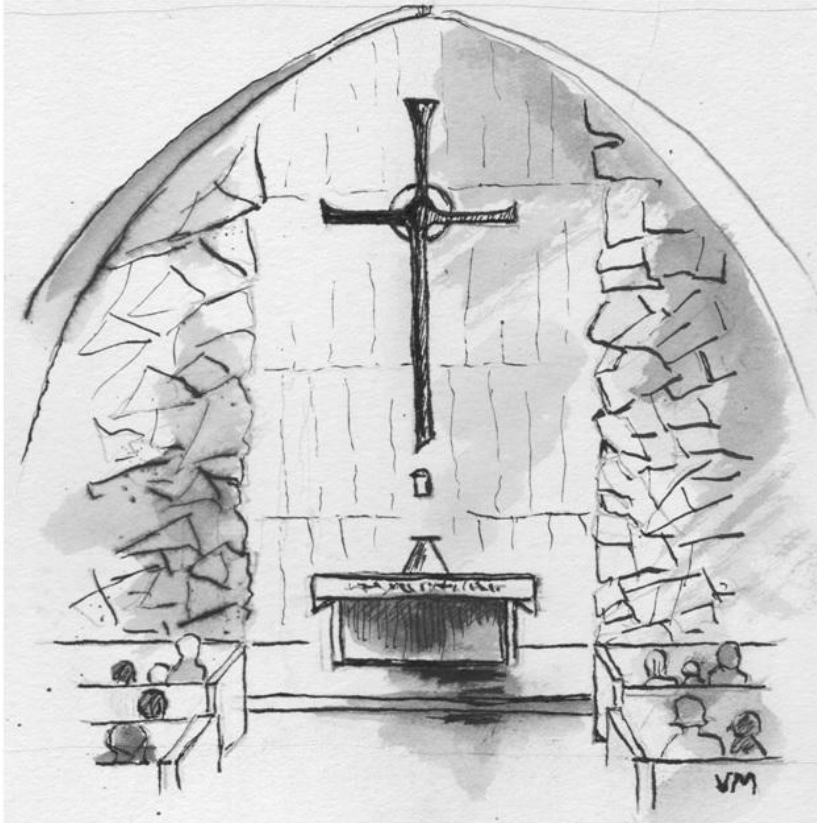


SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

9:30 A.M. EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Our Mission Statement

We believe that God is healing and restoring the world, and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.

Welcome to St. Pauls! We are grateful for your prayers and presence on this day in the life of the parish community. We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. We use wine in the cup. Intinction, which is also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not practiced here. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of your chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread. Gluten free is available.

We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

Serving Today:

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Presider and Preacher

Music Director

Cantor:

Eucharistic Minister:

Eucharistic Visitors:

Acolyte:

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Greeters:

Lectors:

Counters:

The Reverend David Walker

J.J. Cully

Alec McDougall

Judy Smith

Acacia McDermott & Dan Niven

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Roland Crudder

Grace Kamano, Roland and Kassian Crudder

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St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list. Please email Acacia McDermott at redwoodam@proton.me

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HEADPHONES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE,
PLEASE SEE A GREETER.

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Opening Bell

Welcome and Announcements..... *Presider*

PreludeLamb of God..... Arr. Joel Raney

Opening Hymn Isaiah 49



1. I will nev - er for - get - you, my peo - ple;
2. Does a moth - er for - get her ba - by?



1. I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
2. Or a wom - an the child with - in her womb?



1. I will nev - er for - get you; I will not leave you
2. Yet e - ven if these for - get, yes, e - ven if



1. or - phaned. I will nev - er for - get my own.
2. these for - get, I will nev - er for - get my own.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Front of the Blue Hymnal

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

A Reading From Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen 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.
He 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.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But 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."
And 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--

“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;

Thus 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.”

People: Thanks be to God.

Be - hold, ————— I come to do your will, O God.

1. I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry.
He 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.
2. In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you);
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, “Behold, I come.
3. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: ‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’”
I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold I did not restrain my lips;
and that O Lord, you know.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To 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:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn Just As I am Hymn 693

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 1:29-42

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I 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.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When 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?” He 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. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He 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).

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

**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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

Presider: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our presiding bishop, and Philip, our bishop, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Leader: Let us pray for the search process for our congregations;

Eternal Guide, please watch over our steps as the congregations of Resurrección and Saint Paul's walk the path of selecting a new rector. Guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose a spiritual leader and pastor for us – a leader who will care for your people

and prepare us for our ministries. We ask that you bless them with insight, faithfulness, patience, and joy, so that they may truly hear your voice during their decision-making. Open the hearts of those who feel called to embark on this journey to an unfamiliar place, and walk with us as we trust in this process together. For the wonder of your love, Amen.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence.

