

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1123 Washington St. Gloucester, MA 01930
www.stpaulcapeann.org 978-283-6550
Rev. LaDonna E. Thomas, Pastor
Ted Stoddard, Music Director
Anne Wheeler, Office Administrator
Bill Maki, Building Manager
office@stpaulcapeann.org

Third Sunday after Epiphany – January 23, 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

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

PRELUDE

Introduction
Meditation

Flor Peeters
Flor Peeters

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.**

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



Refrain
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

Text © 1966, 1982 Willard F. Jabusch, admin. OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

***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.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

***GOSPEL**

Luke 4:14-21

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. LaDonna Thomas

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
 can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
 bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.
 1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
 2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.
 There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing:
 You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

Chord symbols: F, Dm, Gm, C7, F, Dm, Gm, C, F, F, C7, F, C7, F, B^b/C.

Text: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
 Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
 © 1977 Thankyou Music, admin. (in Western Hemisphere) Integrity's Hoanna! Music

BIND US TOGETHER
 6 7 7 6 and refrain

***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 reveal yourself to us in the reading of scripture. Fulfill your word through the faithful witness of your church. Send us out to bring your liberating good news to all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All creation proclaims your handiwork. Teach us to love the intricate and beautiful bodies that you have created. Bless tiny insects, enormous whales, and every creature in between. Sustain species at risk of extinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You desire that there be no dissension among us. Where we are divided in our society, nation, or world, come quickly to reunite us into one body. Ease conflict, dispel violence, and bring an end to war. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Anoint with your Spirit all who seek your favor. Grant provision and justice for people living in poverty, people living with disability, those living with pain, or those living under oppression especially those on our prayer list and those whose names we offer and hold in our hearts... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Build up the body of Christ in this place. Bless the variety of ministries in this congregation (*especially*). Empower us to freely welcome and deeply value each person who enters into worship and ministry among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving we lift before you the saints for whom the promise of salvation has now been fulfilled. Tend to those who mourn (*especially*). Bring us together in your everlasting glory. 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**

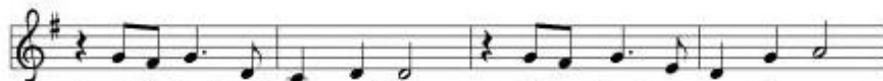
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

Text and music © 1981 OCP Publications, Inc., 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

***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

Ita Missa Est. (Mass is ended; go in peace)
Alexandre Guilmant

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching and Presiding: Rev. LaDonna Thomas

Music Director: Ted Stoddard

Eucharistic Minister: Barbara Olson

Reader: Crystal and/or Autumn Rowe

Usher: Mike Wilson

A/V: David Rowe

Altar Care: Crystal Rowe

Counters: Anne Wheeler and Barbara Olson

Liturgical materials and texts are used by permission of *Sundays and Seasons*
Augsburg Fortress License: 15150
One License Annual License: A-724876 for 03/06/21 – 03/05/22

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING - TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

The Annual Meeting will start immediately after the Sunday service.

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>

Call-in number: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 859 2990 4559

Passcode: 451661

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