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Second Sunday after Epiphany

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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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

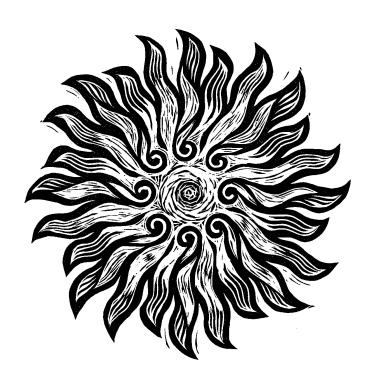
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P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

| | BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | BAPTISMS |
|----|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
| Tuesday January 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, January 29. 2023 10:30 | | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
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Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

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You are our dearest treasure!

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For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

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Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
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 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| Sunday, January 29. 2023 10:30 | | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson |
| Custodian | Dianna Streletz |

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Reverend James Heckman, Bridge Pastor 267-664-3160/ bridgepastor.ELD@gmail.com

January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:
<u>www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran</u>
<u>www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran</u>

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
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- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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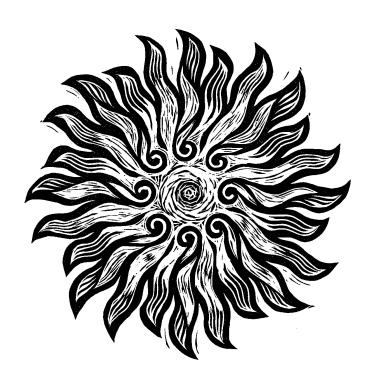
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Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
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C: Amen.

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C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

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For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

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Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

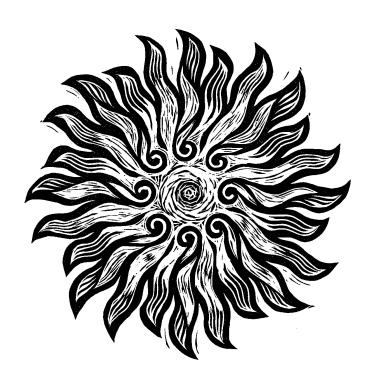
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Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

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For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
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| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
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Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
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Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
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Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

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Invitation to Communion

P: Come and taste the joy of God.

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Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
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- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
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January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
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Reverend James Heckman, Bridge Pastor 267-664-3160/ bridgepastor.ELD@gmail.com

January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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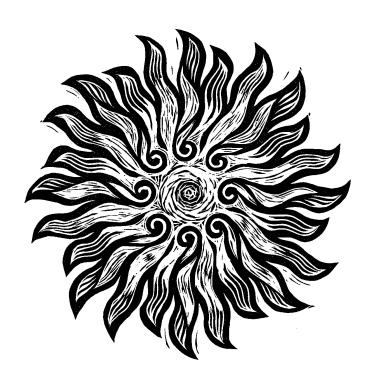
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- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

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P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My SongELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

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Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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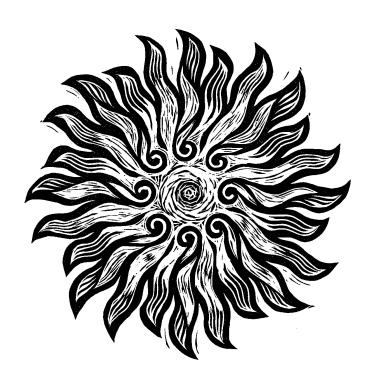
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C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My SongELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

| | BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | BAPTISMS |
|----|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
| Tuesday January 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, January 29. 2023 10:30 | | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson |
| Custodian | Dianna Streletz |

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January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
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Greeting

P: 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.

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Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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(Please be Seated)

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Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

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Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

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Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
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 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
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Introduction to Worship

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Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
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Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

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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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

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P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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|----|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
| Tuesday January 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, January 29. 2023 10:30 | | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

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Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

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For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
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(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

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Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

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For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
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Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
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- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
| Tuesday January 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, January 29. 2023 10:30 | | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson |
| Custodian | Dianna Streletz |

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January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

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(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

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P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
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For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

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Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

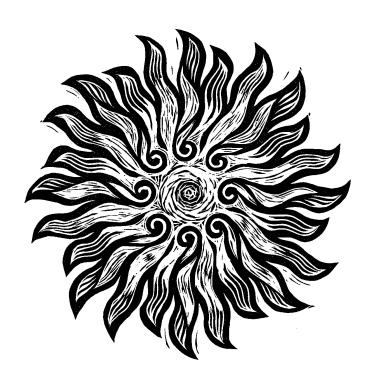
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P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

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Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| Sunday, January 29. 2023 | 10:30 AM | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman | | |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams | | |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana | | |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman | | |
| Lector | Ken Anderson | | |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family | | |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick | | |
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Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
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Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
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C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
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Invitation to Communion

P: Come and taste the joy of God.

