

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C    Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God,

**C    we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**    *LBW 249 "God Himself Is Present"*

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 121**

*(Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD.)*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**C <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**C    <sup>4</sup>Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep; (*Refrain*)**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**C    <sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

**C    <sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore. (*Refrain*)**

*(Refrain: I lift up my eyes to the hills; my help comes from the LORD.)*

## **SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are

not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*2 measures*)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL: Gospel: John 3:1-17



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see

the kingdom of God without being born from above.”  
<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the

world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN SERMON

**SERMON**      *Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *LBW 486    “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”*

## APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was**



**crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

**Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.**

**O God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Merciful God,**

**C receive our prayer.**

**O God, you so love your creation. Breathe new life into our planetary home. Guide the work of researchers, scientists, and activists who love your**

earth and who inspire us to care for the natural world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony. Direct their work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress. *(We pray especially for Greg Begle, Keith Freyberger, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himsel-Matelic, Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Calvin Seitz, Jr., Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Merciful God,

**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 Himself, Joshua Hoffman, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor).* Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

O God, you so love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, and curiosity. Revive our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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



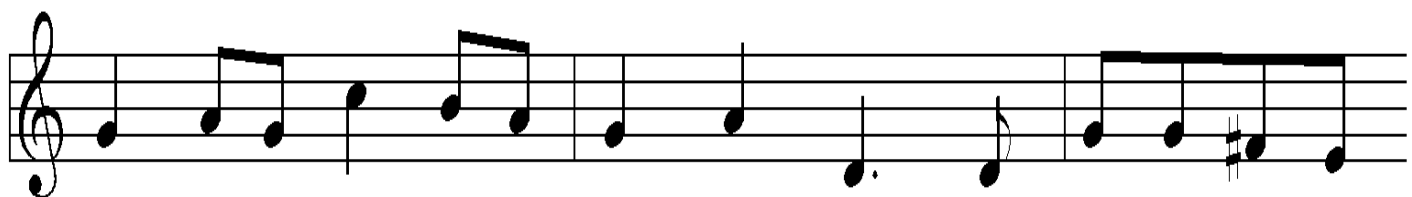
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



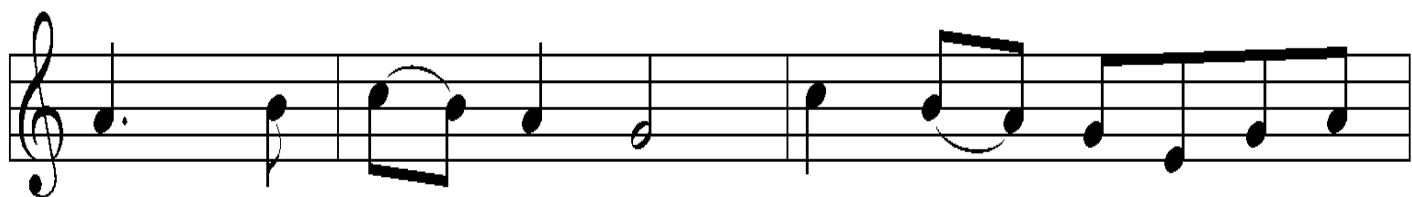
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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 nearby 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.**

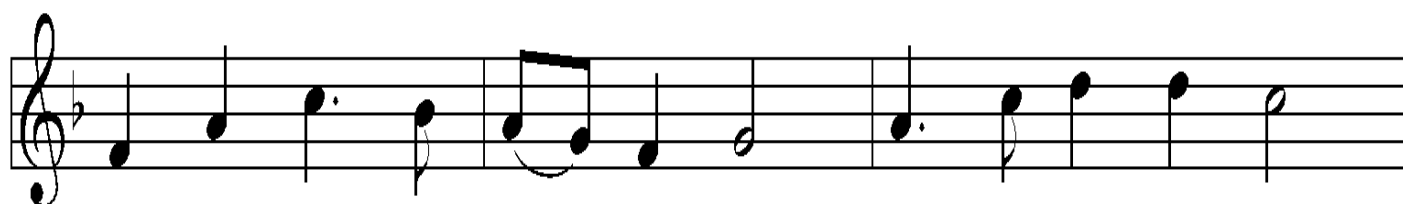
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him 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, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

