

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 4 Advent December 22, 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.

KYRIE



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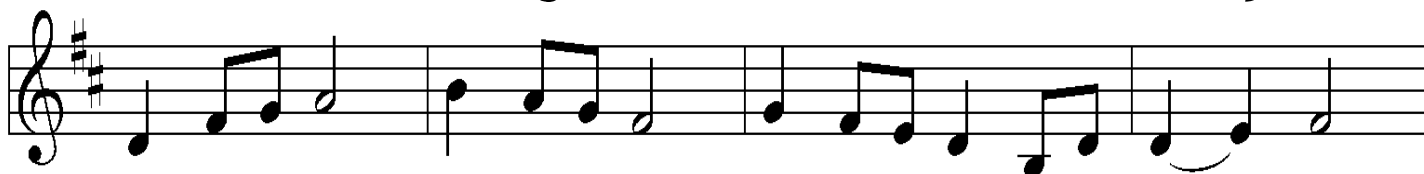


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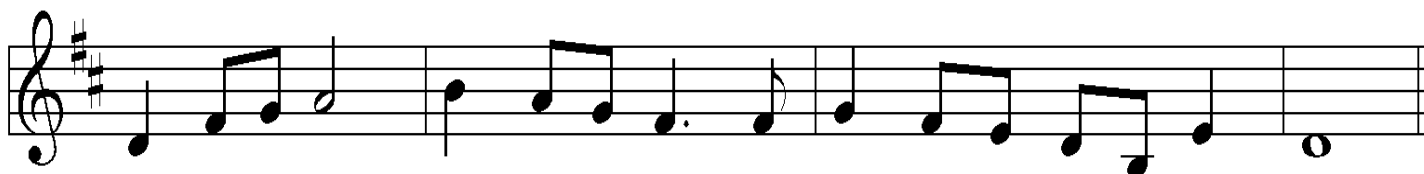


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HYMN OF PRAISE *(four measures introduction)*



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



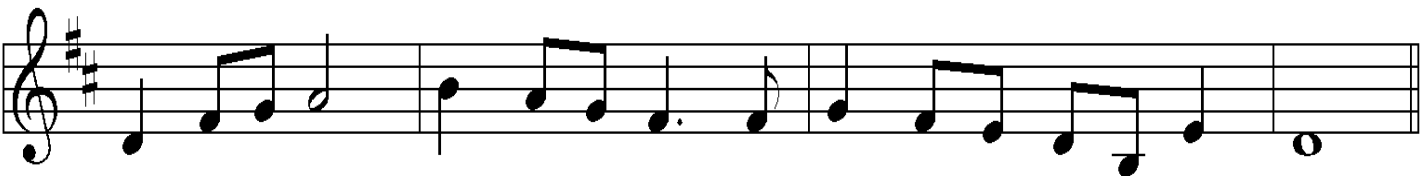
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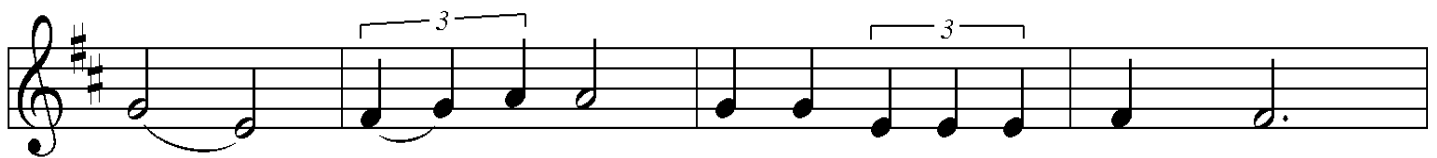
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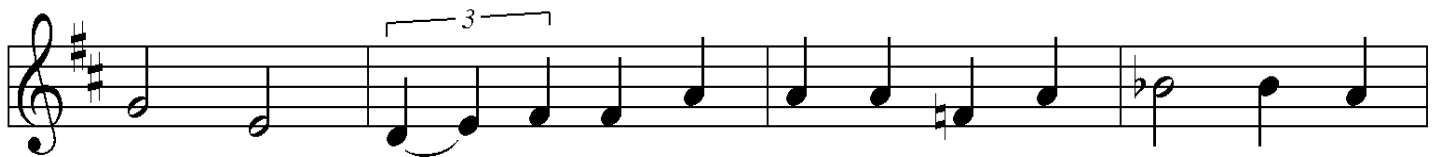
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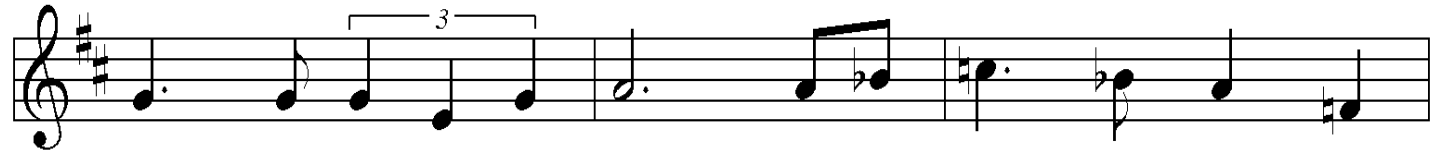
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II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



