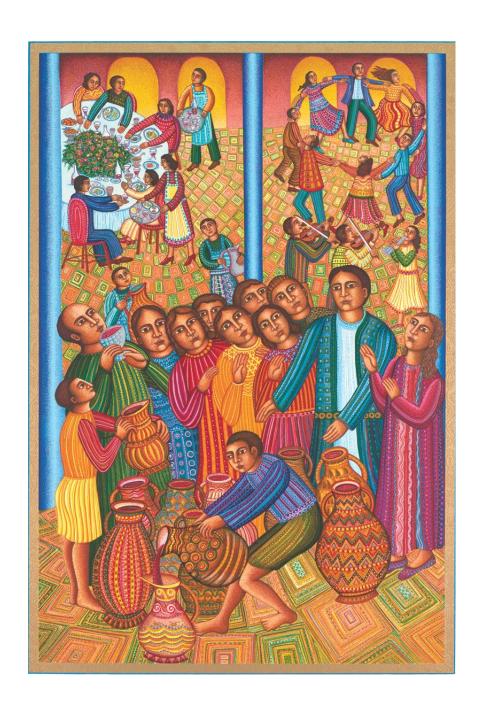
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



January 19, 2025
SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in

Nave

9:00am | Choir Practice

9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Forum

10:30am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave and Online

11:30am | Coffee Hour

LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

WEEKLY UPDATE NEWSLETTER

Sign up for Weekly Update newsletter by going to our website at <u>www.stpaularlington.org</u> and clicking on SUBSCRIBE.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY ARE:

Kelly Oliver, Altar Guild

Adelaide N. and Mikayla N., Acolytes

Peter Hedlund, Lector

Sandy Walker, Deacon

Bev Hjorth, Cantor

Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, Usher

Matt Carter, Livestream Broadcast

Peter and Hollie Schmidt and Lisa Chiulli Lay, Coffee Guild

Cover Art: John August Swanson (b. 1938) Wedding Feast, 1996

When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable. At the \boxtimes , you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism. The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude from "Premier Livre de Pieces d'Orgue"

J. F. Dandrieu (1682-1738)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst, we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN

"All are Welcome" ELW 641

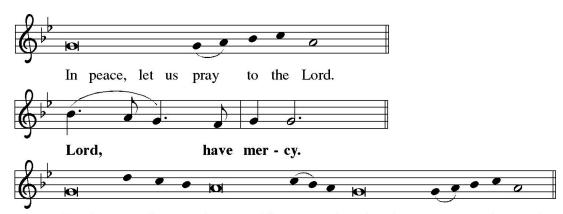


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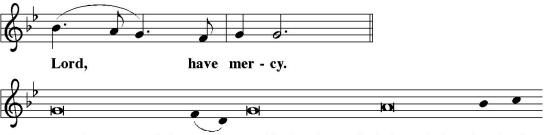
*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

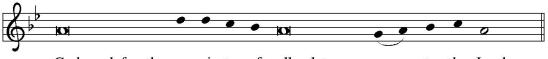
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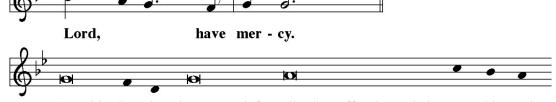
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



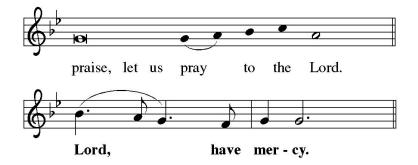
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

