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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.

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19th, 2020 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

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 the Word and the 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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GATHERING

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

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND *CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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.**

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.

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.**

Let us pray. 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

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant Israel speaks as God's secret weapon. Called before birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself; the servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

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

SECOND READING

I Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. John... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

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

SERMON

A Tapestry of Love

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

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*CREED

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**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**

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 the church throughout the world, that it proclaim salvation through Christ to the ends of the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all coastlands and waters, for the well-being of creation, and for our proper stewardship of those gifts of God, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the leaders of the world at all levels, for those who bring about peace in war-torn areas, and for all people of faith everywhere, that compassion and love thrive, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially... and for those who care for the suffering, that God's steadfast love and faithfulness through Christ bring about healing and wholeness, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the fellowship gathered in this place, for the spiritual gifts of each of our members, for those celebrating significant events in their lives, that the Holy Spirit guide us in our work and our journeys, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Other prayers may be offered here in speech or silence.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have died in Christ, especially... that the witness of their faithfulness inspire us in our Christian lives, 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.**

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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

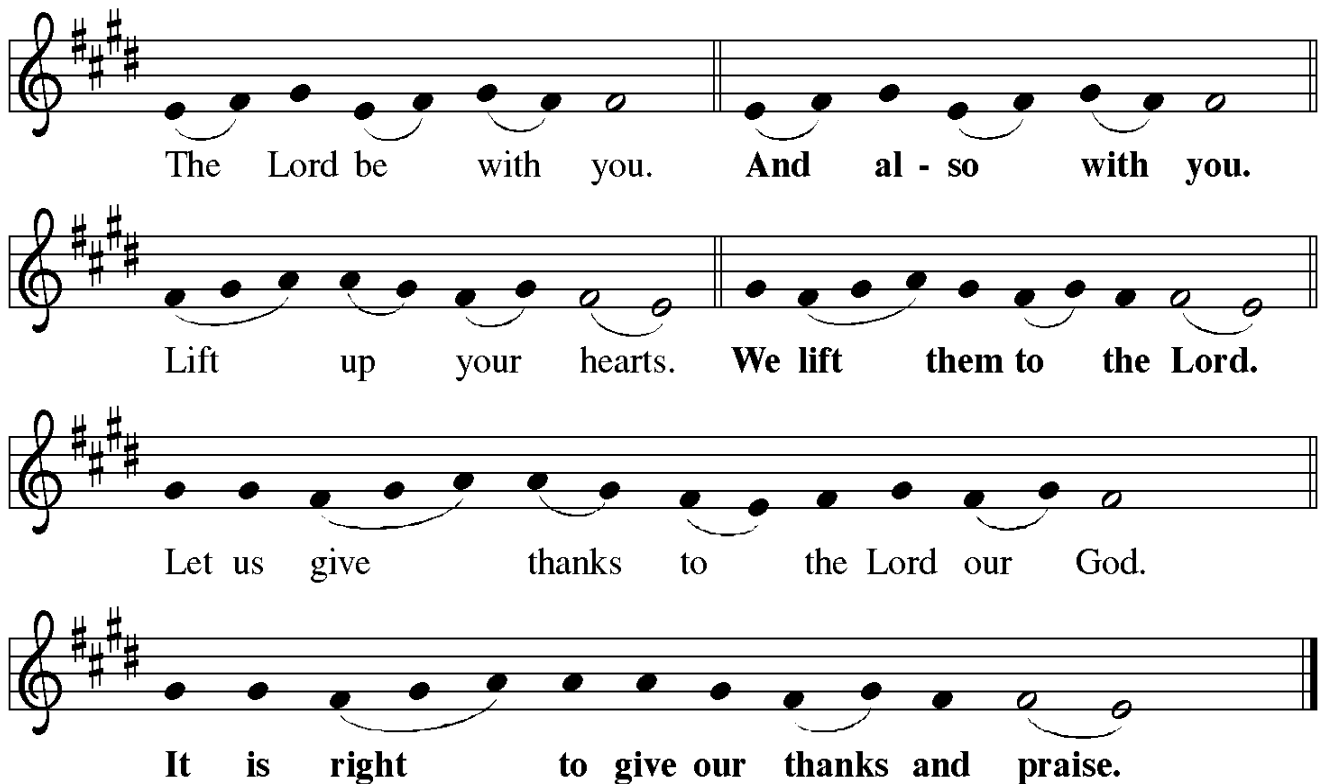
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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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

