

## **PRELUDE**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

**Amen.**

## **KYRIE**





u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

God of life,

**C** you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our

**hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ✝ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

**C Amen.**

## **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**





Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through 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: Isaiah 63:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely”; and he became their savior <sup>9</sup>in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 148**

*(Refrain: The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**C   <sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**C   <sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

**C   <sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. *(Refrain)***

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**C   <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**C   <sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**C   <sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together. *(Refrain)***

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**C   <sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah! *(Refrain)***

*(Refrain: The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.)*

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect

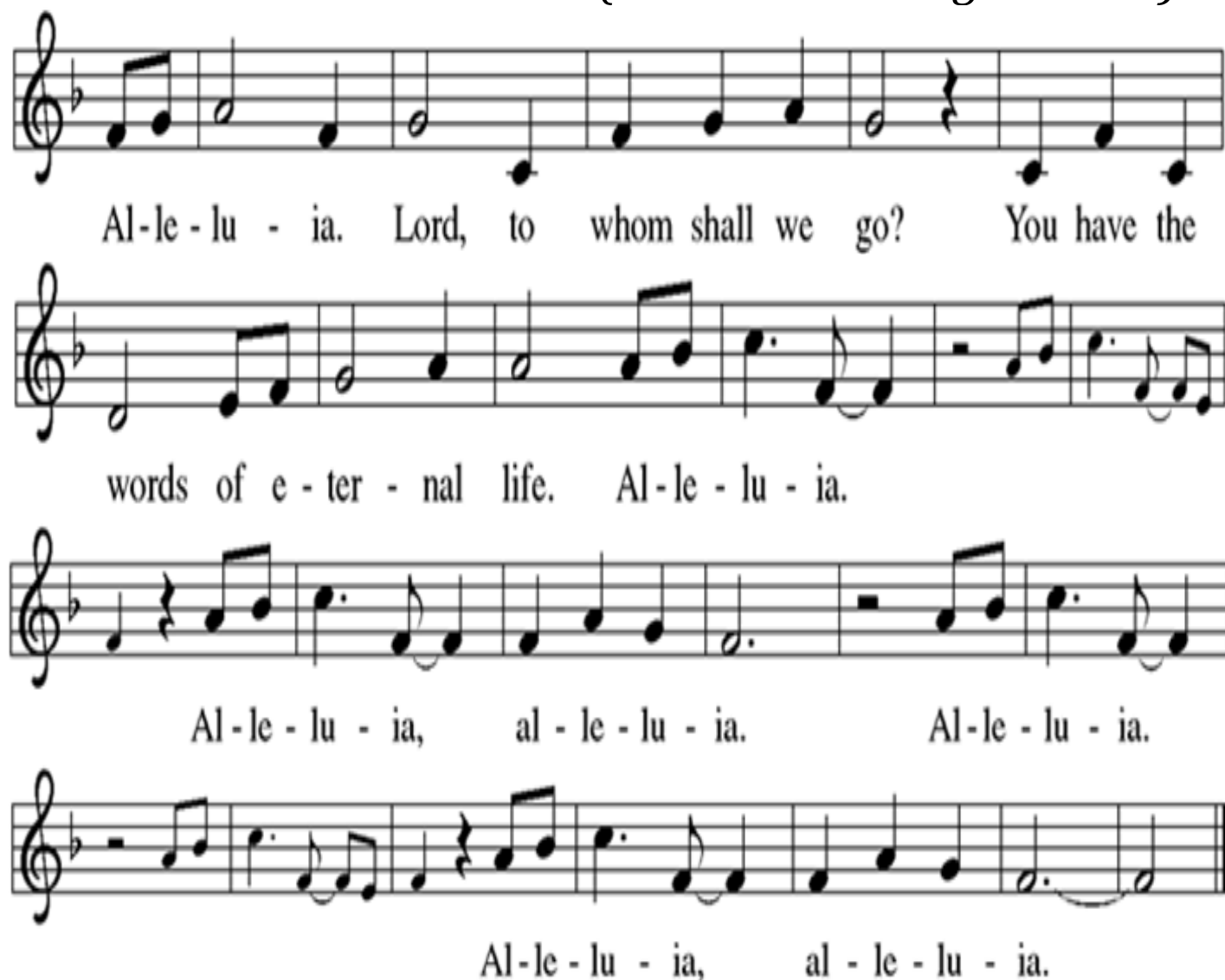


through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.” <sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Here am I and the children whom God has given me.” <sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to

