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Second Sunday after the Epiphany
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, January 14, 2018

Announcements and Welcome

Opening Hymn:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: *And also with you*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in

his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader: The word of the Lord
People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your
book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

The Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they

began to celebrate."Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! 'Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Dismissal: Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***** CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of JANUARY 15th *****

Monday, January 15th: Martin Luther King Day, Offices Closed, 7pm- NA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, January 16th: 6:30pm- EfM (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, January 17th

Thursday, January 18th: 7pm- Music Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday, January 19th: 7pm- AA Meeting Saturday (Room 7)

Saturday, January 20th: 10am- Christian Stitchin'

Sunday, January 21st: 9:30am- Worship Service, 11:30am- City Light Worship

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

Altar Guild: The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Diane V. Carlson by Trish Carlson. For the month of January, the following items are available for dedications: Wafers, Wine, Branch Candles, Eucharistic Candles, Sanctuary Candle, and Altar flowers for the third and fourth Sundays. Dedications can be made in memory of someone, or also in honor of, thanksgiving for, or congratulations for other loved ones or events. The cost of each dedication is \$30. Please contact Diane Flayhart, [410-426-4618](tel:410-426-4618) or dflayhart.stthomas@gmail.com, or the church office, [410-821-5489](tel:410-821-5489), if you are interested in reserving a dedication. Thank you.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 28th**, for our Annual Meeting following the 9:30am worship service. The meeting will last less than 1 hour and will be followed by a Pot Luck Brunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign-up sheets for the Pot Luck Brunch are available in the Narthex.

The next fresh fruit sale will be Saturday, February 10th. Please turn your order forms in, or place your order online at www.stthomastowson.org.



Join our phone tree: If you would like to be notified of delays and closings at the church by telephone, please add your name to the list in the Narthex. Additionally, you can subscribe to our e-alerts and be notified by email, or by calling the church office and listening to the message on our phone system.

Please remember to pick up your offering envelopes located on the table in the back of the church.

St. Thomas' Blood Drive - Week of January 15 - 20, 2018

Did you know that every two seconds, someone in America needs blood? One donation will help to save up to three lives!!!

St. Thomas' will be sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross during the week of January 15 - 20, 2018, and it will **NOT** be held at the church. You just need to sign up to give blood at any of the local donor centers during a time that is convenient for you during that week. For your information, the two donor centers closest to St. Thomas' are:

Timonium Donor Center	White Marsh Donor Center
<u>2405 York Road, Suite 300</u>	8114 Sandpiper Court, Suite 118
Lutherville, MD 21093	Baltimore, MD 21236

Call 1-800-RED CROSS ([1-800-733-2767](tel:1-800-733-2767)) to schedule your life saving blood donation today!

2018 Toiletry Drive



The Christmas holiday has come and gone, but for far too many, the need is ongoing. During the months of January, February, and March (up until Easter) St. Thomas' and Church of the Holy Comforter we will be collecting toiletries for students at Parkville High School (a member of the Loch Raven Network). The items below are in particularly high demand and the good folks at PHS cannot keep up with the need. Please consider donating as much and as often as you can. The items you get at hotels are perfectly sized and other items can be purchased in in travel sizes.

- Lip Balm such as Chapstick, CarMax
- Small deodorants for men and women
- Body Lotion
- Shampoo/Body Wash
- Mouthwash
- Travel toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Hand sanitizer
- Tampons (these are given out privately)

Look for the basket in the Narthex and let's see if we can fill it several times between now and Easter. For more information, or with any questions, please contact Beth Crosby at 410-804-5629 or at bcrosby.saintthomas@gmail.com.

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' --Matthew 25:40

Third Wall Productions presents Music Man at St. Thomas' Church on February 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 8pm and on February 4 and 11 at 4pm. The Music Man follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall. Tickets are \$20, buy them online by clicking on the link below, or at the door.
<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3212870>

Check out all of St. Thomas' Partners in the Community that utilize our amazing facility: Loch Raven Network, City Light Chapel, McAllens Toffee, Sudanese Ministries, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Johns Hopkins Parkinson's, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Meals on Wheels, Baltimore County Police Juvenile and Family Counseling, Maestro Musicians Academy, Debra Barton: Spiritual Director, Third Wall Productions, and our private events.

Prayers for Healing are requested for those who are ill or in any need: Alyssa Formwalt, John Wyatt, Michael B., Joshua Birch, Keith, David Harper, Dan Licht, Leigh, Pete, Dowell S., Mary, Jan Jr., Bill D., Rick D., Nan F, Thomas Moran, Chris O., David J., Paula Card, Jeri Adams, Nan Woodring, Matti Kassir and Graham.

And for those who are homebound: Theresa Welsch, Ronnie Livengood, Mary Shorter, Nan Fitzgerald, Charles and Susan Harryman, Carrie Hemberger, Susan Herring, Ellen Monahan, and Connie Waxter.

We encourage you to reach out our homebound parishioners. Schedule a call, plan a visit or send a card. Let them know that they are in our prayers. Contact information can be found in your directory or by contacting the church office at 410-821-5489 or stthomastowson@gmail.com

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