

January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Communion  
10:15 AM

+ GATHERING +  
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE    Lamb of God - Alice Jordan

## LIGHTING OF THE TRINITY CANDLE

St. John's is a community that is

**Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love.**

We begin our worship in the name of the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

GATHERING HYMN   ELW 522   As We Gather at Your Table

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +  
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

*At the conclusion of the reading:*  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

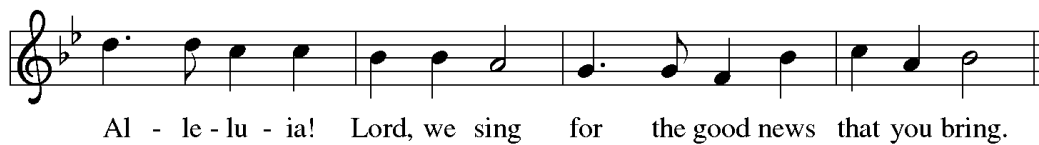
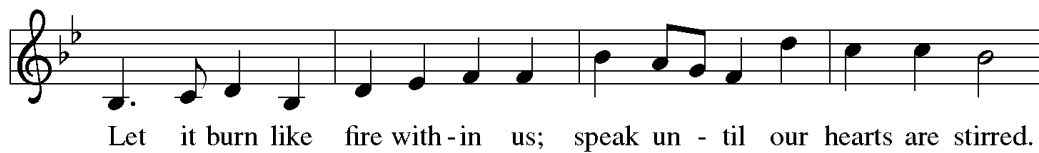
SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1:1-9

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

*At the beginning of the reading:*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 979 Making Their Way



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer-ing thanks,  
learn-ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition will end:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

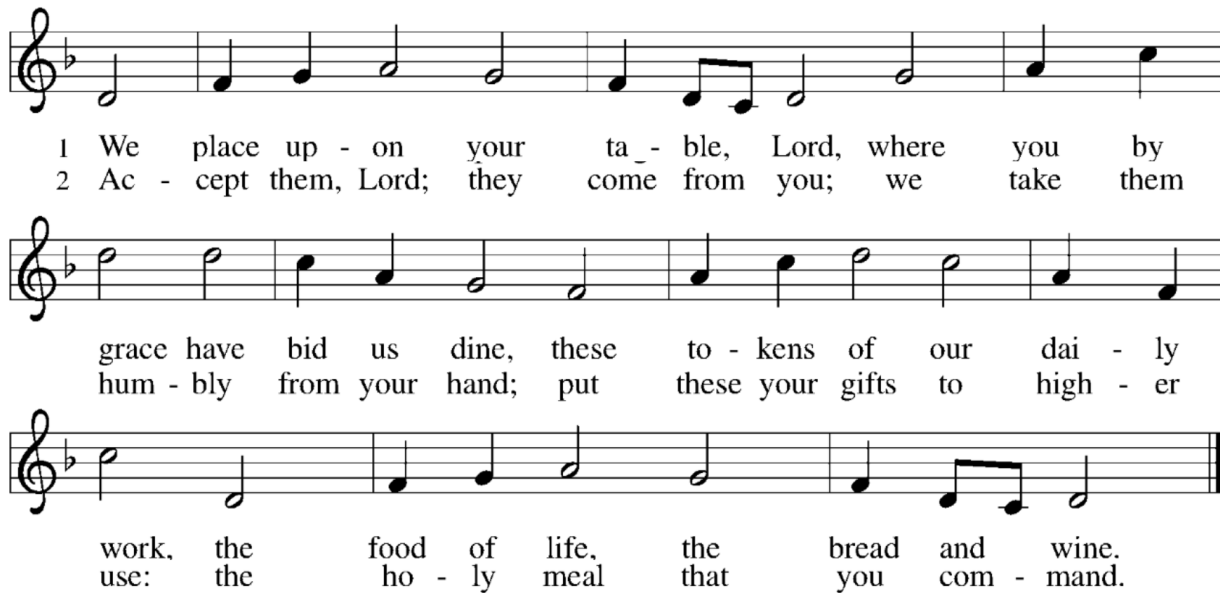
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God - Carl Schalk  
St. John's choir

## OFFERTORY



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by  
2 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them

grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly  
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er

work. the food of life, the bread and wine.  
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

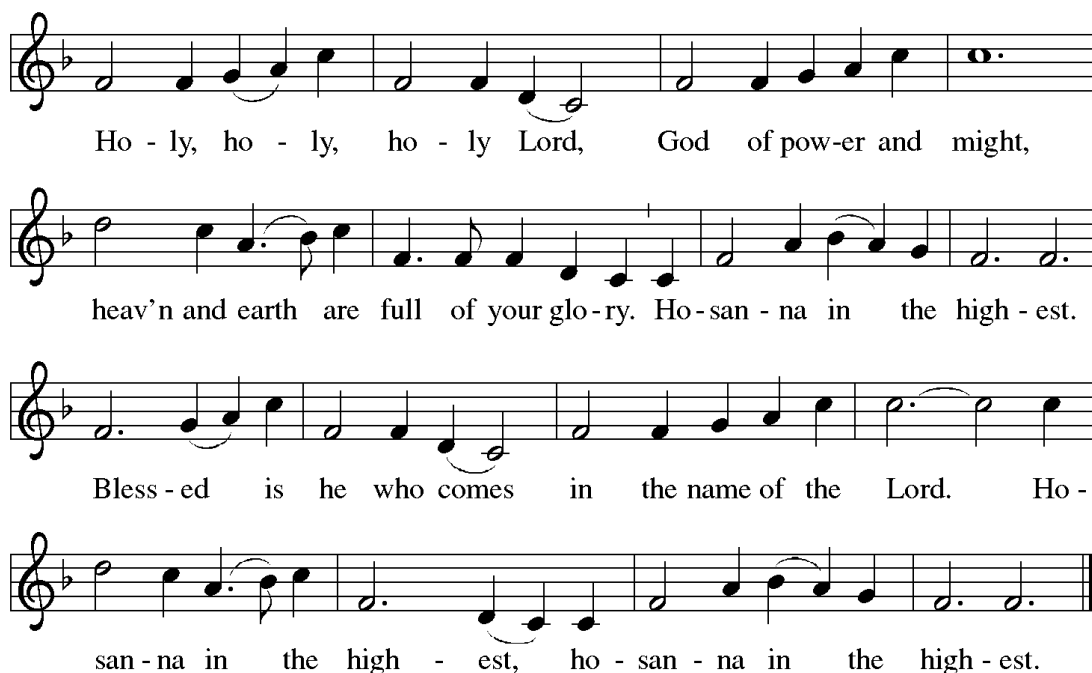
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 490 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