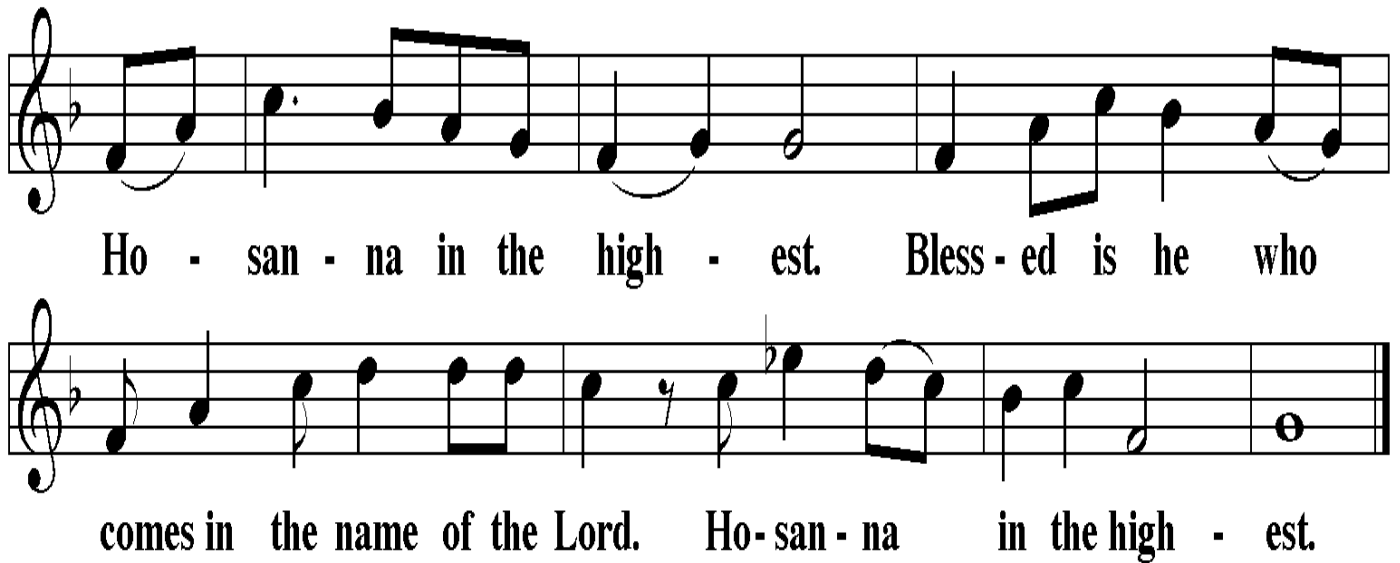
## **SANCTUS**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.



## 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

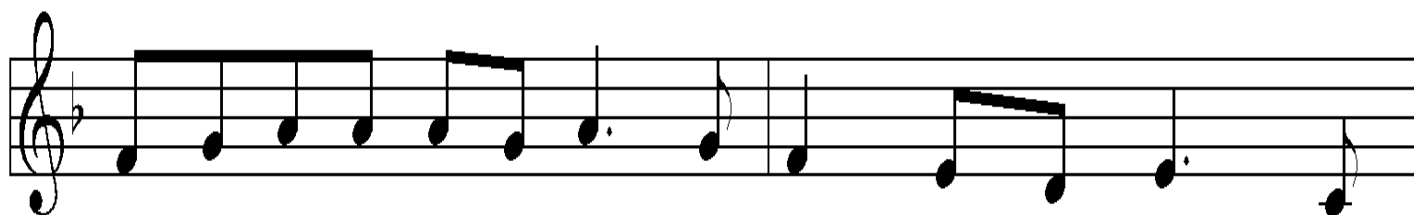
**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

## LAMB OF GOD



**C** 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.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

- LBW 296 *"Just as I Am, without One Plea*  
 LBW 474 *"Children of the Heavenly Father*  
 LBW 489 *"Wide Open All Your Hands*

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

**C Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(vs. 1 only)*

1 O Lord, now let your ser-vant de-part in heav'n-ly peace,  
 2 Then grant that I may fol-low your gleam, O glo-rious light,  
 for I have seen the glo-ry of your re-deem-ing grace:  
 till earth-ly shad-ows scat-ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the Gen - tiles un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen**

## BLESSING

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    *LBW 507*    *“How Firm a Foundation”*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**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:** Dave & Donna Kieffner  
**Comm. Asst:** Deidra Church  
**Video:** JoAn Breitwieser  
**Organist:** Arlene Vonderheide  
**Lay Reader:** Jeff Schmitt  
**Audio:** Doug Wiseman  
**Acolytes:** Reese Weisheit & Jaxson Kellar  
**Altar Guild:** Linda & Christine Popp

