

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church 3 Advent December 15, 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



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

# GREETING

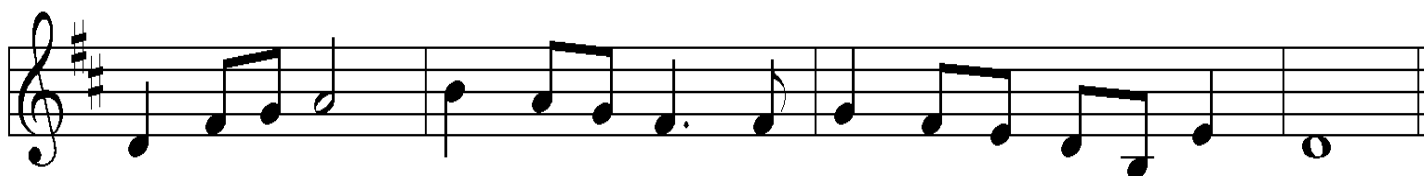
Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE *(four measures introduction)*



**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.



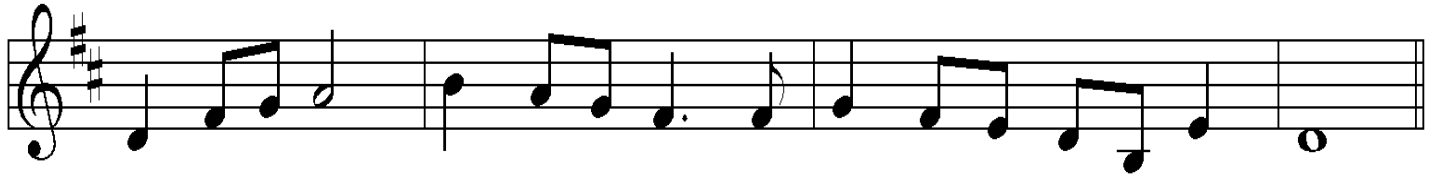
**D** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



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



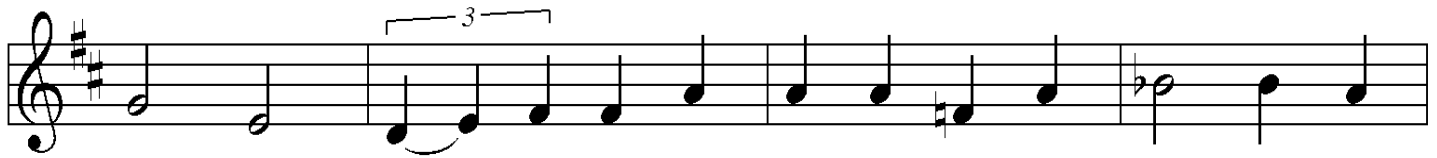
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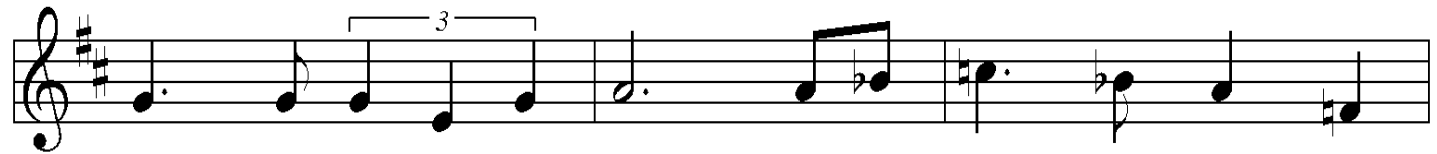
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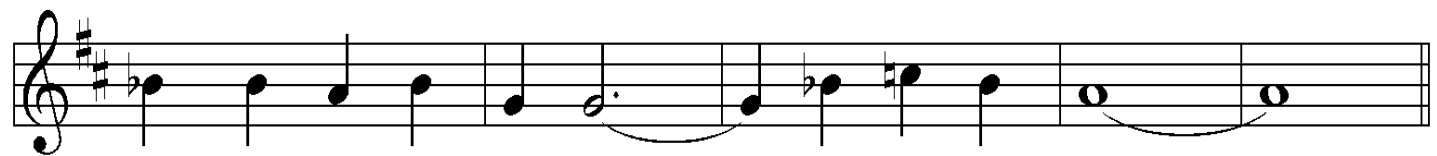
**☩** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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.