search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” <sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that

what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

*Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *LBW 46*      *“Once Again My Heart Rejoices”*

## **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**

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

Merciful God, broaden the church's hospitality and welcome. Open our hearts to any in need of refuge and help, especially those who are persecuted. Prosper the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

Healing God, raise up any who are bowed down with illness or sorrow. Deepen our care and concern for one another. We lift to you all who are undergoing transition in relationships, occupation, living situation, or health condition. *(We pray especially for Eugene Keller, Alli Kempf, Dennis Neukam, Steve Rothgerber, Helen Stenftenagle, Gerald Vonderheide*

*and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* God of grace,  
**C hear 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).* God, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, deliver your people from cruel oppression. Increase justice in every nation and keep the dream of freedom alive. In this new year bring the blessing of peace and put an end to violent conflict throughout the world. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Uplifting God, raise all who are bowed down by trouble and need, especially individuals and families living in poverty. Protect and nurture all children. Sustain those who parent, teach, and care for the young. God of grace,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, accompany this community in the coming year. Increase our love for one another and the neighbors we serve. Enrich our worship and deepen our faith. Sustain our pastors and all who minister in your name. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**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



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.

**God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. 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 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, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant

vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, 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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 643 “Once in Royal David’s City”

LBW 51 “From Heaven Above”

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

**C Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



May you run and not be wea - ry. May your

heart be filled with song. And may the

love of God con - tin - ue to

give you hope and keep you strong. And may you



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**C** God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, ✝ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    *LBW 70    “Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

## **DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**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:** Jeanne Hoffman  
**Comm. Asst:** Todd Popp  
**Video:** Lori Keller  
**Organist:** Arlene Vonderheide  
**Lay Reader:** Jeannie Hoffman  
**Audio:** Keith Keller  
**Acolytes:** Lilly Lottes & Reese Weisheit

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 58 SS:**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 1<sup>st</sup> – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Sun. Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Remove Christmas Décor
Tues. Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
Sun. Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	8:15 AM	Evangelism Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship <i>(Installation of new council members)</i>



## **ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

At the start of the 2023, we will reset the prayer list as we have the past couple of years. If you would like someone to remain on, that is no problem. Please take a moment to relay that request to Pastor or Jen, or leave a note in the office and that individual or individuals of concern will remain on for as long as you wish.

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***2023 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 Jenny Begle in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at: [secretaryst.paul@frontier.com](mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com). Please remember envelope numbers can change from year to year, so these should only be used starting in January 2023.

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Free blood pressure checks will be done after the service on January 15, 2023.

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Northeast Dubois Preschool Registration for the 2023/24 school year will be held Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00- 7:00 pm in the Dubois Elementary School Cafeteria.

Three-year-old and four-year-old class options are available. Children must be 3 on or before August 1, 2023. The registration fee is \$50.00 and is due at registration. For those who are not wanting to attend in person, forms are also available online at [nedubois.k12.in.us](http://nedubois.k12.in.us) and can be returned to school anytime from now until February 4, 2023. Any questions can be directed to the Dubois Elementary School Office at 812-678-3011.

**Please bring the child's birth certificate (from the Health Department) and social security card at time of registration.**

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**In Service to Our Country**

Austin Breitwieser  
AM-1 Luke Himself  
Joshua Hoffman  
Maj. Nathan Humbert  
Cooper Uebelhor

San Antonio, TX  
Virginia Beach, VA  
Washington (*State*)  
Fort Campbell, KY  
Colorado Springs, CO