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Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
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Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
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| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
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Reverend James Heckman, Bridge Pastor 267-664-3160/ bridgepastor.ELD@gmail.com

January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:
www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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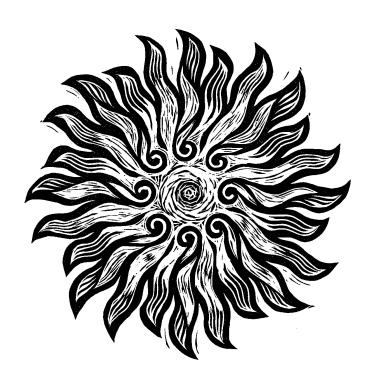
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 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

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P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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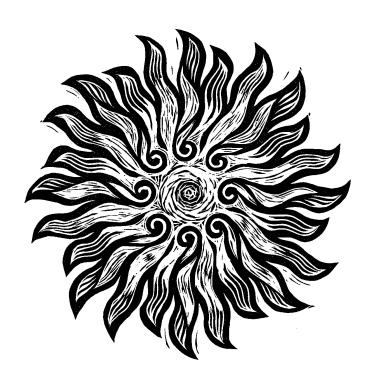
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C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

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Invitation to Communion

P: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My SongELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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|----|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

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Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson |
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Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:
<u>www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran</u>
<u>www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran</u>

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
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Greeting

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Hymn of Praise



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Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

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Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

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 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
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Introduction to Worship

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Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

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For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
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Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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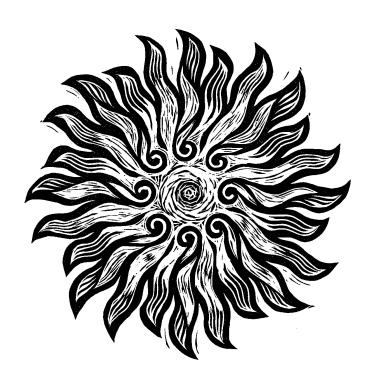
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John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
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 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

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P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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| | | Church |
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| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
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Dan Emr

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Please lift up in prayer the following:



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Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

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For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

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Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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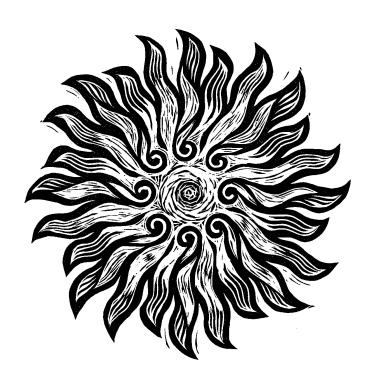
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P: Come and taste the joy of God.

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Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
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C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931 Text © 1987 Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Tr. © 1970 Stephen Somerville, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

| | BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | BAPTISMS |
|----|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
| Tuesday January 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, January 29. 2023 10:30 | | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson |
| Custodian | Dianna Streletz |

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Reverend James Heckman, Bridge Pastor 267-664-3160/ bridgepastor.ELD@gmail.com

January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:
www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



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 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
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 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

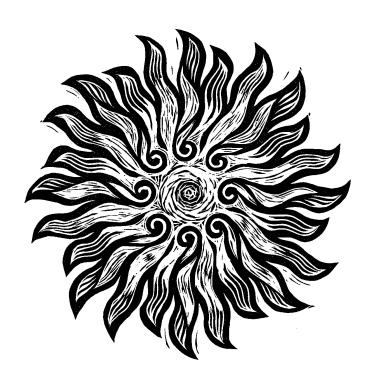
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P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

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For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
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 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

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P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

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P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

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For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
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Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
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Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
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Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
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Invitation to Communion

P: Come and taste the joy of God.

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Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
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C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| Sunday, January 29. 2023 10:30 | | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson |
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Reverend James Heckman, Bridge Pastor 267-664-3160/ bridgepastor.ELD@gmail.com

January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My SongELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My SongELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

| | BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | BAPTISMS |
|----|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
| Tuesday January 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, January 29. 2023 10:30 | | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson |
| Custodian | Dianna Streletz |

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January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:

www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran
www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

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Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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(Please be Seated)

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Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

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L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

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Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
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 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
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Introduction to Worship

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Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
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Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

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P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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

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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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
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Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

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P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

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P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My SongELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

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Dan Emr

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Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

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For those who are Homebound:

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Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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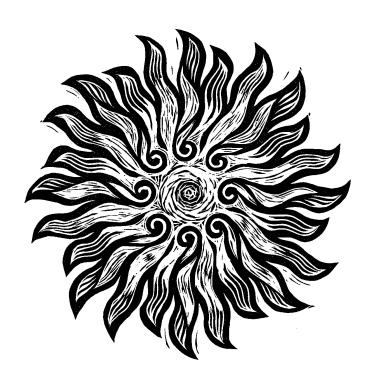
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 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
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C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My SongELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
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 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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|----|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| Sunday, January 29. 2023 | 10:30 AM | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
| Lector | Ken Anderson |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson |
| Custodian | Dianna Streletz |

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Reverend James Heckman, Bridge Pastor 267-664-3160/ bridgepastor.ELD@gmail.com

January 15, 2023 - 10:30 AM



Second Sunday after Epiphany

You can find the live stream at the following locations:
<u>www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran</u>
<u>www.youtube.com/@DurhamLutheran</u>

Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ⊕ Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 1, 2.....ELW #308

- O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Greeting

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
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- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

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 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
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- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
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- Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying! In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav'nly joy you bless us

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Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

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(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. 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.