**☩** 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.



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



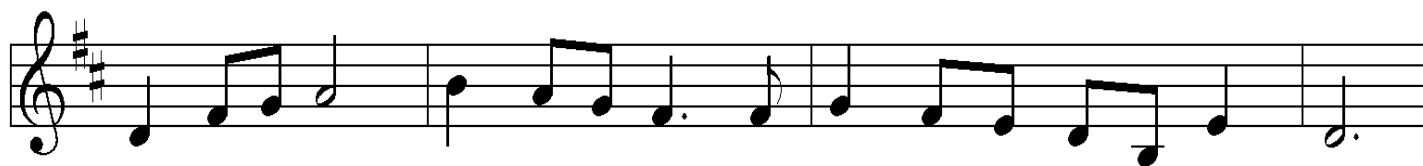
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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



**II** 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,



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### *“Christ Be Our Light”* Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Congregation Sings (Verse 3):*



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 Watching *(responsive reading)*

P Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

**C We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

P Grant us vision to behold your glory.

**C We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

P Quiet us so we may hear your still, soft voice.

**C We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

P Make us vessels of your mercy, compassion, and grace.

**C We stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

P For all of us eagerly watching for your glory in our midst:

**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 three candles. The **first candle** reminds us of those who find themselves in a season of waiting, resting in hopeful anticipation for God to act. The **second candle** is for anyone feeling weakened and wearied by circumstances of life. We echo the cry of scripture to renew their strength and increase their power. The **third candle** awakens our spiritual senses, challenging us to embrace the glory of God, as we await our Savior's promised coming.



## ***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.

## ***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: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup> The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing <sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. <sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Response: Isaiah 12:2-6**

*(Refrain: In your midst is the Holy One of Israel.)*

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

**C <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. *(Refrain)***

<sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

**C <sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. ***(Refrain)***

*(Refrain: In your midst is the Holy One of Israel.)*

## SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord

is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in

everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to

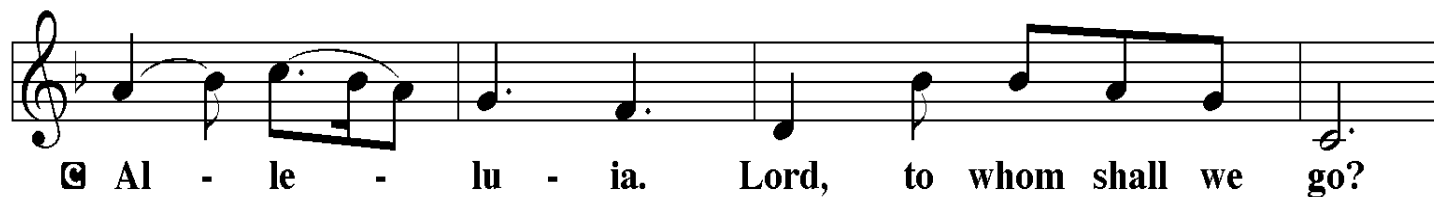
God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all

understanding, will guard your hearts and your

minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.


**C Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18**

### **C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” <sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” <sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is

more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.<sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *LBW 36* “*On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry*”

## **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 who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that

bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C receive our prayer.**

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C receive our prayer.**

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. *(We pray especially for Rick Bauer, Courtney Hagedorn-Drew, Harold Hembree, Tammy Kieffner, Chad Knies, 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, Annie Voelkel, Anderson Vonderheide, Ron Wiseman and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Show your compassion and remember your people in 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)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts present here. Lord, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. 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 *“The Yearning”*

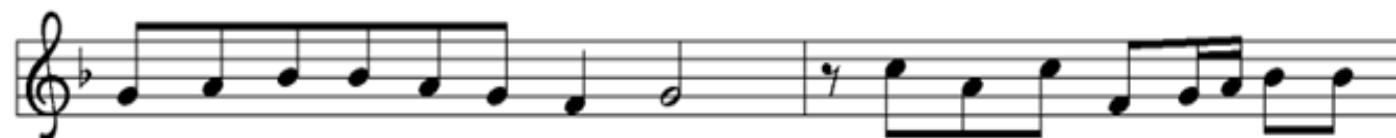
#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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)*