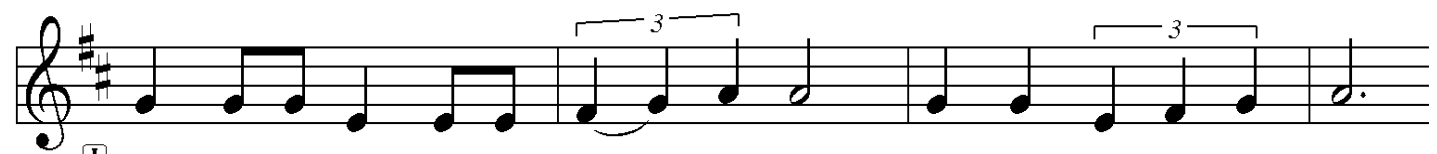
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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



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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



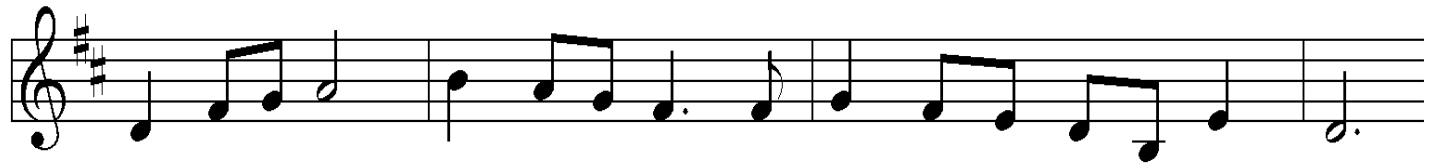
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, 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 4):



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Hope for Those Who Are Wounded *(responsive reading)*

P Advent is a time to bind up the broken hearted.

C Come, Lord, and make all things new.

P For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

C Come, Lord, and make all things new.

P For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

C Come, Lord, and make all things new.

P For relationships left in decay and neglect:

C Come, Lord, and make all things new.

P For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

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.

This morning we light four candles. The **first candle** is the light of hope for those in times of waiting. The **second candle** is the light of hope for those who are wearied by the circumstances of life. The **third candle** is the light of hope for those eagerly watching for God’s promised glory. The **fourth candle** is the light of hope for those who carry the wounds of life. Today we acknowledge our pain and the pain we have caused others. As the light shines, we turn to the Savior who came to rescue the lost, to help the hurting, and to bind up the broken.

Congregation Sings:

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains six measures of music with lyrics 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the'. The second line contains six measures with lyrics 'dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your'. The third line contains five measures with lyrics 'church gath - ered to - day.' The final measure of the third line ends with a double bar line.

C Christ, Be Our Light! (sing)

CLOSING PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: MICAH 5:2-5A

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Response: Luke 1:46b-55

(Refrain: You, Lord, have lifted up the lowly.)

^{46b} My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷ my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

C ⁴⁸ for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

⁴⁹ you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

C ⁵⁰ You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation. *(Refrain)*

⁵¹ You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

C ⁵² casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

⁵³ You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

C ⁵⁴ **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,**

⁵⁵ the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever. *(Refrain)*

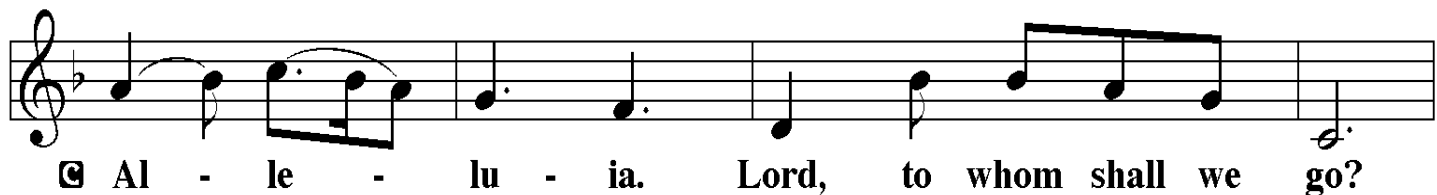
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SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).” ⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of

what was spoken to her by the Lord.” [46 And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”]