Presider speaks an Absolution.

The Peace / La Paz

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. / La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.nn

People: And also with you. / Y con tu espíritu.

If you are worshiping with us virtually, use the chat function to “say” peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Offertory Behold the Lamb of God..... St. Paul's Choir, congregation sings the Refrain
V. 2-4 next page

1. Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb of God who carries our burden, who knows our pain, who bears the sins of the world.

Refrain

Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the
Lamb of God; Je - sus,
Je - sus is the Lamb of God.

to Verses 2-4
Fine

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G-clef and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff with notes and rests. Below the staff, the lyrics 'Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the' are written. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Lamb of God; Je - sus,'. The third staff concludes the phrase with 'Je - sus is the Lamb of God.' and ends with a double bar line. Above the first staff is the word 'Refrain'. To the right of the third staff, the text 'to Verses 2-4' and 'Fine' are written.

2. Surely he has borne our grief and carried the sorrows of us all. Struck down in our stead, rejected and scorned, and by his wounds we are healed.
3. Father, forgive them, they do not understand, they do not understand what they do.
4. The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of Christ, and he shall reign for endless days. Worthy is the lamb.

Your gifts are much appreciated.

If you are joining this live stream, you may mail your offering/pledge to 415 S. 18th Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at www.stpaulsmv.org

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen**

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to come forward for communion or blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. The assembly is invited to stand as they are able for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Intinction, also known as dipping the bread in the wine, is not practiced here. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms in front of our chest as the chalice bearer approaches. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread.

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

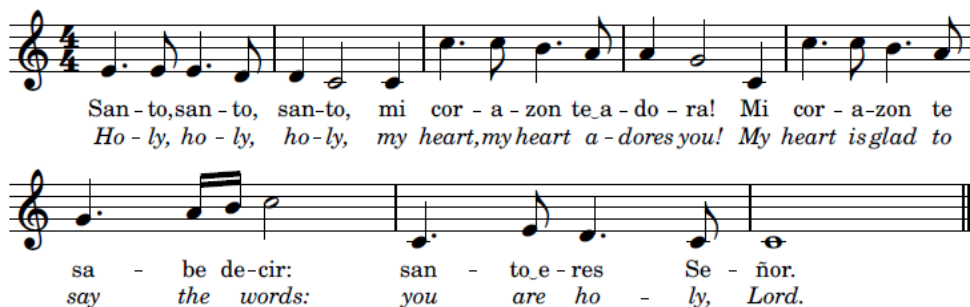
Presider: Let us give thanks to the One who created us.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Presider: Oh God, you are holy and gracious: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, our Rock and our Foundation.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Presider and People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

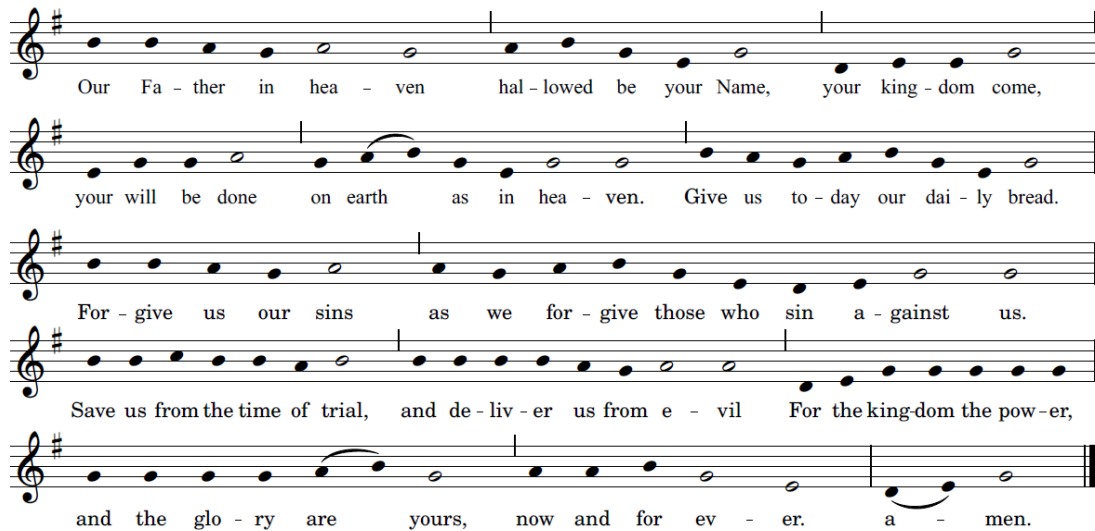
Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal Reign.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Most Blessed One, now and for ever.

Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

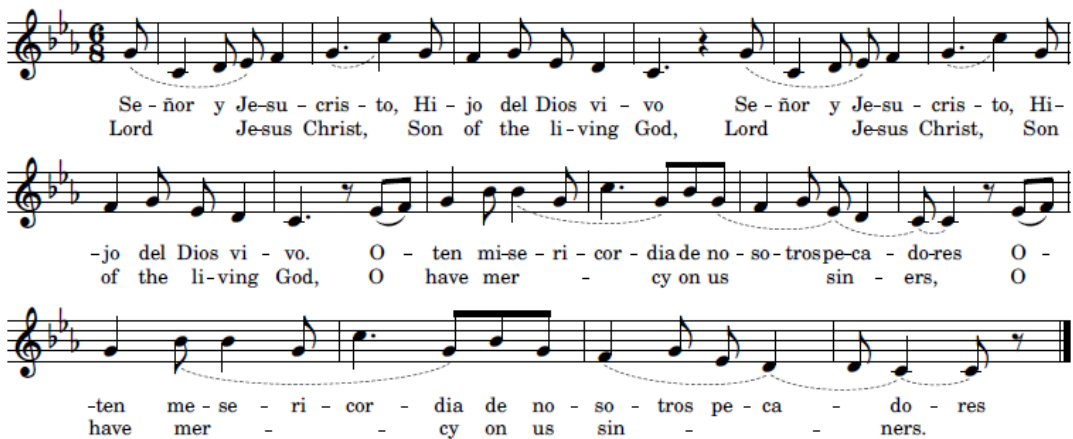


The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Hymn




Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated.

Those present, are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar at the direction of the usher. Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you. We share spiritual communion today.

Communion Hymn.....Behold the Lamb

Verses



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
 2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
 3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
 4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



1. sun - light; we who live, we who die are grate - ful for his
 2. stand - ing of the wheat, of the wine u - nit - ed with his
 3. ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who hun - ger for this
 4. e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that


Refrain



1. gift, thank - ful for his love. Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
 2. word and the love we share.
 3. feast; shel - ter them with peace.
 4. blow; cra - dle us with love.



God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,



all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo - ry.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

The Deacon sends forth the Eucharistic Visitors:

Deacon: We who are many are one body

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

Deacon: In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: As you have been fed, now feed others in the name of Christ.

Deacon: Our prayers go with you, go in peace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

People and Presider: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn..... How Great Thou Art



O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
When thru the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me
all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -
thun - der, Thy pow'r thru - out the un - i - verse dis - played! Then sings my
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
- ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God how great Thou art!
soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my
soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude.....How Deep the Father's Love with I Stand Amazed Arr. Tornquist

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Announcements and Opportunities

Take this page home with you to update your calendars.

Welcome to our guests: We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please put your name and contact information in our guest book so that we may get to know you

Potluck for Conversion of St. Paul Sunday

Sunday January 25 is the celebration of The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, our patron saint. There will be a potluck following the service hosted by Carolyn's Guild, dessert will be provided, please plan to bring your favorite potluck dish, main or side. There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is hosted by Margie Lauer and Sharon Rader. Stop in after worship for some coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall.

You can also sign up on the clipboard to host coffee hour. It doesn't have to be elaborate, just cookies and coffee are great! Contact Melissa Bird 306.622.1008 if you have questions.

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers this morning are from Sue Shepherd, in memory of Shep.

Sign up on the clipboard in the Parish Hall to bring flowers to enhance our worship space.

Contact Jen McCabe if you have questions, 209.251.3220.

SonShine Crafters!

The SonShine Crafters meet the first and third Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the church. Please join us for craft projects and fellowship. Bring a project, an idea, a friend. All are welcome.

Office Closure

The office will be closed Monday January 19 in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday.

Art in the Narthex

The art in the narthex is Needlepoint by Susan Sanderson. Thanks so much for sharing with us.

Do you have art you would like to display in the narthex? Religious or otherwise, we enjoy seeing what parishioners enjoy in their homes. It does not have to be your own artwork. It can be fiber, glass, paint, sculpture or whatever medium. Contact Val Aadsen (360-298-3675) for scheduling.

Other things to do to participate in our community

Check out the whiteboard in the narthex for other interesting events and happenings in the area.