St. Paul's Lutheran Church 1 Advent December 1, 2024

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy,

C we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

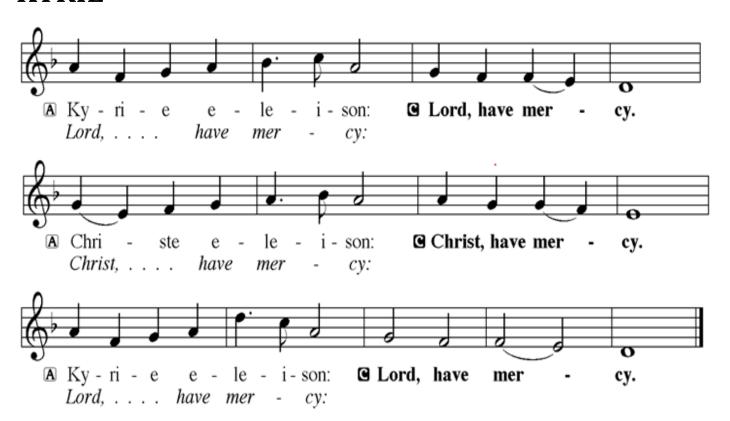
C we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises. God in our midst,

C we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

C Amen.

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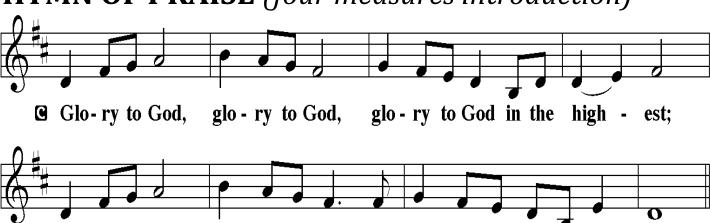


GREETING

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (four measures introduction)



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

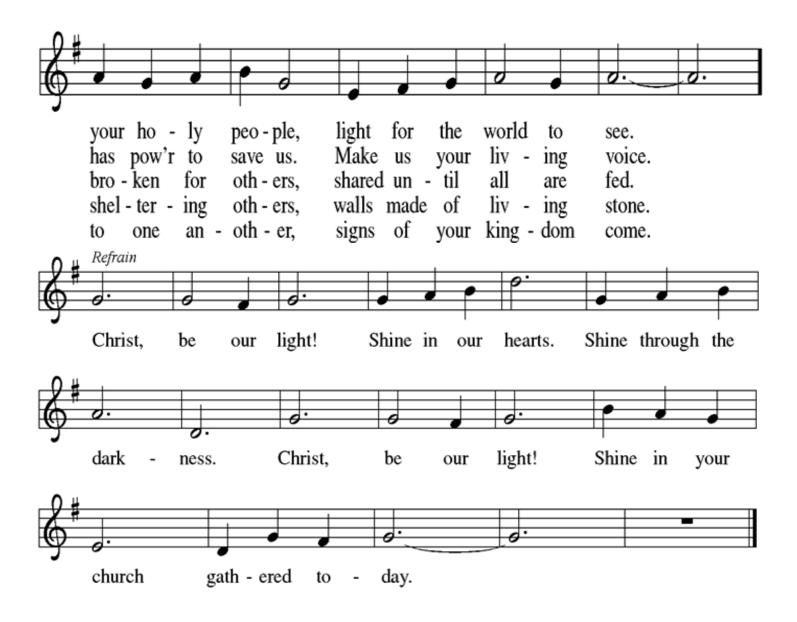
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

"Christ Be Our Light" Lighting of the Advent Candle

Congregation Sings (Verse 1):





HOPE FOR THOSE WHO WAIT (Responsive Litany)

- P Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.
- C How long, O Lord, how long?
- P For those waiting for answered prayer:
- C Grant your steadfast patience.

- P For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:
- C Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.
- P For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:
- C Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.
- P For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:
- C Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.
- P This morning we light the *first candle* which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)

Congregation Sings:



C Christ, Be Our Light! (sing)

CLOSING PRAYER

God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

(Refrain: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.)

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C ⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. (*Refrain*)

- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- C ⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. (*Refrain*)
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- C 8 You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.
- C 10 All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. (*Refrain*)

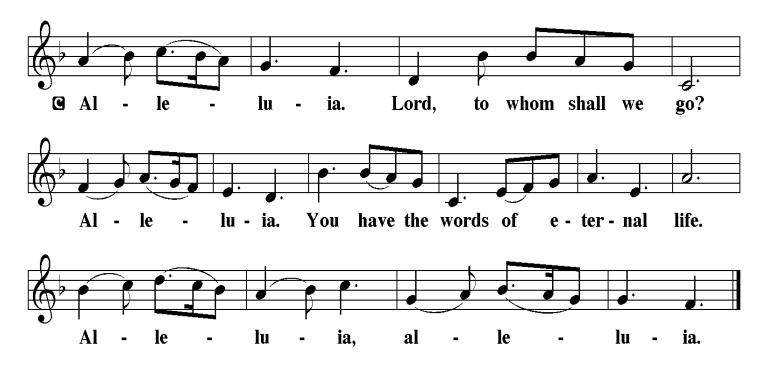
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SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." 29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap.