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM



The congregation will sing along:

O Come Little Children

O come little children, O come one and all
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer your joy and delight

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

CAST

Narrators – Eva Neukam, Addi Kempf, Rowan Werner, Maggie Stemle, Alli Hoffman, Ashtyn Kalb, Elin Ruhe, and Will Werner

Mary – Lakyn Lottes

Joseph – Eli Holt

Angel – Evelyn Phillips

Innkeeper – Frances Phillips

Shepherds – June Stemle, Ada Phillips, and Laney Stemle

Kings – Max Holt, Camden Werner, and Bowie Helming

Singers – Cohen Kempf, Calla Chinn, and Drew Chinn

Director: Lori Werner

Pianist: Kaia Holt

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 our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other

traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,
C receive our prayer.

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
C receive our prayer.

God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill. *(We pray especially for Rick Bauer, Courtney Hagedorn-Drew, Harold*

Hembree, Mary Ann Jerger, Tammy Kieffner, Chad Knies, Zach Leinenbach, Candy Lewis, Judy Lorey, Eryn Mann, Zander Mann, , Mark Matthews, Justin Mehling, Matt Mehling, Logan Musgrave, Bryar Rahman, Jami Roelle, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Sandy Schnaus, Donnie Schwenk, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Annie Voelkel, Anderson Vonderheide, Ron Wiseman and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) 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)*

Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history. 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 *“Gospel Nativity Carol”*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



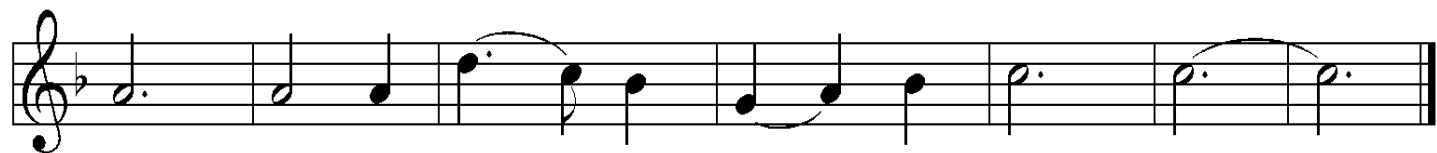
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

