



CATHEDRAL  
OF ST. PAUL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

**HOLY EUCHARIST AT 8 AM**  
**MINI LESSONS & CAROLS WITH HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM**

## ***Welcome!***

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8 am Holy Eucharist  
9 am Adult Bible Study  
10 am Holy Eucharist  
(with Nursery care and  
Children's Church)  
11:15 am Coffee Hour

### **WEDNESDAYS:**

12:10 pm  
Eucharist

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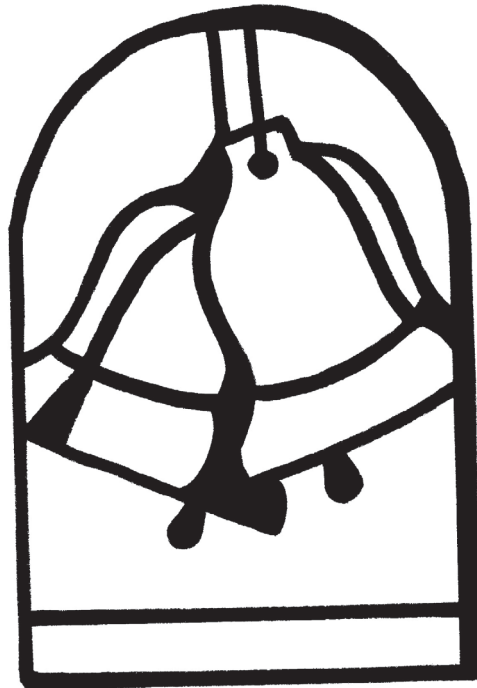
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## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY



## **WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.**

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**If you are new to the Cathedral**, we invite you to place the connection card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you. We're glad you're here!

**In case of emergency** During regular office hours, the clergy can be contacted through the Office at (814) 452-3779. In times of pastoral crisis or emergency call **(814) 314-9439** at any hour of the day or night, seven days a week.

**Nursery care is provided during the 10 am Sunday service** in the education wing. All children are welcome in our worship services. We have provided a quiet play space in the north west corner of the nave for young ones.

We invite you to silence cell phones.

**The Loose offering** is designated to Community Shelter Services of Erie whose mission is to support the development of individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing temporary, transitional and permanent options for shelter, as well as supportive services, referrals, advocacy and community education.

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### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**For the Parish:** Andrew, Ann, Aubrey, Barb, Bea, Becky, Beverly, Brandon D., Brandon, Brent, Brian, Brigit, Bruce, Carol, Chris and Mary, Cody, Dave, Debbie, Doug, Dustin, Ed, the family of Katie and Dani, Frank, Fred, Gail, Helen, Jamie, Janet, Jay, Jayden, Jean, Jeff, Jeffrey, Jenny, Jeremy, Jerry, Jim, Jodie J., Joe, John, Jonny, Joyce, Julie, Kandice, Kay, Larry, Laura, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lou, Lucia and Tim, Makayla L., Margaret, Maria, Mark J., Meg, Mel, Merrill, Nadia, Natalie L., Niken, Paul, Paul B., Pat, Polly, Randy, Renie, Robert, Ryan, Sandra, Scott, Sheila, Stan, Steven, Susan, Theresa, Thom.

### **SERVING AT THE 8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST:**

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Canon Kathleen Ziegenhine
Deacon:	The Rev. Dorothy Konyha
Acolytes:	Eileen Williams, Jim Ziegenhine
Altar Guild:	Rose Johns
Ushers:	David Zurn, Bob Ginnery

### **SERVING AT THE 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST:**

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Canon Kathleen Ziegenhine
Deacon:	The Rev. Dorothy Konyha
Verger:	Bob Guerrein
Acolytes:	Kristi Leighton, Jeffrey Logan, Kelsey Jeffery, Brennan Jeffery
Organist/Choirmaster:	Sharon Downey, <i>Canon Musician</i>
Readers:	Rob von Thaden, Laura Rutland
Altar Guild:	Kristi Leighton
Ushers:	Tom Noyes, Rob von Thaden, Ed Palattella, Leland Barker
Coffee hour:	Renee and Terry Bishop, Toni Alexander

## HOLY EUCHARIST AT 8 AM

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY - *Prayer Book p. 355*

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST - *Prayer Book p. 356*

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For 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. The 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. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 147:13-21 (*Read by all.*)

**Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \***  
**praise your God, O Zion;**  
**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \***  
**he has blessed your children within you.**  
**He has established peace on your borders; \***  
**he satisfies you with the finest wheat.**  
**He sends out his command to the earth, \***  
**and his word runs very swiftly.**  
**He gives snow like wool; \***  
**he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.**  
**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \***  
**who can stand against his cold?**  
**He sends forth his word and melts them; \***  
**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**  
**He declares his word to Jacob, \***  
**his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**  
**He has not done so to any other nation; \***  
**to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!**

#### THE SECOND READING: GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent

the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON: The Rev. Canon Kathleen Ziegenhine

THE NICENE CREED - *Prayer Book p. 358*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Form V*) - *Prayer Book p. 389*

