Sunday, January 12, 2025 Baptism of Our Lord Holy Communion * stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart. Frederick C. Atkinson arr. Mark Hayes

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. C- Amen.

P- Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P- Merciful God, C- you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

P- God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. C- Amen.

GATHERING SONG Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (ELW 445)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



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GREETING (ELW p. 138)

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.**

***KYRIE**



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P- 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.

C- Amen.

The assembly is seated.

<u>WORD</u>

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.

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, word of life. *The assembly responds:*

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon: ⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore. ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

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.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them

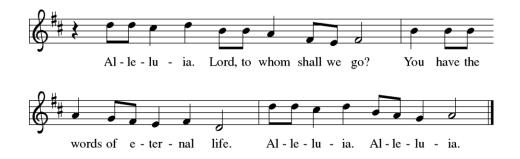
that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The reading may be concluded:

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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 is announced.

P- The holy gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C- Glory to you, O Lord.

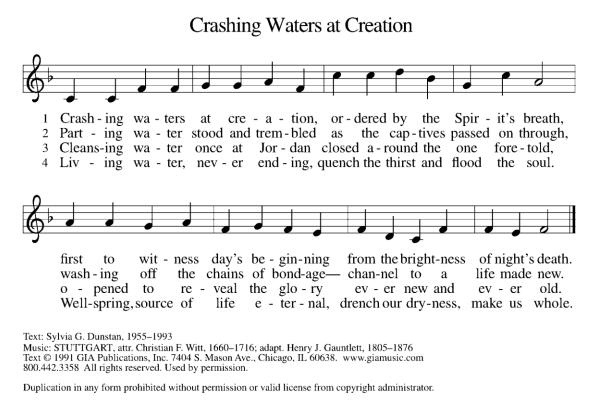
P-¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The gospel concludes:

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

SERMON *The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY Crashing Waters at Creation (ELW 455)



ALL- *APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

P- With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P- You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace, **C- hear our prayer.**

P- Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans (*local bodies of water may be named*). Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace, **C- hear our prayer.**

P- You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace, **C- hear our prayer.**

P- You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery (*especially*). Accompany individuals and

families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace, **C- hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P- You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,

C- hear our prayer.

P- We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C- Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P- The peace of Christ be with you always.

C- And also with you.

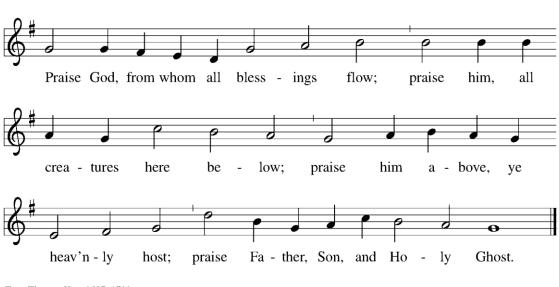
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL_

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (ELW 884)



Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar prayer.

Let us pray.

P- God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **C- Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE Spoken

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

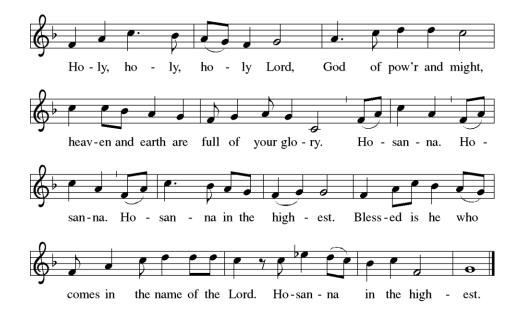
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P- 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.

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

P- 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.C- Come, Lord Jesus.

P- 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.
C- Come, Holy Spirit.

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

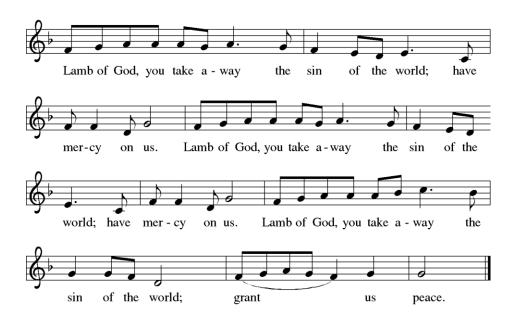
ALL_LORD'S PRAYER

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

P- The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

***COMMUNION SONG**



COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

P- The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *and each person may respond*

Amen. *The ministers commune either after or before others commune.*

***TABLE BLESSING**

The presiding minister says a table blessing, and the assembly responds P- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C- Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

Let us pray. P- Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen. C- Amen.

SENDING_

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

BLESSING

P- The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. C- Amen.

SENDING SONG Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt. Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

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DISMISSAL

P- Go in peace. Live in hope. C- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE- On "Deo Gracias" arr. Edward Broughton

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Important Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

Prayer Requests – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to the person leading service prior to start of service.

Pastoral Coverage –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request. If you and/or a family member are ill at home and not able to attend church, please contact the church office so that Pastor Marie can bring communion to your home.

Reminder: Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance for Jan. 5, 2025 53 in person, 286 views and 2 shares as of Jan 9, 2025.

On the first weekend of every month there will be a donation collected for Helping Harvest. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the Pottsville Soup Kitchen after they closed.

The annual Mitten Tree will be in the narthex during the Advent and Christmas seasons to accept donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, hats, and any other appropriate items. The items will be divided between Servants to All and Schuylkill Hope Center (formerly Women in Crisis.)

Annual report articles are due in the office no later than January 15. Thank you, Linda

Birthday cards: Earl Epting will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Jan. 19th. Please send cards to: Earl Epting, 1104 Berne Drive, Auburn, PA 17922

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 15 Annual Report articles

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK: <u>This will be reported next week.</u> 2024 weekly envelope and plate budget: \$3,281.21

<u>"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"</u>

<u>Today:</u> 10:30 am Worship Service <u>Monday:</u> Prayer Shawl <u>Thursday:</u> 6 pm Bell rehearsal <u>Next Sunday:</u> 10:30 am Worship Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17 Tues: Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21 Wed: Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36 Thu: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24 Fri: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7 Sat: Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 4:1-4; Luke 11:14-23

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 10:30 am Bennett Platt Acolyte: 10:30 am Grayson Rollman Lector: 10:30 am Debbie Hummel Ushers: 10:30 am Donald Mairose Counting Team: Debbie Hummel, Troy Hollenbach Communion Assistants: 10:30 am Troy Hollenbach

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday Office closed for lunch 12 pm until 12:30 pm Church Telephone 570-754-7350 www.SummerHillLutheran.org – Church's website Facebook: St Paul Lutheran Church, Summer Hill Student Loan Committee email: stpaulsummerhill.studentloan@gmail.com

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Phillips, Stacey Rao, John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Brian Hunsberger, Cathy Moran, Diane Werner, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary. Peggy Davis, Harry Russell, Carol Beenick, Brittany & Joshua Gallagher, Shawnette Keller, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Betty Fromm Yarnell, Kermit Snyder, Paulette White, Joseph and Linda Catizone, Don MacIntyre, Maxine Vanst, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Mitchell Moore, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.