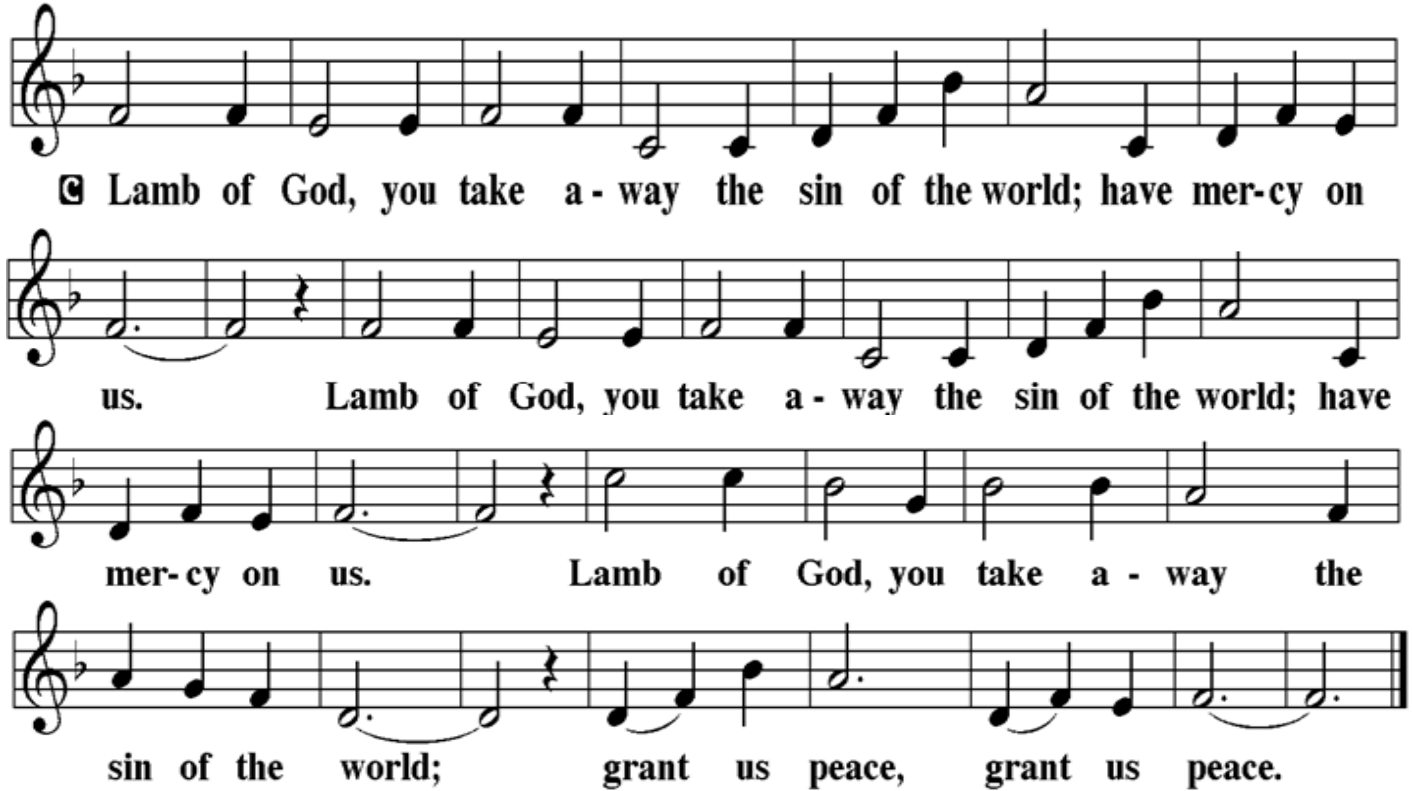
C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is 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.**

LAMB OF GOD



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

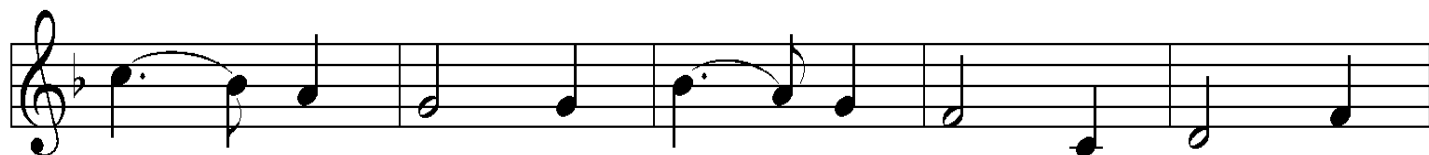
WOV 730 *“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”*

WOV 630 *“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*

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

C Amen.

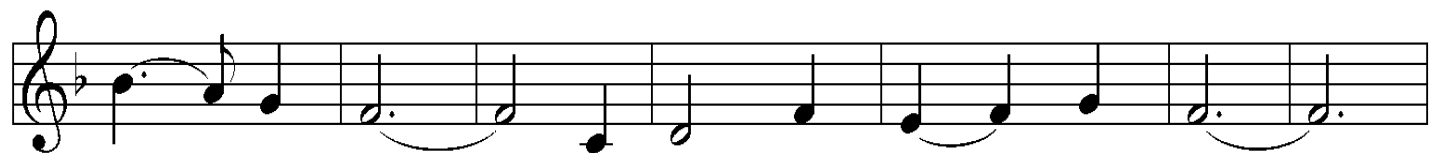
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(four measures introduction)*



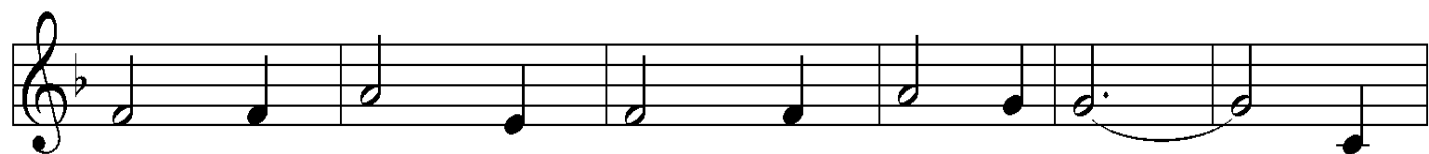
☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

