

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 16, 2022
Holy Communion**



Introduction

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.

***ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
121 N. SPRING STREET, MIDDLETOWN, PA 17057***

***Sunday Worship 10:00am
Wednesday 10:00am, 6:30pm***

**THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH
THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE**

God's Purpose for St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to listen to God and one another, to invite, welcome, and serve our neighbors in the community.

(Purpose statement adopted by Church Council 10/2016)

St. Peter's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a Reconciling in Christ congregation joining with Reconciling Works.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we welcome and invite all of God's people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic status.

SERVING OUR CHURCH January 16, 2022

Preaching/Presiding

Pastor Molly Haggerty

Lector

Don Hossler

Musicians: Bob Crist, Bennett Williams, Alexandra Williams &
Jordan Williams

Opening the Church for January

John Ziats

Both the wafer and the wine will be distributed at communion today. Please read the instructions provide in this bulletin after the Invitation to Communion.

Please continue to wear your mask during church & respond when words are bolded.

No singing except for our cantors until further notice

We give thanks for your patience during this Covid season in your continued care for the health and safety of all.

*Those parts marked with + indicate the liturgy for
Wednesday chapel.*

GATHERING

+WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Sailing/Praying By Christopher Cross

Stand as you are able

INVOCATION:

In The Name Of The Father, and the Son, and The Holy Spirit. **Amen**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (*Council members and new congregation member are invited up to the baptismal font.*)

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present our newly elected council and new member, Jan who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself,
enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.
We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to the dead.*
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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The assembly makes affirmation:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBER

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Jan, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

The following people have been *elected* [by the congregation] to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these siblings will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

(The offices and names of those who are to be installed are read by a representative of the congregation.)

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

A reading from First Corinthians: 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. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You will guide as a whole church through God's love.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, being led by the Spirit.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

(Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.)

I now declare you installed as officers / council members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

Please be seated

GATHERING SONG *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*
ELW531 v1,2

+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.

¹For 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.

²The 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.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You 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.

⁵For 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 36:5-10

We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue 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.

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.

Stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *You Got A Friend*

When you're down and troubled
And you need a helping hand
And nothing, nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of Me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night

CHORUS:

You just call out My name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, oh oh yeah , to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you've got to do is call
And I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah
You've got a friend
If the sky above you
Should turn dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind should begin to blow
Keep you head together
And call My name out loud now
Soon you'll hear me knocking at your door

CHORUS

Ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
When people can be so cold
They'll hurt you, and desert you
And take your soul if you let them, oh yeah, don't you let 'em
now

You just call out My name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running to see you again, oh yes, don't you know

CHORUS

+The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Here I Am, Lord* ELW574 1,2,3

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW752

Please stand as you are able

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Let us share the peace with each other with a wave or a smile.

+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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

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.

SANCTUS ELW144

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna.
Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

+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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated & come forward for Holy Communion as directed by our ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion the pastor will come to you.

We ask that you keep your mask on until you have received both the wafer and the wine, removing your mask to consume communion then replacing your mask to return to your seat.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God ELW146

What Feast of Love ELW487

You are So Good to Me by Third Day

Stand as you are able

+BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in true faith to everlasting life. **Amen.**

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

SENDING

+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.

Please be seated

SENDING SONG *Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise*
ELW 310 V 1,2,3

+DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Thankful* by Kelly Clarkson



**The Altar Flowers are dedicated in honor of
Ray Thompson
on his birthday by
Mary and Larry Lingle**

ST. PETER'S NEWS

January 16, 2022

We remember in our prayers those 80 years and older celebrating their birthdays in January : Mae Stum (10), Mildred Stouffer (12) Ray Thompson (18), Patricia Boyer (24), Mary Houser (25) Larry Lingle (31). **(If you'd like to send a birthday card, contact the church office for addresses 717-944-4651)**

Our prayers and the comfort of our Christian faith are extended to the family of Barbara Staub. Barbara passed away on Sunday, January 2. Barbara is the sister-in-law of Gerald Staub. Barbara and her family (Donald, Bryan and Samantha) were members of this congregation for many years.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

GL, William Fultz, Karen Hahn, Gary Heckman, Jim Hurst,
Michael Thompson, Ray Thompson, Tracy Thorp

Please pick up a copy of our Prayer Partners list. You will find the list on the table in the north narthex.

****SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES****

Gabriel Goldsborough, Jordane Cleckner, Edgar Lopez, Hunter Magaro, John Pappas, Corbin Stetler,
Colton Stone, Aaron Williams

CHURCH NEWS

Contemplative “Quiet” Listening
Join us at 6:00pm in Luther Hall

• **BIBLE STUDY**....Our next Bible Study will be held January 19, Wednesday at 11am and 7:15pm after the 6:30pm worship. We will read and discuss the Book of Acts.

• **BOOK STUDY – YOUR INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!!**

Just want to listen, rather than read? ...zoom in on the ZOOM book study which begins in the new year. The title is The Sum of Us written by Heather McGhee. Please contact Marianne Moore to learn more about the discussion/listening group at mmoore70@gmail.com or 717-329-3892. The zoom book study has created a lending library in the hallway adjacent to Luther Hall. Help yourself to copies.

• **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** will be on the 1st Sunday of every month...Non-perishable food items & personal care items are needed. **Our next Food Pantry Sunday will be Sunday, February 6th.** You can bring food donations to the church throughout the week and place in the Food Pantry wagon.

TREASURER REPORT FOR KEYNOTES

1/3/2022 TO 1/7/2022

Needed weekly = \$5,832
Needed Y T D (1) = \$5,832
Offerings last wk = \$7,485.78
Offerings Y T D = \$7,485.78
Total Received last wk = \$12,826.35
Total Received Y T D = \$12,826.35
Expended last wk = \$3,102.73
Expended Y T D = \$3,102.73

YTD Receipts less Exp \$9,723.62

CHURCH SCHEDULE THROUGH JANUARY 2022

Sunday, January 16, 10am worship

Wednesday, January 19,

10am – Worship

11am – Bible Study

6:00pm-Contemplative Listening-Prayer Room

6:30pm-Worship

7:15pm –Bible Study

Sunday, January 23, 10am worship

Wednesday, January 26,

10:00am – Worship

11:00am – Bible Study

6:00pm –Contemplative Listening-Prayer Room

6:30pm –Worship

7:15pm –Bible Study.

SAVE THE DATE!!
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE
FEBRUARY 20, 2022 AFTER 10AM WORSHIP.

The GOOD SAMARITIAN FUND – has been helping many families this fall. We are in need of replenishing this fund so we can serve others. You can write a check to St. Peter's and write Good Samaritan fund on the memo line. Your help is appreciated.

ST. PETER'S STAFF

Everyone Serving and Caring for Others

Rev. Molly Haggerty, Pastor

Rev. Elaine Dent, Ministry Leader

Bennett Williams, Coordinator of Music Ministry

Mike Woodworth, Coordinator of TOGETHER

Sharon Beard, interim Coordinator of Church Care &
Administration

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