THE PEACE - *Prayer Book p. 360*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*) - *Prayer Book p. 361*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD - *Prayer Book p. 364*

**On receiving Holy Communion:** All baptized persons of any age are invited to receive the Eucharist. All people are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. To receive Communion, receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink the cup when it is offered to you, or, if you wish, you may hold the bread and dip it carefully into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are available. You may stand or kneel. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive Communion in the pew, please notify an usher at the door.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER - *Prayer Book p. 366*

THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**



## HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM

VOLUNTARY      “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

*Craig Phillips*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*We invite you to stand.*

HYMN 93      “Angels, from the realms of glory”

*Regent Square*

**Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
ye, who sang creation’s story,  
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:**

***Refrain*      come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with you is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant Light:**

***Refrain***

**Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar:  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:**

***Refrain***

**Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:**

***Refrain***

### A BIDDING PRAYER *(read by Celebrant)*

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 3:1-15

Read by Rob von Thaden

#### **Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.**

The serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight

to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

All children PreK - 5th grade are invited to gather near the pulpit for Sunday School class.

**CAROL** (Hymn 105) "God rest you merry, gentlemen"

*God rest you merry*

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we were gone astray.**

***Refrain*** **O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**From God our heavenly Father  
a blessed angel came  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the Son of God by name.**

***Refrain***

**"Fear not, then," said the angel,  
"Let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior  
of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's power and might."**

***Refrain***

**Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all you within this place,  
and with true love and charity  
each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas  
doth bring redeeming grace.**

***Refrain***

**THE SECOND LESSON: ISAIAH 7:10-15**

Read by Laura Rutland

**God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us"**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

THE THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:1-20

Read by Bob Guerrein

**Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshipped by angels and shepherds.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL (Hymn 87) "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

**Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!**

**Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

*Refrain*

**Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!**

*Refrain*

**Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.**

**Risen with healing in his wings,  
light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!**

***Refrain***

**THE FOURTH LESSON: John 1:1-18**

Read by Deacon Dorothy Konyha

**The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** (Hymn 107) "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

*In dulci jubilo*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss;  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 109 "The first Nowell"

*The first Nowell*

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*Refrain* **Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.**

*Refrain*

**And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.**

*Refrain*

**This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.**

*Refrain*

**Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.**

*Refrain*

**Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.**

*Refrain*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS** (*Sung by all*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor

and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*We invite you to stand.*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

*arr. Alfred Fedak*



## THIS WEEK:

### Sunday, Dec. 29:

#### 1 Christmas

8 am Holy Eucharist  
9 am Adult Bible Study  
10 am Mini Service of Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist (with Nursery care and Children's Church)  
11:15 am Coffee Hour

### Tuesday, Dec. 31

Office closed

### Wednesday, Jan. 1

Office closed  
No Eucharist  
No Choirs

### Friday, Jan. 3

9 am Food Pantry

### Sunday, Jan. 5:

#### 2 Christmas

8 am Holy Eucharist  
9 am Adult Bible Study  
10 am Holy Eucharist (with Nursery care and Children's Church)  
11:15 am Coffee Hour

## OUR COMMON LIFE

**Prayers for Healing:** On the first Sunday of the month, prayers for healing in body, mind, and/or spirit will be offered in near the Baptismal font, at the front right of the sanctuary, during the Eucharist. Please feel welcome to come to the space before or after receiving the Eucharist.

**2020 CALENDARS** are now available for the taking as well as tithing envelopes for those who requested them. Both are available in the Cathedral Commons.

**THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE** will be closed December 31 and January 1. The office will be open limited hours from through January 2. Please call the office at 814.452.3779 to be sure someone is here before stopping by. There will be no Eucharist on Wednesday, January 1.

The **EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER**, "Our Neighbor's Place" is open for the 2019-20 season. **The Cathedral will oversee shelter operations on January 7 and 14.** Volunteers and meals are needed. If you're able to help out or cook, please contact Dorothy Konyha (doroathykonyha@gmail.com) or Chris Palattella (christine.palattella@erieinsurance.com).

### **TAIZE CONTEMPLATIVE COMPLINE**

**Tuesday, January 21 at 5:15 pm** in the All Saints Chapel. Please join us for a quieter worship service with reflective music, readings, and silence.

### **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

**Sunday, January 26, 2020 following the 10 am Holy Eucharist**

A light brunch will be provided. The agenda will include financial reports and updates on the life and work of the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend and participate. Qualified voters must be at least 18 years old and regular attendees and contributors for the past six months. Nursery care provided.

### **PINT NIGHT AT MOLLY BRANNIGAN'S**

Join us for a pint and some great conversation on **Thursday, January 30 at 6:30 pm** at Molly Brannigan's Irish Pub, 506 State Street.

### **INSTALLATION OF THE NEW DEAN**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 9 at 4 pm**, when the Cathedral will install Melinda Hall as Dean. We will celebrate with worship followed by a special reception.

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

#### **February 23**

Shrove Sunday Pancakes and Mardi Gras Celebration

#### **February 26**

Ash Wednesday

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