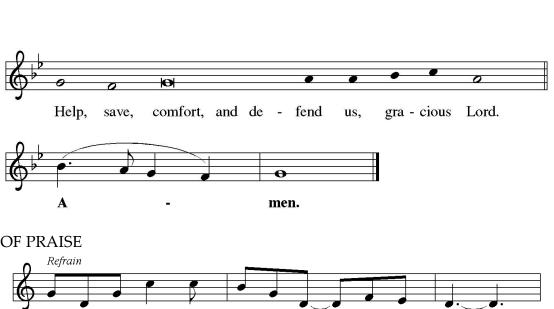


God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

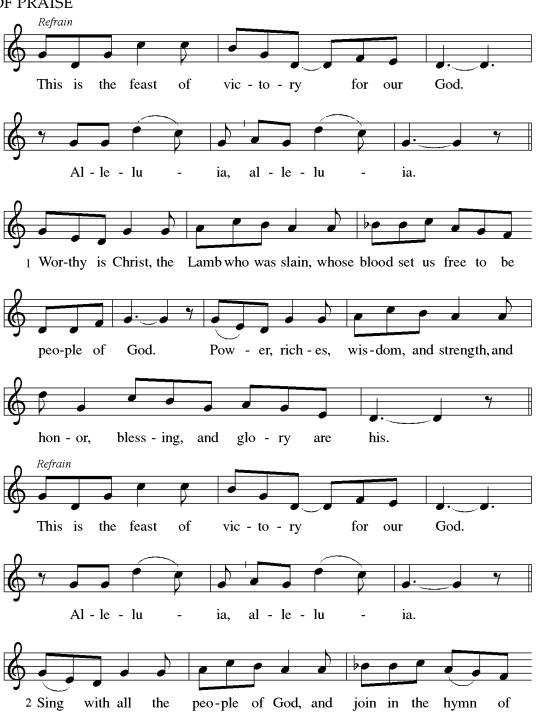


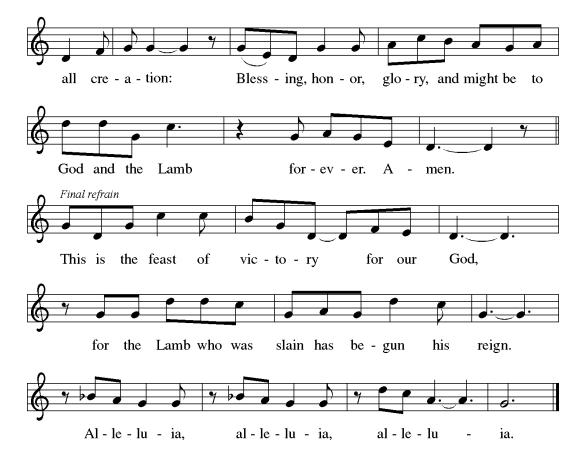
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and





HYMN OF PRAISE





* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1—5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,

and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

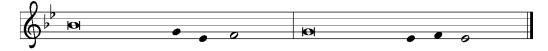
For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (read responsively 8:15 am service)

Psalm 36:5-10



Your love, O Lord, reaches † to the heavens, and your faithfulness † to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep; you save humankind and ani- | mals, O Lord.

How priceless is your | love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance 'of your house; you give them drink from the river of 'your delights.

For with you is the 'well of life, and in your light 'we see light.

Continue your lovingkindness to ' those who know you, and your favor to those who are ' true of heart.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1—11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of

healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (10:30 service)