L: The First Reading is from the Forty-ninth chapter of 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."

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11

I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

- L: ¹I waited patiently up- on the Lord, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
- C: ²The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
- L: ³The Lord 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.

- C: ⁴Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.
- L: ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- pared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.
- C: ⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.
- L: ⁷And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C: 8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"
- L: ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.
- C: ¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.
- L: ¹¹You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 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.

L: The Second Reading is from the first chapter of 1 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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand)



The Holy Gospel - John 1:29-42

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to John: C: 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).

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, vs. 3,4.....ELW #308

3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.

Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.

You are our dearest treasure!

Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!

For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

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P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

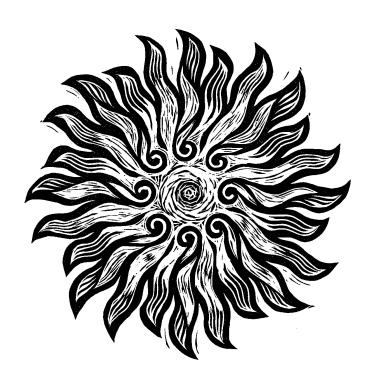
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C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

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4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

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Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
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Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

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P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

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Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

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P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

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C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
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- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

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| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
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| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER |
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| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

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For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman |
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| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family |
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You can find the live stream at the following locations:
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Introduction to Worship

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.

Prelude "For Unto Us a Child is Born" GF Handel, Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

- C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.
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4 Almighty Father, in your Son you loved us, when not yet begun was this old earth's foundation!

Your Son has ransomed us in love to live in him here and above: this is your great salvation.

Alleluia! Christ the living, to us giving life forever, keeps us yours and fails us never!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Nicene Creed

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. 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 in protecting local waterways (especially) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand

and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need (We pray especially for . . .). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

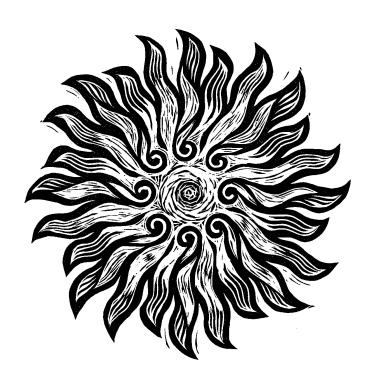
C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Choir Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light WOV #649



Offertory - "Let the Vineyards"



Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Prayer

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen.

HE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU

C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface (spoken by Pastor)



Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence n the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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: Come and taste the joy of God.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)



Hymn during Distribution - We Walk by FaithELW #635

- We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
 O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
- For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
- And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.



Table Blessing (spoken by pastor – Congregation remain seated)



Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you

C: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ⊕ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sending Song - Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My SongELW #808

- Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant, to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931 Text © 1987 Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Tr. © 1970 Stephen Somerville, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Dismissal.

P: Go in peace. . Follow the way of Jesus C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Good Christian Men Rejoice" Arr. Gordon Young

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

| | BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | BAPTISMS |
|----|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (84th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel (Crouse) McAlister | | |

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| | | Worship & Music committee after church |
| | 1:00 PM | Human Trafficking Awareness event at |
| | | St. Peter's Riegelsville |
| Wednesday, January 18, 2023 | 7:00 PM | PALM meeting at Upper Tinicum Lutheran |
| | | Church |
| Saturday, January 21, 2023 | 8:00 AM - | Generosity And Vitality In The NOW |
| | 4:00 PM | Normal @ Trinity Lansdale |
| | | https://ministrylink.org/2023-generosity- |
| | | extravaganza/ |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Activity | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Sunday January 22, 2022 | 10:30 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWLETTER | |
| Tuesday January 24, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Finance Committee Meeting | |
| Sunday, January 29. 2023 | 10:30 AM | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | |
| | | DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS | |

January Outreach- The offering envelopes are being collected for the AHUB homeless shelter. We are also collecting peanut butter, jelly, and personal / household cleaning products. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to donate an Outreach Basket. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.



January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month



Dan Emr

Please join us at this very important free seminar today, **Sunday**, **January 15**th **at 1:00 pm** at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville.

Presented by Dan Emr, Founder and Executive Director of Worthwhile Wear, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, housing, restorative services and community support to survivors of human trafficking in Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Please lift up in prayer the following:



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Melissa

Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Jeffrey Tapler

Helping in Worship

| Preacher | Rev. James Heckman | | |
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| Organist/Choir Director | Carolyn Williams | | |
| Acolyte | Addyson Mammana | | |
| Altar | Barb Naska & LeaAnn Kressman | | |
| Lector | Ken Anderson | | |
| Greeters | Kathryn Wagner & Family | | |
| Communion Usher | Mark Harwick | | |
| Council Counting Team | Mark Harwick & Val McGinn | | |
| Administration & Technology | Ken Anderson | | |
| Custodian | Dianna Streletz | | |