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

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

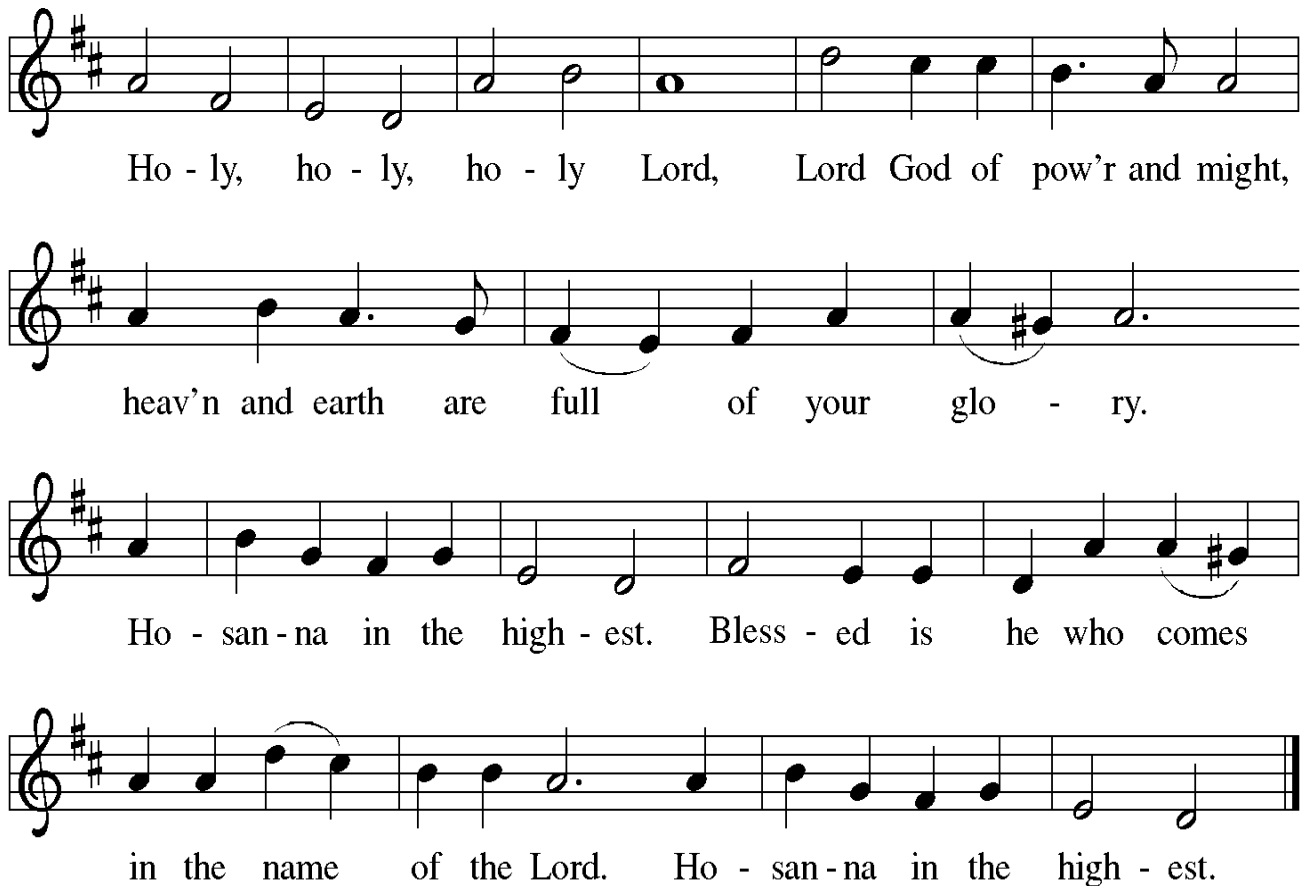
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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



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.