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 30* *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Mary Ann Kieffner
Comm. Asst: John Potts
Video: JoAn Breitwieser
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Terry Seitz
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Hudson Stemle and Jake Lottes

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 168 SS: 20

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Dec. 22nd – Dec. 29th, 2024**

Sun. Dec. 22 nd	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>Children's Christmas Program</i>
Tues. Dec. 24 th	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Wed. Dec. 25 th	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Service
Sun. Dec. 29 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Children's Sunday School – after communion until 11:00 AM)</i>

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Thank Offerings collected, \$359.00, and were sent to the ELCA Synodical Women's Organization. Thank you from WELCA!



Warm regards,

The Northeast Dubois Angel Tree

The Annual LYO Cookie Walk is today 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.

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

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CEMETERY DUES REMINDER: Active members, desiring burial rights, are required to pay cemetery dues of a minimum of **\$20** 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.

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2025 offering envelopes are available to pick-up. There is a table set-up in the welcome area. If you cannot find a box with your name, please advise Marcie Rumfelt in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at: secretaryst.paul@frontier.com. **Please remember envelope numbers can change from year to year, so these should only be used starting in January 2025.**

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Annual reports for each committee are due and should be dropped in office or emailed to Marcie Rumfelt at secretaryst.paul@frontier Contact Marcie if you need assistance.

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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Anyone wishing to donate his/her Thrivent Choice Dollars to the *Sacred Places Grant fundraising* needs to bring a copy of the contribution made in your name to the treasurer. This can be printed from your account page on their website. If you need help or have questions, please let a council member know. Unless you let the council know you want the Choice Dollars to go to a specific group within the church, it automatically goes into the general fund.

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AMC Luke Himsel
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
Virginia Beach, VA
Colorado Springs, CO





SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 2024

12/1

BACKPACK BUDDIES (CHILDREN'S SERMON)
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/8

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/15

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

12/22

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & PARTY

12/29

WINTER BREAK: NO CLASS

Basket will be located in the Welcome Center

BUILD*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

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| ✿ Paper Towels | ✿ Bath Soap | ✿ New Year Calendar |
| ✿ Dish Soap | ✿ Toilet Paper | ✿ Writing Pad/Pen |
| ✿ Sponges | ✿ Long Handle Shower Brush | ✿ Pillow/Pillow Case(s) |
| ✿ Germ X Hand Sanitizer | ✿ Bath Towels | ✿ Word Searches/Crosswords |
| ✿ Trash Bags | ✿ Wash Cloths | ✿ Lap Blanket |
| ✿ Kitchen Towels | ✿ Toothpaste | ✿ Adult Color Books/ Pencils |
| ✿ Tissue | ✿ Toothbrush | ✿ Envelopes/Stamps |
| ✿ Night Light | ✿ Denture Cream | ✿ Light Bulbs |
| ✿ Shampoo & Conditioner | ✿ Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets | ✿ Batteries |
| ✿ Body Lotion | ✿ Playing Cards | ✿ Flashlight |
| ✿ Deodorant | ✿ Band-Aids/First Aid Kit | ✿ Books/Magazines/Puzzles |

BASKET DROP OFF LOCATIONS & TIMES

Bicknell Guardian Angel	11617 E State Road 67	M, T, W, TH, F	8am-4:30pm
Bloomfield Highrise	100 W. Main St/Back Door	M, T, W, TH, F	10am-2pm
Ferdinand Senior Center	313 W. Ninth Street	M, T, W, TH, F	8am-Noon
Jasonville Senior Center	145 S. Lawton Street	M, T, W, TH, F	8:30-11:30am
Jasper Arnold F Habig Center	1301 Saint Charles Street	M,T, W, TH, F	8am-3pm
Linton Glenburn Community	618 W. Glenburn Road	M, T, W, TH, F	8am-4pm
Petersburg Pike Co United Way	719 E Main St	call to schedule	812-582-9781
Shoals Senior Center	409 Courthouse Drive	M,T, W, TH, F	8am-3pm
Vincennes Generations Office	1019 N. 4th St.	M, T, W, TH, F	9am-3:30pm
Washington Senior Center	211 E. Main Street	M, T, W, TH, F	9am-3pm

