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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16th, 2020 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

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.)*

Holy and faithful God,

we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your commandments. We have spoken in ways that injure, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen.

“Call upon me,” says the Lord, “and I will answer.” God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior. **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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are fellow workers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.

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.

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-37

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

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

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

SERMON

Radical Righteousness

*HYMN OF THE DAY

In All Our Grief

ELW 615

*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

Lord God, you set before us commandments that affect our very lives. We can only obey you by loving you above all others. Give us the will and the skill to love you with all our hearts, minds and strength. Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Holy Spirit, help us understand the hard teachings of Jesus about anger, name-calling, bearing false witness, fidelity and marriage. Even before we come to understand, give us the strength to obey. Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

We bring before you the needs of all countries and communities who seek to care for one another. Help us to not merely rely upon governments for justice, but to seek and do justice in our own daily lives. Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

We look forward to the coming of spring and the flowering of the earth from her winter's sleep. Renew us also, that we may bloom like flowers, ready to bring beauty to one another. Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

For those among us who need care, help us be the care-givers. When we name their names before you in prayer, help us also to be a real presence to those we know, especially... Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

Other prayers may be offered here in speech or silence.

Holy Spirit, comfort and sustain us until we gather with all the saints around the throne of God, remembering especially... Let us walk: **In the light of the Lord.**

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

God Will Always Be With Me

Dori Collins

***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.

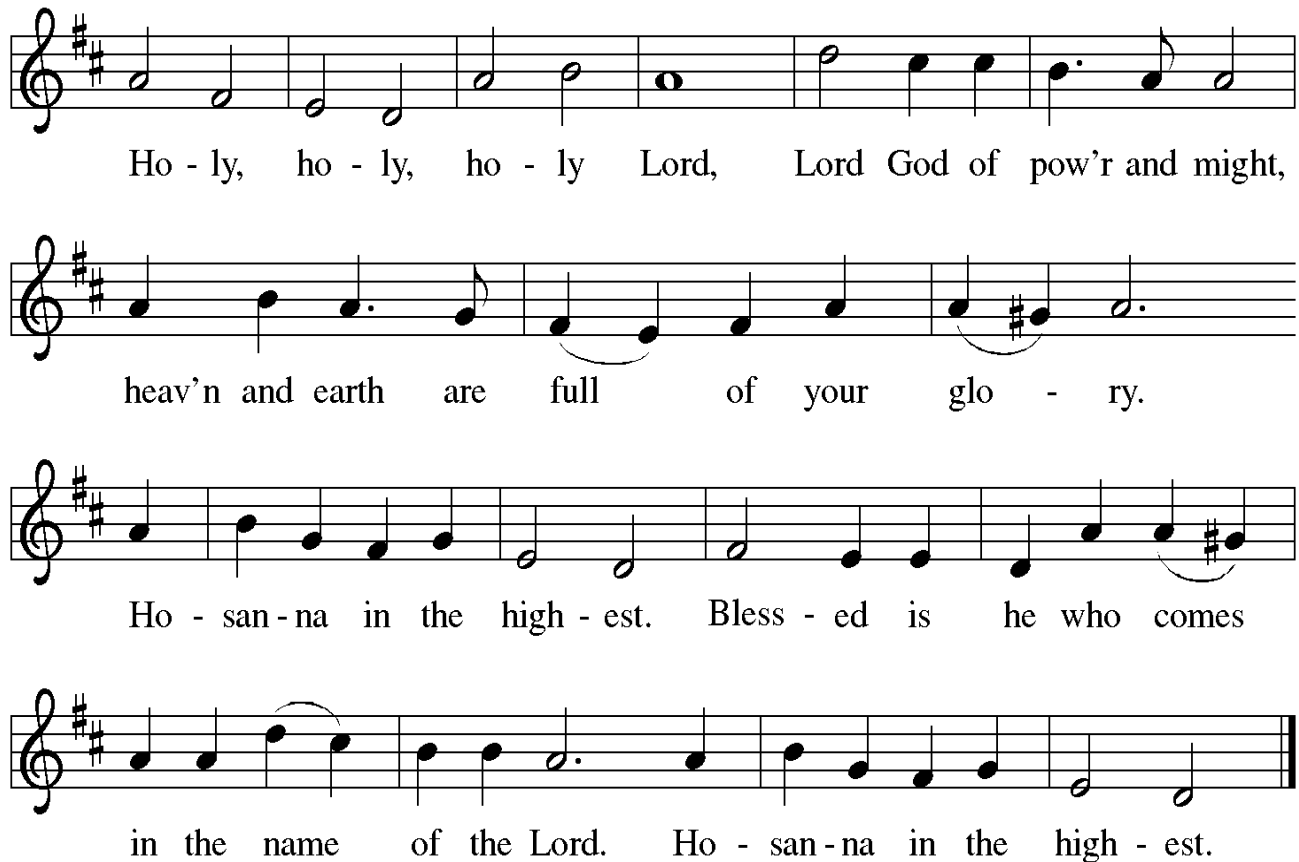
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

