

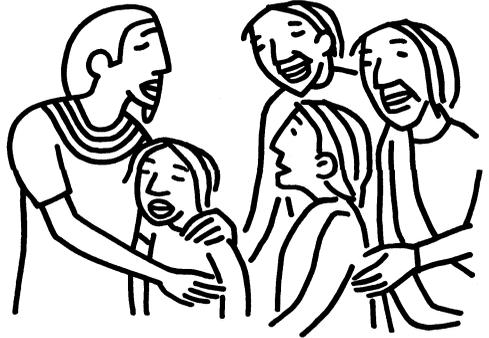
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**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany – February 20, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

**WELCOME** to Sunday Worship! May the joy, peace and holy wonder of the Incarnation be yours.

**THANK YOU** for joining us in our efforts to gather safely by wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, and sanitizing hands.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated in this worship service. All who desire to receive God's gifts of love, forgiveness, and grace through the presence of Jesus in bread and wine are welcome to participate. At the direction of an usher, proceed with an open hand to receive the bread and continue to the tray of cups filled with wine (red) or grape juice (white). You may remove your mask to eat and drink the elements as you receive them. Please replace your mask then place the empty cup in the available basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.



**OFFERINGS** to support the mission and ministry of St. Paul Lutheran Church may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the church either as you enter the church or as you leave. Electronic giving is also available. Use our email address of [office@stpaulcapeann.org](mailto:office@stpaulcapeann.org) to find us on PayPal or you can use our donation page on our website, <https://www.stpaulcapeann.org/donations/>.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Indicates congregation is to stand*

*Bold Print = Congregational Responses*

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

### PRELUDE

Guest musician - Hal Hirshon

### WELCOME

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.  
We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, that we may  
bathe in the glory of your Son and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake, God forgives us all our sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

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### Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## **\*GREETING**

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

**And also, with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,  
and like the green grass | fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight | in the LORD,  
who shall give you your | heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,  
and see what | God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light  
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds  
in | evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

<sup>10</sup>**In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**

<sup>11</sup>But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;  
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

<sup>39</sup>**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup>You, O LORD, will help them and | rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in  
you | they seek refuge.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke.  
**Glory to you oh Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

## Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## **\*NICENE CREED**

We are God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith:

**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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*A brief silence.*

You teach us to love our neighbors and enemies alike. Encourage your church to follow the leading of your love, especially when it is risky or difficult. Help us to show mercy just as we have first received mercy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture fields that lie dormant, resting until it is time to bloom again. Bless farmers and all who cultivate fields and urban gardens. Give favorable weather for planting. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest, and guard against famine and disease. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest. Release political prisoners and amplify the voices that challenge us to seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your people cry out for mercy. Console hearts that long for forgiveness. Mend broken relationships. Heal bodies that suffer chronic pain or illness. Strengthen and deliver all whose spirits are troubled especially those on our prayer list and those whose names we offer now and hold in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You bind us together into one family. Teach us to forgive one another and to resolve conflicts with humility and patience. Bless families of all shapes and sizes and show love to those who are lonely or grieving. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We praise you for the saints who have inherited the fullness of your kingdom. As you have raised them to imperishable and eternal life, sustain us in faith by the promise of resurrection. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **\*THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Worshippers may share a sign of peace with one another. Please refrain from touching those not in your household or moving about in the sanctuary)*

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God,  
**Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

### **\*THE 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.**

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy  
and might.

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.

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, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will  
rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy  
Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

Come to God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Guest musician - Hal Hirshon

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Blessed Assurance



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

### \*DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Guest musician - Hal Hirshon

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Preaching and Presiding:** Rev. LaDonna Thomas

**Music Director:** Ted Stoddard

**Guest Musician:** Hal Hirshon

**Eucharistic Minister:** Martha Lilja-Johnson

**Reader:** Don Johnson

**A/V:** Martha Lilja-Johnson

**Altar Set-up:** Anne Wheeler

**Usher:** Karen Rose

**Counters:** Anne Wheeler and Barbara Olson

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## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

March 2, 2022 is Ash Wednesday. Worship with the imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered at 12 Noon and 7:00 P.M.

### **LENTEN MID-WEEK EVENING GATHERINGS**

Plans are under way for mid-week evening gatherings on Thursdays, March 10 – April 7. The evening begins with soup and bread at 6:00 P.M. in the undercroft. Holden Evening Prayer and reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son begins at 6:45 P.M. in the sanctuary. We're looking for donations of crock pots of soup for each week. A sign-up sheet for donations is located in the Undercroft and will also be available electronically from the FYI.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Join Pastor LaDonna and others of our beloved community in a Wednesday noontime Bible Study. The Zoom details are below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85929904559?pwd=ZWpNc1dRL3I4SXJkdkcVUnUweHRHUT09>

Meeting ID: **859 2990 4559**

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## **PASTOR LADONNA'S OFFICE HOURS**

Mondays Noon - 2:00 P.M. and by appointment

Pastor LaDonna can be reached at 717-688-0652 or by email at [pastor@stpaulcapeann.org](mailto:pastor@stpaulcapeann.org).

## **PRAYER LISTS**

**Please keep these people in your prayers for healing throughout the week:** Daneen R., Sonny M., Tasha R., Willy G., Brian D., Judith O., for a Family in need of prayers, Kathryn, Bob S., Liana W., Bruce G., Jim S., Judy M., John B., Judy R., Roger K., Ellen R., Barbara U., Doug G., Judy K., Dan W., Josh M., Dan W., John M., Mark R., Jinny C., Stan F., Ray R., Christine K., Luna C.

**Armed services:** Josh Coakley, Stephanie Norberg, Brian Misuraca, Christian DiGregorio, John Korpi III, Danny Hill, Rachel Misuraca Lewin, Zach Hafey, and Tony Favalora