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.**



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.**

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

O Christ, Lamb of God ELW 196

Around You, O Lord Jesus ELW 468

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

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

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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

Here I Am, Lord

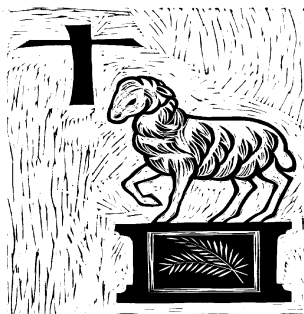
ELW 574

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE



SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Tom Myers

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

Tom and Vicki Michaels

COMMUNION MINISTER

Martin Pennino

ACOLYTE

Sebastian Myers

GREETER

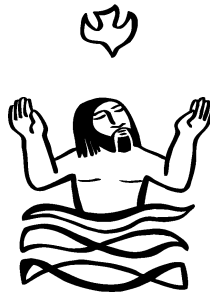
Ann Vana

USHER

Gregg Valek

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Fred Kuzel



UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

Sunday, January 19

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

Agnes, martyr, died around 304

Tuesday, January 21

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Conversion of Paul

Saturday, January 25

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 19

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

6:30 PM “Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 26

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

6:30 PM “Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.

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.

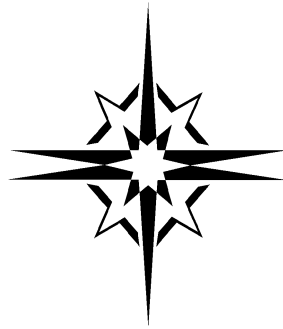
Carol Zitko (*church secretary at Concordia Lutheran Church, Berwyn*), **Danny Orozco** (*co-worker of Tom Michaels*), **Jacob Kavicky** (*great-grandson of the late Betty Kavicky*), **Jessica Babiari** (*niece of Vera Borysek*), **Barbara Kessler** (*sister-in-law of Wally Kessler*), **Beverly Bartlett** (*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!*

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are placed in loving memory of beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt **+LaVerne Hanzel+** on the anniversary of her death by remembering children Karen Cox, Kevin Hanzel and David Hanzel, and their families, sister Audrey Bucz and her family, and niece Adrienne Gana; and also in memory of **+Paul Predny+** on the anniversary of his birth. 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.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family and loved ones of **+Jerome M. Gaydusek+** who passed from this life on January 10th and was buried from the church this past Wednesday. We share the grief of Jerry's loved ones, but find solace and hope in the promise of the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission and Meal Sunday, January 26th



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.

You are invited to bring your favorite ethnic dishes
(reflecting your various heritages if you like)
to share at the meal,
including main courses, side dishes, salads,
appetizers and desserts.
Email or phone in your selection(s) to a council member
or to the church office before January 22nd
or use the sign-up pages at the entrances to the church.

*Epiphany is the season when the Light of Christ
shines forth to all nations.*

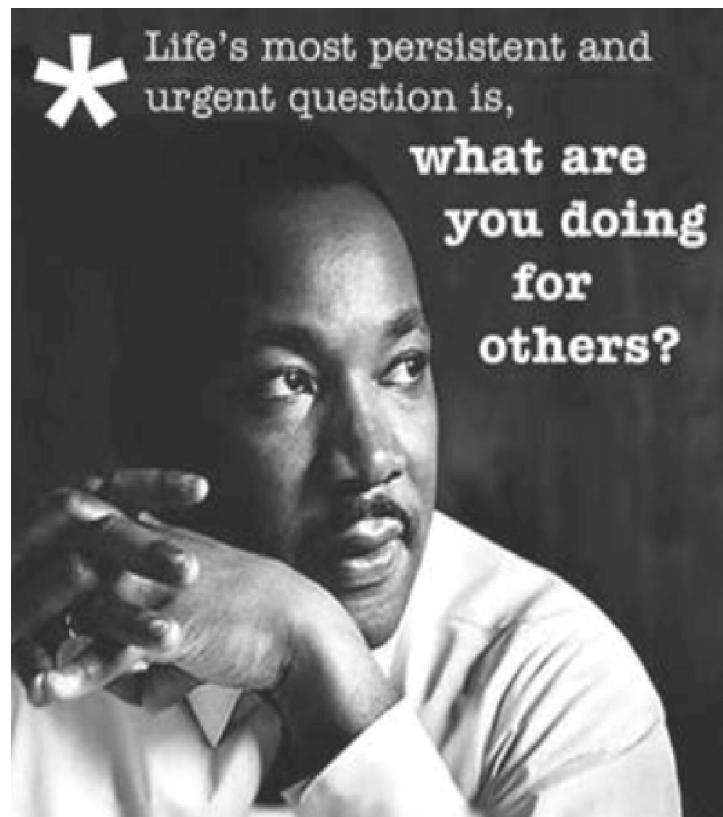
*Come, celebrate this wondrous Season of Light
around our vibrant mission,
warm fellowship and friendship,
and international culinary delights!*