For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Timothy Holt

HYMN OF THE DAY WOV 626 "People Look East"

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission, and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. (We pray especially for Rick Bauer, Rick and Lana Evans, Courtney Hagedorn-Drew, Harold Hembree, Ron, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Candy Lewis, Judy Lorey, Eryn Mann, Zander Mann, Logan Musgrave, Bryar Rahman, Jami Roelle, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Sandy Schnaus, Donnie Schwenk, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Cleoramae Stunkel, Martha Jane Tucker, Annie Voelkel, Ron Wiseman and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love.

Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel and Cooper Uebelhor) Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Be with those who keep awake at night: nurses working overnight shifts, caregivers of newborns and aging adults, those who are anxious, or those who are traveling. Reveal to all that the dark can be a place of calm and comfort filled with your presence. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and

faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

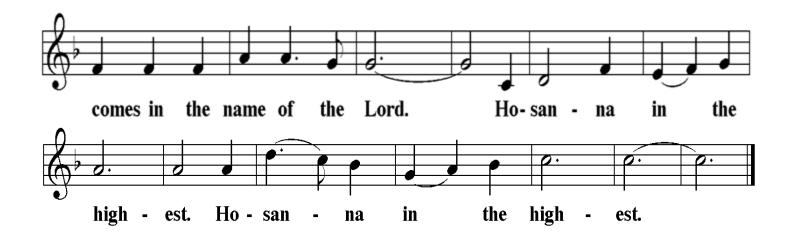
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (four measures introduction)





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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:

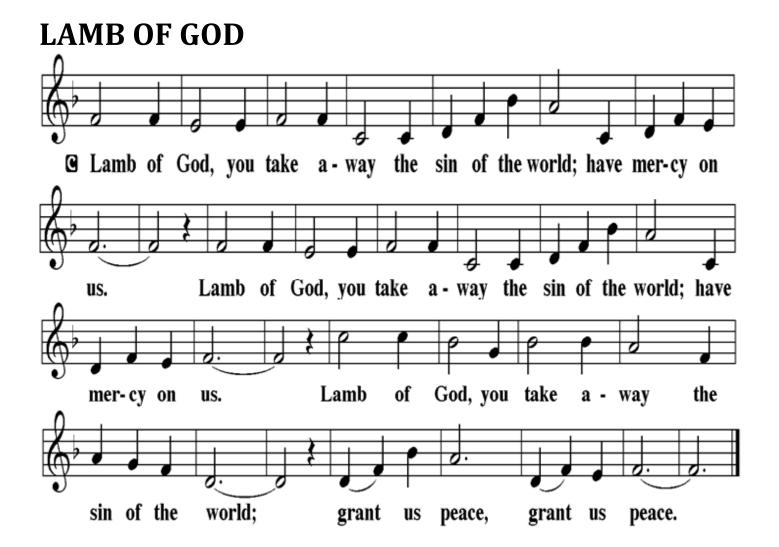
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



