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Second Sunday after Epiphany - January 16, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME to Sunday Worship! May the joy, peace and holy wonder of the Incarnation be yours. We gather every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for worship. We invite you to join us!

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 as you leave. Electronic giving is also available. Use our email address of 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

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism – today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

PRELUDE

Andante tranquillo
Prelude on 'St. Anne'

Felix Mendelssohn
C. S. Lang

WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
**for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly,
calling forth life in which you took delight.**
Oceans and lakes praise you; rivers and streams bless you.
All life is sustained by you, our Source.
We praise you for Christ, firstborn from the dead,
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,

**bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.
Here, death is washed away forever.
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life
with leaves for the healing of the world.**

**Pour your Holy Spirit on this assembly,
into this community, and throughout all creation.
Cleanse us from our fears and wash away our divisions.
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN** *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* ELW 531
(Not available for supplying in bulletin)

***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.

**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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore 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.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God

*GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel According to St. John.
Glory to you O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they

took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and 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.” ¹¹Jesus 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.

THE SERMON

The Rev. LaDonna Thomas

We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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*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.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day especially those on our prayer list and those whose names we offer now, silently or aloud... Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. 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)

***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.

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, 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**

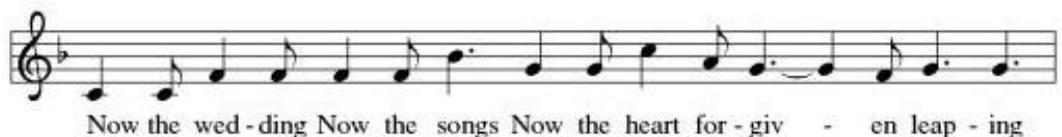
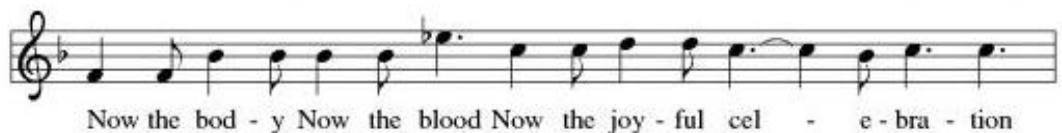
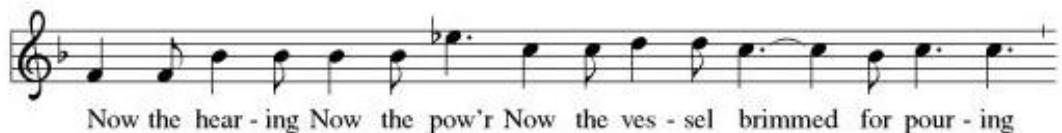
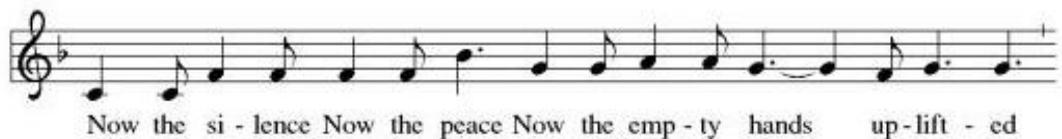
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

Now the Silence



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***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.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. 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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praeludium

Heinrich Scheidemann

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching and Presiding: Rev. LaDonna Thomas

Music Director: Ted Stoddard

Eucharistic Minister: Martha Lilja Johnson

Reader: Deb Coull

Usher: Bill Ellis

A/V: Martha Lilja Johnson

Altar Care: Joanne Peterson

Counters: Dave Stowell & Nancy McKay

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NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALEDARS - ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2022, immediately after the Sunday service. The snow date is January 30, 2022. Additional details will be made available in the bulletin and in the weekly FYI as the time draw near.

WELCOME!

We are glad you joined us today. If you are new to St. Paul Lutheran Church and would like to learn more about us and our activities, please feel free to pick up one of our church directories available at the back of the church and/or go to our website and sign up for our weekly FYI Newsletter.
<https://www.stpaulcapeann.org/sign-up-for-our-newsletter/>

MID-WEEK SPIRITUAL REFUELING - BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor LaDonna and others of our beloved community in a Wednesday, noontime Bible Study, beginning this Wednesday, January 12th. We will meet over Zoom, so this can be a mid-week, mid-day break to enjoy fellowship and conversation. *The Zoom will open at noon, but we won't start our study until 12:15*, in case some are on their lunch break and need to grab a quick

bite to eat beforehand (or you're welcome to eat your lunch during the study). We'll conclude by 1:00 p.m. We'll use one or more of the Scriptures from the previous Sunday's Worship as a basis for our study. This week it will be Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. There is no need to register for this study. You can drop in any week to join us. Zoom link and call in information: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85929904559?pwd=ZWpNc1dRL3I4SXJkdKcvUnUweHRHUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 2990 4559

Passcode: 451661

Call-in number: +1 929 205 609

CONNECTING SPIRITUALLY WITH OTHERS

Are you longing to connect spiritually with others through conversations that matter? Pastor LaDonna invites you to a Tuesday evening conversation, using the book "Jesus and the Disinherited" by Howard Thurman. This conversation will take place on Zoom, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., January 25-February 15. Please register for this conversation group at <https://forms.gle/MnbRs1GzNUwztXTZ7> and you will receive more detail about the first session.

Thurman was a trusted advisor to Martin Luther King Jr and an architect of nonviolent resistance. Background information about the book and author can be read at <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/june-web-only/jesus-and-disinherited.html>

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.

PRAYER LISTS

Please keep these people in your prayers for healing throughout the week: Sonny M., Tasha R., Willy G., Brian D., Judith O., for a Family in need of prayers, Miles, Kathryn, Bill P., 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., and Ray F.

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