The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

* GOSPEL

Othere. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Ross Goodman

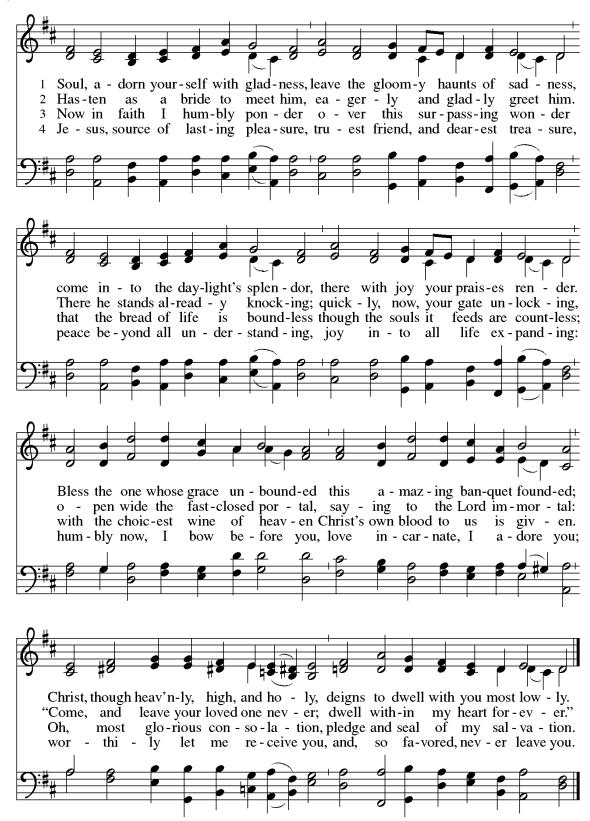
John 2:1—11

SERMON Pastor Ross Goodman

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

ELW 488



Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

APOSTLE'S CREED

In response to the gospel, let us confess the faith of the church:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The leader will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read aloud the other prayers as they feel called.

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

A brief silence

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need, especially Dan, Lynn, Meredith, Owen, Paul, and Susan. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bread of life, you feed the hungry in body and spirit. Give sustenance to all who cry for help, especially in Syria, Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and all places experiencing violence. Bring hope and healing to all who lost loved ones and homes in the Los Angeles wildfires. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints, especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

* PEACE Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

"Open My Eyes"

Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)

Let us not deceive ourselves, so that the truth can dwell in us.
Let us not deceive ourselves, so that His word is in us.
Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth You have for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall lock and set me free.
Metanoia (Repent, change your heart, change your heart and mind)

Silently now, on bended knee,
I wait your will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit Divine!
Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth You have for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall lock and set me free.

MEAL

* OFFERING PRAYER

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight.

The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.

Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.

OFFERING



You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning this QR code.

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

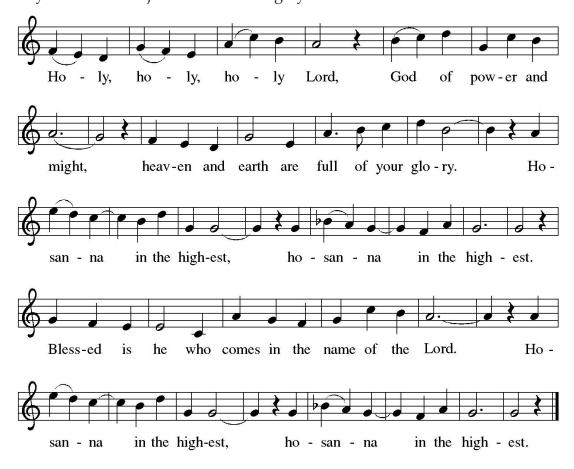
And also with you.

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, into the future.

We praise you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

We praise you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering, within this meal, among your people, throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

* LORD'S PRAYER

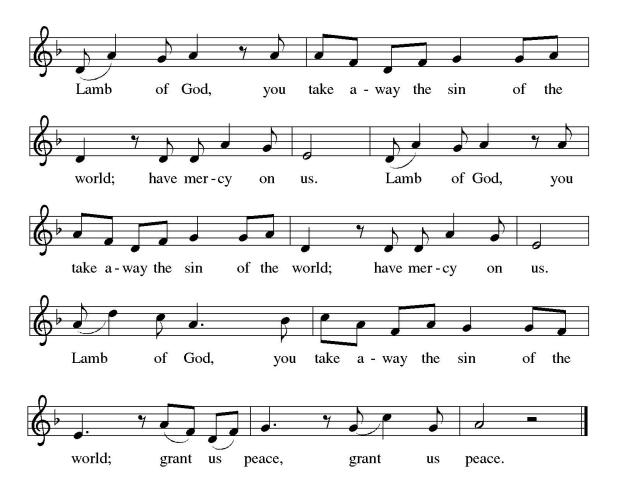
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