Hard-copies of the reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for next Sunday are available today at the sanctuary entrances and in the lower hallway. Reports will be emailed early this coming week. Please take a moment to read these prior to the meeting.

Offering envelopes for 2020 are now available for pick-up in the lower hallway adjacent to the dining hall. Please pick up envelopes for friends or relatives who are unable to do so. Karen in the office will be glad to mail envelopes to those who cannot make arrangements for their envelope pick-up.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering
January 12th, 2020

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2019:</i>	\$2,597.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$.00



We must work unceasingly to uplift this nation that we love to a higher destiny, to a higher plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

WATCHING JESUS

John the Baptist is just standing around. It is Jesus who is on the move. Imagine John loitering on a street corner with his disciples. Along comes Jesus, and John watches him pass. He needs something to say. So he shouts out, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Jesus is soon past him, but John remains there, preaching about this Lamb who has the Spirit and gives it in baptism.

The next day, it all happens again. John calls out, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" He is like a two-year-old who never tires of crying out "Digger!" when passing a construction site. Notice that John does not move. He stands, like a hinge in history, watching one door close and another open.

John's disciples, however, transition from standing to following. They follow Jesus. Jesus turns around to look at them. Those who had been watching Jesus are now watched by him. Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" They wish to know where he is staying. "Come and see," he says. They experience a sacred moment, that moment when Jesus truly sees them.

As much as this reading is about Jesus' movement, it is also about seeing. We see Jesus. He sees us. He calls us to come and see. Here he stands, this seeing Jesus, watching those who follow him. He loves them. He has called them. He has called us. He sees us. In that moment, when we enter the space where we realize Jesus is watching us, our lives are reconfigured and made sacred, because everything we do, everything we are, is under the watchful gaze of this Christ. Each day remember this: "I am a child of God. That is how God sees me in Christ."



LAMB, WE LONG TO KNOW YOU

(John 1: 29-42)

Rabbi, we wish to learn from you:

tell us, where are you staying?

Our spirits near exhaustion, bent beneath our trophies,
our car wheels spinning, phones and laptops flickering,
the earth below our houses reeling from our heat,
we think our wisdom great as soaring mountains, as suns,
yet we have learned so little of life's gentle meaning,
our weapon-wielding words betray our souls' deep neediness,
our grasping hands disclose only desperate emptiness,
listen as our hearts reach out for new beginnings:

Teacher, we wish to learn from you.

Tell us, where are you staying?

Messiah, we need to follow you:

Show us, where are you leading?

We have walked blind alleyways of selfishness and hatred,
we have fallen into pits of bitterness and anger,
the hungry cry out from the ditches we've created,
the powerful push the weak into smaller, smaller corners,
voices of pain are echoing in unhearing hallways,
the digital city leans over lives with thin foundations,
hear us as our hearts reach out for fresh direction:

Messiah, we need to follow you.

Show us, where are you leading?