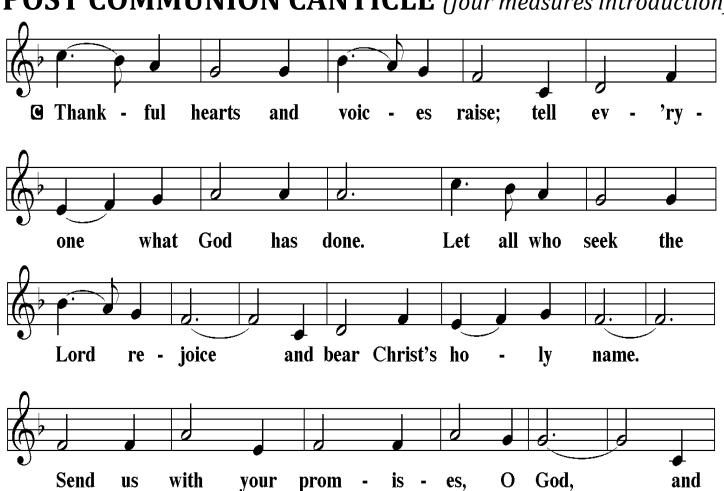
COMMUNION HYMNS

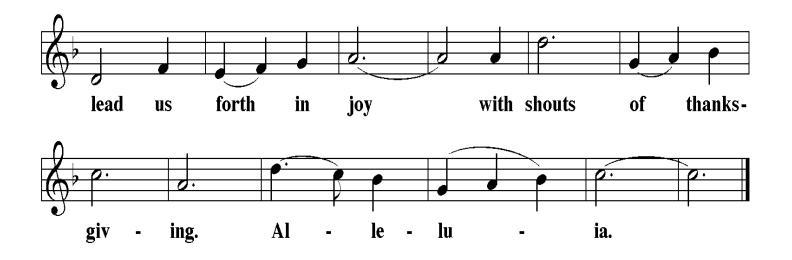
WOV 633 "Awake Awake and Greet the New Morn" LBW 27 "Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (four measures introduction)





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

C Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

BLESSING

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN LBW 34 "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Linda Popp
Comm. Asst: John Potts
Video: Jeff Schmitt
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Terry Seitz

Audio: Doug Wiseman

Acolytes: Chloee Beck & Evan Ruhe

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 151 SS: 16

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

Dec. 1st - Dec. 8th, 2024

Sun. Dec. 1st	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School Christmas Program Practice – after communion until 11:00 AM)
Tues. Dec. 3 rd	6:00 PM	WELCA Christmas carry-in meal and program
Wed. Dec. 4 th	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class Handbell Practice
Thurs. Dec 5 th	2:00 PM	Worship and Music Meeting
Sun. Dec. 8 th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School Christmas Program Practice – after communion until 11:00 AM)
	11:00 AM	LYO Christmas Caroling at Brookside Village

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCA NEWS - December Meeting

The December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd @ 6:00 PM (please note start time). We will enjoy a carry-in meal followed by a Christmas program. A short meeting will follow. We invite all women to join us in closing out the year.

Thank you to everyone for the support that you gave our *Operation Christmas Child* shoe box project. Due to your generosity, 63 filled shoe boxes were delivered to the drop off point. That brings our grand total to 1,747 for the 24 years that we have participated. What an awesome gift to give. Many Blessings to you from the St. Paul's Women of the ELCA.

All angels have been adopted!

A BIG thanks to everyone who took one! Please have turned in by Dec 6th. Don't forget to put the number and letter from the back of the angel on all packages. Please drop off gifts and letters at the Christmas tree by the Welcome Center.

Sunday, December 1st at 3:30 PM, Hill Church is having a Christmas Sing-A-Long. For more information call Carol Breitweiser at 812-630-7586.

Visit with Santa on Sunday, December 1st from 11:00 – 1:30 PM at the Firehouse. Sponsored by the Haysville

Ruritan Club. 🤏

Join the LYO to spread the spirit of the season, with laughter, joy, and CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

Please make plans to join us on December 8th! Meet at Brookside Village at 11:00 a.m. We will also be going to Serenity Spring (formerly Good Samaritan).

Bring your kids, grandkids, friends, cousins, neighbors, etc. If you think you're a good singer, know you're a bad singer, or like to laugh with other people while you're singing, we want you!!

The Annual LYO Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 22nd after the Children's Christmas Program. There will be homemade cookies, candies, and treats. This a great way to get a wide variety of goodies for your Christmas get-togethers. If

you would like to donate cookies, there is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center Desk.

Annual reports for each committee will need to be dropped in office or emailed to Marcie Rumfelt at secretaryst.paul@frontier no later than December 8th. Contact Marcie if you need assistance.

DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT WHO HEADED OFF TO COLLEGE??? We would appreciate if you would let us know their new address so we can send them the monthly newsletter. The Evangelism Committee also periodically sends out greeting cards and care packages. Please call the office with the address or email it to Marcie Rumfelt at secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

CEMETERY DUES REMINDER: Active members, desiring burial rights, are required to pay cemetery dues of a minimum of *twenty dollars* per family. This includes all members in immediate family, including non-member spouses, and children under the age of eighteen. Every member over eighteen years of age shall be required to pay the minimum cemetery dues as an individual. No additional charge for gravesites shall be made to members of St. Paul's whose dues are current.

In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser AMC Luke Himsel Cooper Uebelhor Redzikowo, Poland Virginia Beach, VA Colorado Springs, CO





CHRISTMAS WREATHS HONORING VETERANS

Wreaths Across America is a program dedicated to the placement of Christmas Wreaths on the gravesites of Veterans buried in Arlington Cemetery and elsewhere in our nation.

St. Paul's is participating in a similar program this year. Through donations to the cemetery, artificial wreaths with bows have been purchased to be placed on the gravesites of the Veterans buried in our cemetery.

We believe this will be a very touching event and we are inviting all of you to come to participate. Observers are also encouraged to come and can even remain in the car to watch if desired.