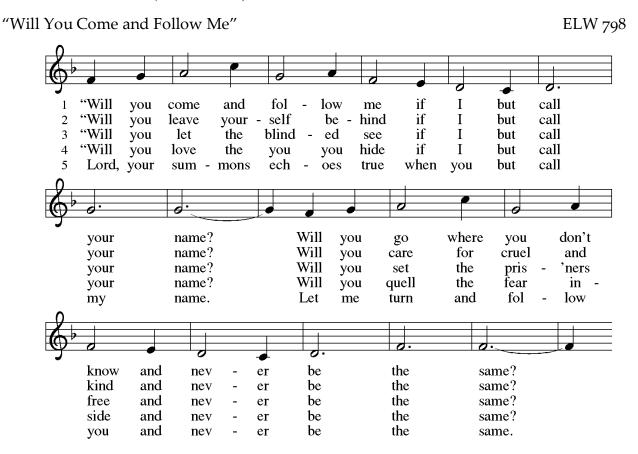
COMMUNION

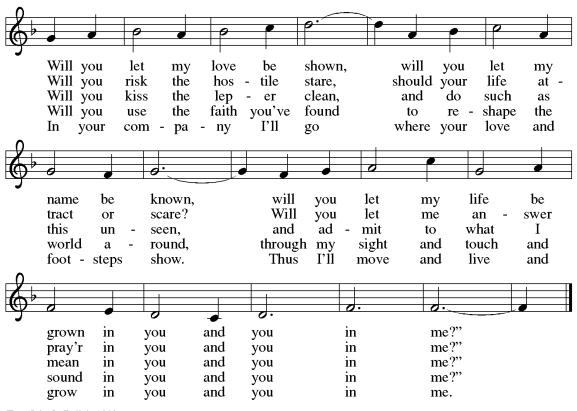
All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available in each tray.

Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.



COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 service)





Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

* TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God,

we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.

Strengthened by the goodness,

Send us forth to announce your peace,

comfort the afflicted,

and share the good news of great joy.

Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

The God of love,
Father,

Fon and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING HYMN





Text: Johan Kahl, 1721–1746; Finnish tr. Halullisten Sjelujen Hengelliset Laulut, 1790; English tr. Ernest E. Ryden, 1886–1981, alt. Music: NYT YLÖS, SIELUNI, Finnish folk tune

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwell in you richly. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Grand Jeu from "Premier Livre de Pieces d'Orgue"

J. F. Dandrieu (1682-1738)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING HAPPENINGS at **SAINT PAUL**



ANNUAL MEETING | January 26, after the 10:30 service.

If you would like to be sent a digital copy of the Annual Report, please email Jennifer White, Parish Administrator at parishadmin@stpaularlington.org. There will be printed copies available on January 19 and 26. A summary of the Church constitution process will be available next Thursday and at the meeting.

SOCIAL MINISTRY'S NEXT MEETING | January 19, after the 10:30 service

The next meeting of Social Ministry Committee is January 19, 2025 after the 10:30 service in classroom 6, upstairs. This committee is open to anyone who wishes to participate - please consider joining us!

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is receiving donations in response to the Los Angeles County wildfires. Donate by visiting their website: https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response/our-impact/us-wildfires.

ADULT FORUMS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

January 2, 12, 19

Bonhoeffer Series with Clifford Green. January 5: Being a Disciple in the Community of Jesus, January 12: Bonhoeffer's Peace Ethic, January 19: Worldly Christianity

<u>January 26:</u> Pastoral Transition Process

February 2, 9, 16

Sharing Our Faith led by Vicar Sam. February 2: Sharing our stories of faith. February 9: Proclaiming our faith in the church. February 16: Considering evangelism in a Lutheran context in the twenty-first century.

GATHER GROUPS FORMING | Starting in January 2025



We are forming Gather Groups, a great way to get to know other people in the church. These groups can meet January through June at members' homes, outdoor spaces, or anywhere else Sign up with QR code or with the sign up sheet in the Upper Narthex.

SEEKING NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We are looking to revive our nursery program at St. Paul. While we look for a regular attendant, please consider helping out by volunteering during one of the Advent Services. Talk to Sarah or Signup here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAA2DA4FE3-53555701-nursery. This is open to our adult and teen members of our congregation.

ARLINGTON EATS | January needs

- Jams/Jellies (low sugar is a great option!)
- Honey
- Almond butter
- Sun butter
- Dish soap



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