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.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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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!*



Guests

- Toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, razors, etc.)
- Travel-size toiletries
- Feminine hygiene products
- First aid supplies and pain medications
- Toys for babies, toddlers, and younger children
- Board books for babies and toddlers
- Crayons and colored pencils (up to 16 count)
- Card games for older kids and adults
- Puzzle books for adults

Rooms

- Queen-size sheet sets, white only (300+ thread count)
- Queen-size blankets, white only
- Queen-size waterproof mattress pads
- Standard pillows and pillowcases, white only
- Pack 'N Play fitted sheets
- Crib-sized fitted sheets and mattress pads
- Bath and hand towels, white only
- Washcloths and bath mats, white only

Food and Snacks

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Pantry staples (sugar, flour, crackers, chicken and beef stock, cooking oil, spices, pasta, pasta sauces, cake mixes, bread, etc.)
- Refrigerator staples (beef, pork, chicken, milk, eggs, sliced and shredded cheeses, hot dogs deli meat, etc.)
- Freezer staples (meals, vegetables, waffles, pancakes, casseroles, pizzas, etc.)
- Canned goods (meats, vegetables, fruits, soups, pasta, etc.)
- Condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, etc.)
- Sugar and sweetener packets
- 8-ounce bottled water
- Boxed mac n' cheese
- Boxed meal mixes (like Hamburger Helper)
- Coffee (ground and pods)
- Coffee creamer
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Single-serving juice boxes, chips, pretzels, nuts, granola bars, breakfast bars, snack cakes
- Hot chocolate packets
- Shakable marshmallows (for hot chocolate)
- Gum and candy

Household

- Laundry supplies
- Rubber gloves
- All-Purpose cleaner
- Sponges and foam cleaning pads
- Disinfecting spray and wipes
- Furniture polish
- Swiffer replacement pads (wet and dry)
- Swiffer wet solution refills
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Dishwasher pods
- Paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates
- 12-ounce hot/cold cups and lids
- Plastic flatware
- Plastic wrap and heavy duty aluminum foil
- 4-, 10-, 13-, and 55-gallon trash bags
- Antibacterial liquid hand soap
- Storage containers with lids (various sizes)
- Ziploc Bags (all sizes)

Supplies

- 8.5 x 11 plain white 20-lb copy paper
- 5mil laminating sheets
- 8.5 x 11 white 65-lb cardstock paper
- Forever postage stamps
- AA batteries
- AAA batteries
- 60W LED light bulbs

Gift Cards

- Target or Walmart
- Schnuck's
- Visa or MasterCard
- Amazon
- Home Depot or Lowe's
- Costco
- Local gas stations, restaurants, and movie theaters



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Thank You!

Due to the medical circumstances of our guests, we can accept only new and unopened items. Donations may be dropped off at Ronald McDonald House Washington or Ronald McDonald House Gateway any day of the week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feel free to call with questions or for directions.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Year-End Giving Cheat Sheet



If you need or want to make a year-end contribution for tax purposes, we hope you'll consider donating to St. Paul's Lutheran Church's "Special Projects Fund" to benefit the upcoming Sacred Places Grant Project match. This project aims to take care of significant property needs at St. Paul's. A more formal introduction of the Sacred Places Campaign and Committee is forthcoming. Still, we did not want to miss the opportunity to encourage year-end giving by letting our congregational members know that gifts to the Special Projects now count toward our matching goal requirement!

Please consult with your tax advisor to ensure your gift benefits the Church and you.

Options to consider:

- **A cash gift** - write a check to St. Paul's and designate it to the Special Projects Fund
- A gift from your **Donor Advised Fund (DAF)**
- Donate **appreciated stock** - stocks donated directly to a charity avoid capital gains tax
 - Please get in touch with your advisor to transfer stock to our Edward Jones Account, #266-19498. Our financial planner is Nick Schnarr with Edward Jones.
- If you're age 70 1/2 or older, consider making a **qualified charitable distribution** from your **IRA**.

As a reminder, all gifts must be booked before December 31st to be eligible for tax benefits, so we encourage you to act quickly to ensure the gifts are completed in time!

If you have any questions regarding the Sacred Places Grant or any giving options, please see a church council member.

Thank you!