## TABLE BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

+ SENDING +

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

## BLESSING

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

## SENDING SONG ELW 551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE Postlude on "Richmond" - Healey Willan

*The liturgy for today's worship service was reprinted by permission from Sundays and Seasons.com, copyright 2026. Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #45176. The hymns and songs unless otherwise noted, are covered under copyright licenses; CCLI 1490857, OneLicense.net A-709256, or are Public Domain. Copyright 2026. Some of the prayers of intercession are based on the text of "O Splendor of God's glory bright" (ELW 559). Text © 2000 Augsburg Fortress.*

## PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ed & Billie Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Richard Ditzler, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Marie Wolfe, Erik Ockenlaender, Mary Eberle, Brandon Blanchard, Gladys Kazalonis, Elizabeth Brossett and family, Fred Orrik, John Moore, Paige Seasock, Tanner Antalosky, Bob Schanely, Will Morgan and Richard Mitchell.

## Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 19	Office Closed Confirmation Service Project
Wednesday, January 21	6pm Taize Worship at Friedens UCC 7pm Confirmation Learning
Saturday, January 24	5pm Heavenly Helpers Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, January 25	8am Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15 Worship RISE Against Hunger event at St. Paul's, Red Hill 1:30pm building rental 5-7pm Fun and Faith

### **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event Sunday, January 25, 2026**

The Reformation Sister Congregations in the Upper Perkiomen Valley are hosting another meal packaging event with Rise Against Hunger. The event is scheduled for Sunday, January 25 following morning worship. The event will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Hill.

**College student addresses** are being collected as we anticipate sending care packages this winter. If you have a college student in your household, please share his/her mailing address with us! Send in your student's address to the church office, email [stj.stown@verizon.net](mailto:stj.stown@verizon.net)!

**Sign up for the Sunday morning coffee bar** outside of Pastor Becky's office.

**Heavenly Helpers need baskets** to raffle at the Spaghetti dinner on January 24th. They also need desserts (homemade or store bought) brought to the office after 2pm on Saturday, January 24th. Thank you for your help!

The Reformed churches in the Upper Perkiomen Valley will offer a more contemplative, mid-week worship opportunity – all are welcome!



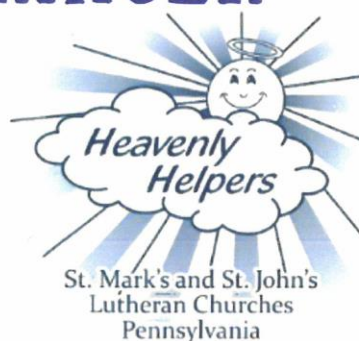
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 6-7 PM

Jan 21 – Friedens UCC, Sumneytown

PLEASE JOIN THE HEAVENLY HELPERS  
FOR A  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER  
ROOF FUNDRAISER**

FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS  
WELCOME

**SATURDAY** | **5:00 - 7:00**  
**JAN. 24TH** | **PM**



**SAUCE PREPARED BY DOLCE VITA**

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
3104 MAIN ST. GREEN LANE**







## FUN & FAITH NIGHT – Faith in Full Frost

Sunday, January 25

5:00–7:00 PM

St. John's Church (Rainbow Room)

Bundle up for a cozy winter evening of **fun, faith, and fellowship!**

Wear your **snowy pajamas**, bring a **blanket**, and enjoy a relaxed night filled with:

❄️ *Frosty the Snowman* movie night

🍿 Popcorn, hot chocolate, and winter treats

❄️ Snowflake scavenger hunt in the sanctuary

🕯️ A glowing snowflake craft to take home

💙 Simple faith moments about kindness, hope, and God at work—even in winter

### Big Idea:

*Even when everything feels cold or still, God is at work beneath the surface.*

📖 “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”  
— Isaiah 43:19

Pajamas encouraged  
Blankets welcome  
Friends invited

Please RSVP by January 18  
to Mrs. Hovanec & Jamie  
[jhovanec2007@comcast.net](mailto:jhovanec2007@comcast.net)

This is a come-as-you-are, cozy kind of night for kids of all ages—and for the young at heart.

We can't wait to share this special winter evening together!

# THE GREAT SOUP SHOWDOWN

Sunday, Feb 1  
following one service  
at 10:15 am

Bring your favorite soup to share.  
Taste as many soups as you like  
and vote for your favorites  
Prizes for top two soups  
Not a soup maker?  
That's ok – be a soup taster!

All are welcome!

RSVP  
outside  
PB's office!  
by Jan 25