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

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW 464

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

*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**

Evening and Morning

ELW 761
(verses 1 and 4)

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Brandon Michaels

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

VIOLINIST

Kristine Boike

LECTORS

John and Shirley Kostelny

COMMUNION MINISTER

Carrie Watkiss

ACOLYTE

Ben Myers

GREETERS

Ann Kmet and Vicki Michaels

USHERS

Walter Cudecki and Gregg Valek

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Janice Hapgood

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering February 9th, 2020

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2019:</i>	\$2,597.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$0.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$0.00

2020 offering envelopes are still available for pick-up in the lower hallway. Please pick up envelopes for friends and relatives. Karen in the office will be glad to mail envelopes to those who cannot make arrangements for their envelope pick-up.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATION

Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546

Saturday, February 18

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.



Coffee hour hosts are welcome! A sign-up page is available on the board at the kitchen serving window in the dining hall for hosting Sunday morning coffee hours. Hands-on orientation for hosting these events will be provided by Janet Broussard, Ann Head or Sue Skudrna. Please speak with any of the three for further information.

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 16

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, FEBRUARY 17

6:30 PM	“Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30 PM	Congregation Council Meeting
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

11:00 AM	AA Big Book Study Group Meeting
6:00 PM	Doors Open for Mardi Gras and Talent Night
7:00 PM	AA Group Meeting

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, FEBRUARY 23

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, FEBRUARY 24

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

Elaine Haase, 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*), **Sandy Rossella** (*sister-in-law of Mary Jo Meyers*), **Denise Fricano** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Sue Doyle** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **Wally Bisping** (*friend of Charlene Patula*), **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 Mabrigio** (*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 given in memory of **+Martin Selecky+**, his parents **+Mary+ and +Martin Selecky, Sr.,** and sister **+Anna Dzurja+**. 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 **+Lawrence Bakalich+**, husband of Ruth and father of Bruce, Brian and Craig, who passed from this life on February 8th and was buried from the church this past Thursday. We share the grief of Larry's loved ones but find solace and hope in the promise of the cross and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Mardi Gras and Talent Night

The 9th Annual Fund-Raiser
Benefitting Summer Youth Service Projects
and the Church General Fund.

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020

Doors Open at 6 p.m.

6:30 p.m., Food Served

7:30 p.m., Talent Show

Adults: \$15.00

12 and under: \$5.00

Includes Mardi Gras Food and the Show.

If interested in sharing your talents, please contact
John Broussard or Brandon Michaels.

Entertainment provided by talent
from the congregation and communities.
Pinata for the children!



The Holy Season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 26th. A spoken Liturgy of the Word with Imposition of Ashes will be offered at noon and a Liturgy of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes will be held at 7:15 p.m. Lenten Vespers and supper will be hosted every Wednesday in Lent. Vespers (Holden Evening Prayer) is sung at 7:15 p.m., preceded by Supper at 6:30 p.m.