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 132                      SS: 10**

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Sun. Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	8:00 AM	Finance Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service ( <i>Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM</i> )
Mon. Mar. 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Ham Salad Prep
Tues. Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-10 AM	Ham Salad Prep
	10 AM- 7PM	Ham Salad Pick-up
	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	12 – 7 PM	Ham Salad Pick-up
	5:30 PM	175 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Meeting
	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal by W&M
	6:30 PM	Lenten Service
Thurs. Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service ( <i>Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM</i> )

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2022 audit is complete and the check book registers and statements are in the office for pick up.

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Parents/Grandparents!!! Please update the church office with your college student's name and address. Our evangelism team likes to keep in touch with them and send them goodies.

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WELCA will be making ham salad March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> with pick-up on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping.

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Any high school senior who is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church may apply for the \$500 Scholarship which is sponsored by Glenn & Marie Neukam. Applications are available on the welcome center desk and should be turned into the church office. **Deadline for scholarship applications will be March 26th.**

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Thank you to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl Sunday soup collection. We donated \$98 in cash and 80 cans of soup. All have been delivered to the Dubois County Food Bank.



**LENT**  
40 Days of Preparation

**Ash Wednesday Service**  
February 22nd at 6:30 PM (Lenten Meal at 5:30 PM)

**Mid-week Evening Services**  
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th  
Lenten Meals at 5:30 PM  
Service at 6:30 PM

All are Welcome!

February 22<sup>nd</sup> — Women of the ELCA

*Chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs and dessert.*

March 1<sup>st</sup> — LYO

*Spaghetti & Fettucine Alfredo, garlic bread, salad and deserts*

March 8<sup>th</sup> — Worship & Music

*Chili, cornbread, PB&J's, veggie tray and dessert*

March 15<sup>th</sup> — Evangelism

*Pulled pork, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, chips and dessert.*

March 22<sup>nd</sup> — Council

*Hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, beans and dessert.*

March 29<sup>th</sup> — Christian Ed.

*Taco bar and dessert.*





## **St. Paul's 175th Anniversary Update – February 8, 2023**

During Lent our celebration will take a low-key approach in honor of the somber season leading to Easter. While we will not have Heritage Sunday events in March or April, we will continue to publish stories from members. Of course, we invite you to share your St. Paul's story by connecting with Mary Bauer. Thank you to all who have already reached out.

We have had several inquiries about getting copies of the wonderful historical message delivered in January by Martha Church and Jeff Schmitt. While we plan on updating the archives with our history over the last 25 years, we are working to make the January notes available in the near future to anyone desiring them.

Speaking of the last quarter century, the SP175 Team is seeking someone to help prepare, organize, and assemble our history since our 150th Anniversary celebration in 1998. Much of the documentation is readily available and more will be added this year. We simply need a person or persons to bring it all together. We are grateful to have received a private financial gift to be used towards this effort. Contact Terry Seitz if you could be of assistance.

Finally, we have committed to having a unit in the Ireland St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 19. It will again be a walking unit and the parade route is relatively short. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

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# A SEASON OF HOPE

## LENT

*Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.*

### HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

#### WEEK 1

##### Bars of Soap

(2-3 bars, 4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping)



#### WEEK 4

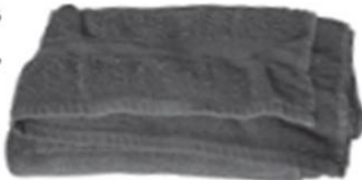
##### Combs



#### WEEK 2

##### Bath Towels

(light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended)



#### WEEK 5

##### Nail Clippers

(metal, attached file optional)



#### WEEK 3

##### Toothbrushes

(adult size, in original packaging)



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FOR THE PARK**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH | PICK-UP 10-1 PM**

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HAYSVILLE PARK**

**FOR PRE SALE TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT  
OWEN FURHRMAN (812) 639-3251 OR BRYANT KIEFFNER (812) 639-1367  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

***Please be sure to pick-up your 2023 offering envelopes and 2022 end of year giving statements.***

There is a table set-up in the welcome area with the envelopes and the wooden box with statements. If you cannot find a box or statement with your name, please advise Jenny Begle in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at:

[secretaryst.paul@frontier.com](mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com)

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### **In Service to Our Country**

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