild of St. Paul's will be held Saturday, January 28th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Kristin Durkee located at 1097 Grove Street, Orwigsburg, PA. All crafters or people interested in learning a craft are welcome! Depending on the turnout and the interests of the crafters, we will be working on making earrings, bookmarks, and quilts. We also have a great craft planned with painted ornaments.

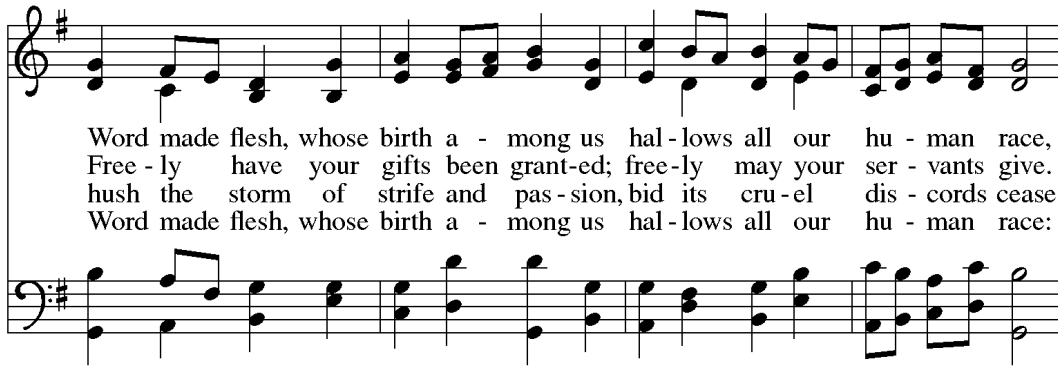
If you can't make this get-together, you can still make plans to join in future gatherings. The Crafter's Guild will always be interested in donations of items for the crafts, too. At this time, the Guild would love quilt batting and thread.

Please see Kristin Durkee (804-380-9066) or Amy Dewald (570-449-4816) with any questions or suggestions!

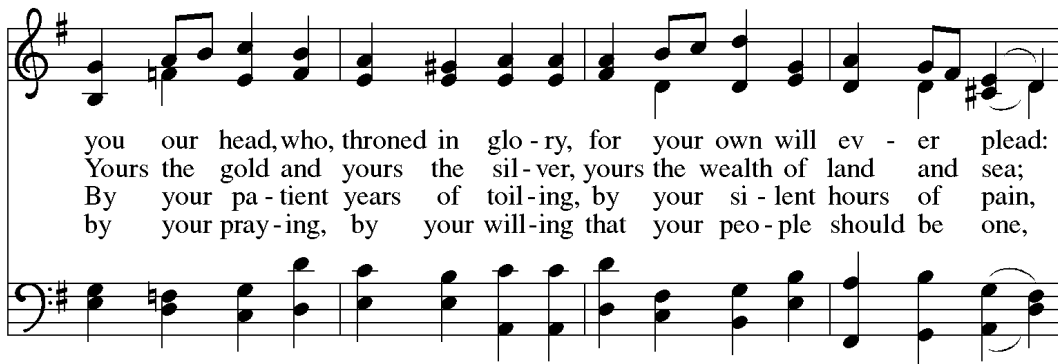
GATHERING HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



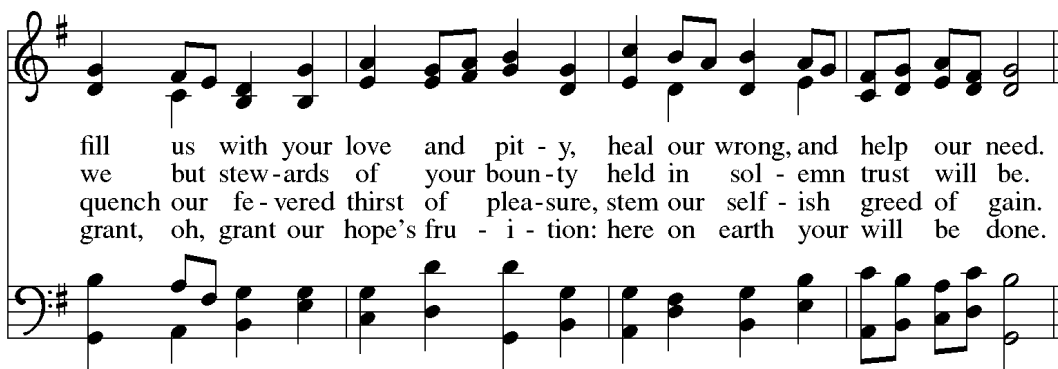
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

COMMUNION HYMN “What Feast of Love”



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
 What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
 What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

SENDING HYMN “God, Whose Almighty Word”



1 God, whose al-might-y word cha-os and dark-ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re-deem-ing wing,
 3 Spir-it of truth and love, life-giv-ing, ho-ly dove,
 4 Ho-ly and bless-ed three, glo-ri-ous Trin-i-ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum-bly pray, and where the
 heal-ing and sight; health to the trou-bled mind, sight where il-
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa-ter's face bear-ing the
 Wis-dom, Love, Might: bound-less as o-cean's tide, roll-ing in



gos-pel day sheds not its glo-ri-ous ray, let there be light.
 lu-sions blind; oh, now to hu-man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark-est place let there be light.
 full-est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