The event will go on rain or shine since it is in conjunction with the national event being held on this same date.

The Cemetery Board is asking for individuals to help place the wreaths on the graves. Volunteers are asked to meet at St. Paul's Cemetery by 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 14th.

Wreaths will be removed from the graves at 12:30 PM on Saturday, January 4th, 2025.

Please plan to participate or observe this patriotic event to honor our veterans. The date and time again are, **SATURDAY**, **DECEMBER 14**th **AT** *AT 2:00 PM*.

If you have any questions call Marvin, Harvey or Tom.



Basket will be located in the Welcome Center

UILD*A*BASKET Here is how you can participate!

Generations is collecting Christmas baskets that will be delivered to your homebound client service area this holiday season. You can find more information on how to build your Christmas basket at

www.generationsnetwork.org

Recommended baskets to use: Laundry basket, storage totes with lid, hamper, tall kitchen trash can, heavy duty bags or even a box. If you feel extra jolly, **DECORATE IT!!!** Drop off your completed basket to a location provided below between

November 18th—December 20th

Closed for Thanksgiving November 28th & 29th

Suggested Basket Items

- **Paper Towels**
- Dish Soap
- Sponges
- Germ X Hand Sanitizer
- Trash Bags
- Kitchen Towels
- Tissue
- **Night Light**
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- **Body Lotion**
- Deodorant

- **Bath Soap**
- **Toilet Paper**
- Long Handle Shower Brush
- **Bath Towels**
- Wash Cloths
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- **Denture Cream**
- Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets * **Playing Cards**
- Band-Aids/First Aid Kit

- **New Year Calendar**
- Writing Pad/Pen
- Pillow/Pillow Case(s)
- Word Searches/Crosswords Lap Blanket
- Adult Color Books/ Pencils
- Envelopes/Stamps
- **Light Bulbs**
- **Batteries**
- Flashlight
- Books/Magazines/Puzzles

8am-4:30pm

10am-2pm

8am-Noon

8am-3pm

8am-4pm

8am-3pm

9am-3pm

8:30-11:30am

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9am-3:30pm

DROP OFF LOCATIONS & TIMES BASKET

Bicknell Guardian Angel 11617 E State Road 67 M, T, W, TH, F Bloomfield Highrise 100 W. Main St/Back Door M, T, W, TH, F Ferdinand Senior Center 313 W. Ninth Street M, T, W, TH, F Jasonville Senior Center 145 S. Lawton Street M, T, W, TH, F Jasper Arnold F Habig Center 1301 Saint Charles Street M,T, W, TH, F Linton Glenburn Community 618 W. Glenburn Road M, T, W, TH, F Petersburg Pike Co United Way 719 E Main St call to schedule Shoals Senior Center 409 Courthouse Drive M,T, W, TH, F Vincennes Generations Office 1019 N. 4th St. M, T, W, TH, F Washington Senior Center 211 E. Main Street M, T, W, TH, F

Contact Generations if you need to schedule a basket pick up at 812-888-4527 or akramer@vinu.edu





St. Paul's will be collecting food items for our local food bank during the month of December. This would be a great way to get the whole family involved in giving this Christmas season. Create a box for the whole month or add single items to the grocery cart in the welcome center.



During the month of December, the LYO will be collecting supplies and wish list items for the **Ronald McDonald** House in Evansville. A box will be located in the Welcome Center to collect the donated items. Members of the LYO will deliver supplies to the Ronald McDonald House after the first of the year. *Thanks in advance for your generosity!*



There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to bring cookies!



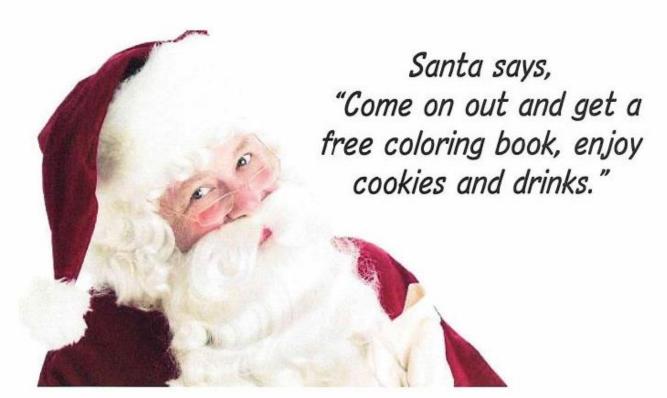
Visit with Santa

Sunday, December 8th

from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

at the Dubois Community Park Center

5430 E Jasper Dubois Road, Dubois, Indiana



Let Santa know if you've been naughty or nice!

Sponsored by the Dubois Ruritan Club Questions call 812.630.5189