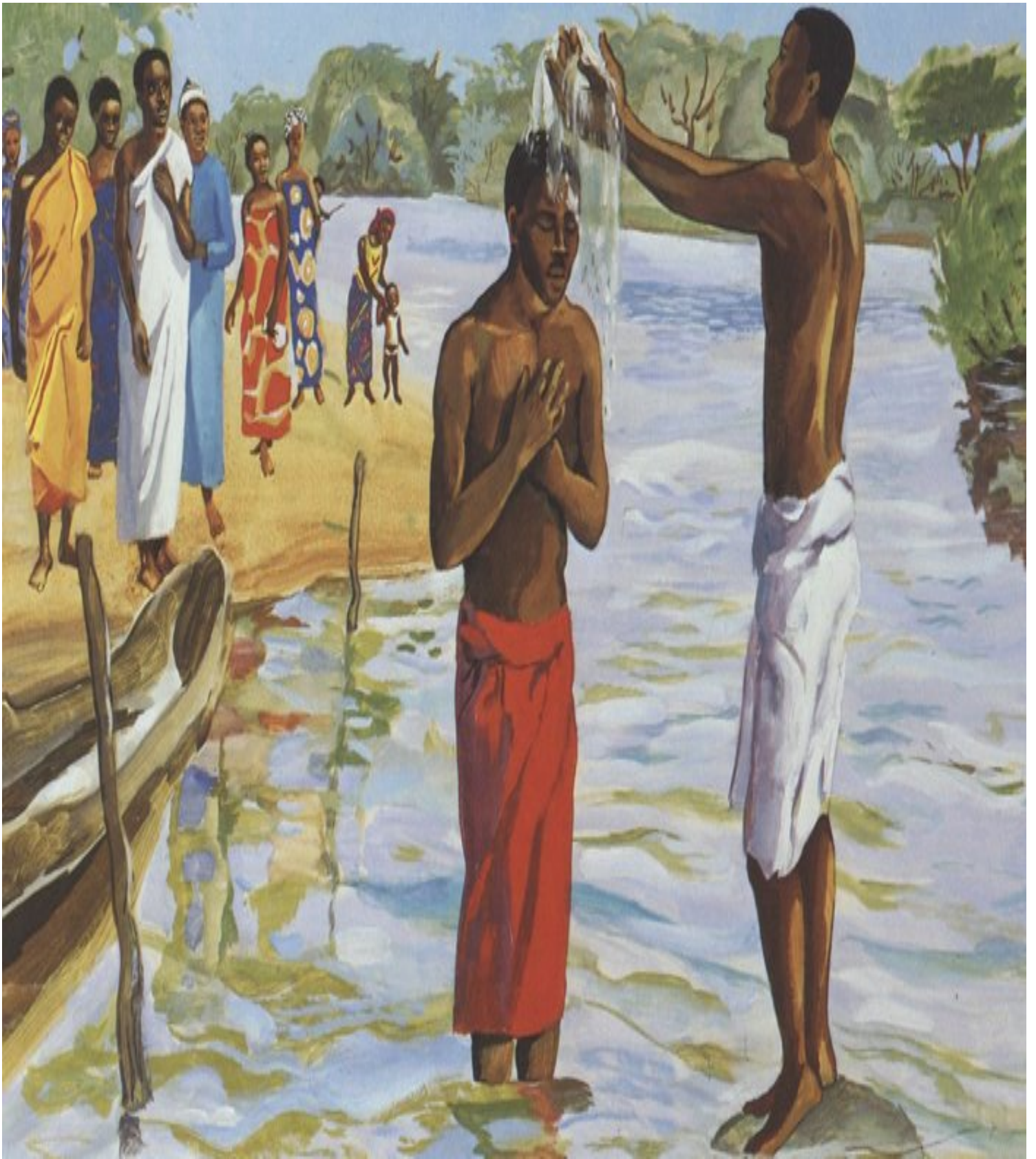
Lamb of God, we long to know you:

Bring us as guests into your dwelling.

In you we see in human form the fullness of God's caring,
in you we see the majesty of grace forever shining,
compassion's face, mercy's hands that bear the scars of loving,
your flesh a curtain opened that leads to God's own presence,
sharing with us our struggles, embracing us in our brokenness,
your words and way a path that offers peace and wholeness,
hear us as our hearts reach out for transformation:

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John Baptizes Jesus (Jesus MAFA, 1973, Cameroon)