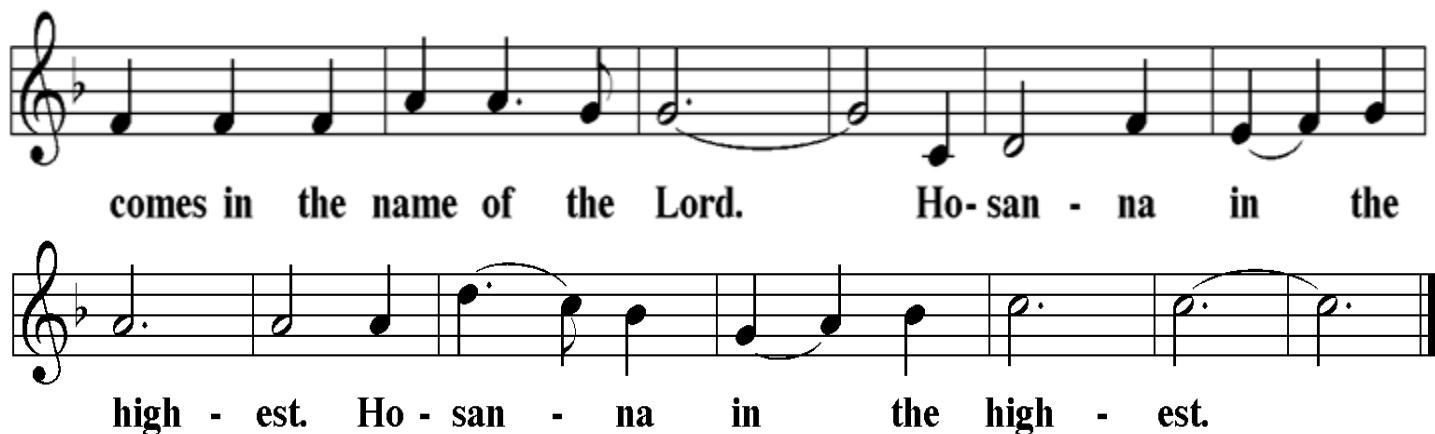
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



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



**L**amb 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

LBW 26 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

LBW 32 "Fling Wide the Door"

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)*



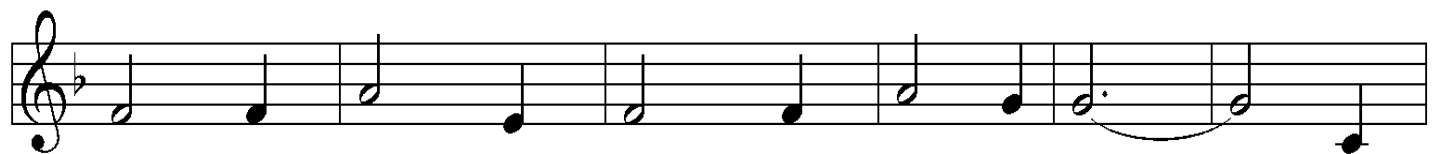
☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - jice 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**    *WOV 744 "Soon and Very Soon"*



## **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:** Don & Nancy Freyberger  
**Comm. Asst:** John Potts  
**Video:** Jeff Schmitt  
**Organist:** Barb Dell  
**Lay Reader:** Terry Seitz  
**Audio:** Doug Wiseman  
**Acolytes:** Carlie Beck and Chloe Beck

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 178 SS: 11**

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

Sun. Dec. 15th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School Christmas Program Practice – after communion until 11:00 AM)</i>
Wed. Dec. 18th	9:30 AM	Archive Meeting
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Handbell Practice
Thur. Dec 19th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Dec. 22th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School Christmas Program Practice – after communion until 11:00 AM)</i>

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The flowers on the altar this Sunday are in memory of Dian Gehlhausen.*

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Warm regards,

*The Northeast Dubois Angel Tree*

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**The Annual LYO Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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***Annual reports*** for each committee will need to be dropped in office or emailed to Marcie Rumfelt at [secretaryst.paul@frontier](mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier) no later than December 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Marcie if you need assistance.

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***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](mailto: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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## **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

*asket 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](http://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          | ✿ 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](mailto: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**

- 85 x 11 plain white 20-lb copy paper
- 5mil laminating sheets
- 85 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!