

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C 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,

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

Holy One,

C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C Amen.


GREETING

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

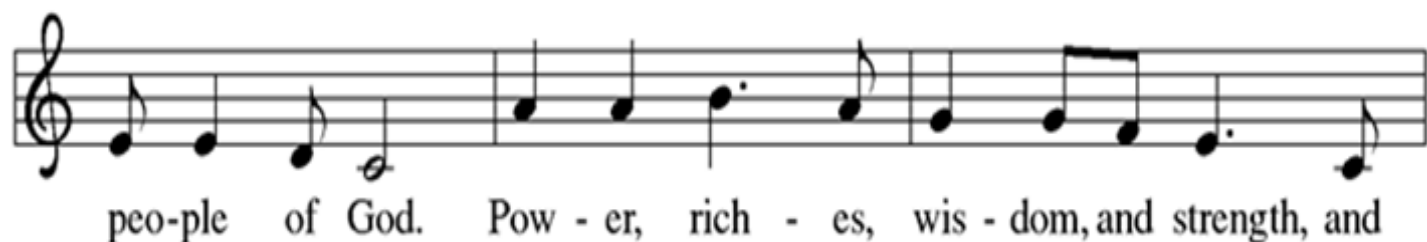
C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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.
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



Refrain

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a

loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

(Refrain: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.)

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

C ²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice. *(Refrain)*

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

C ⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

C ⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles. *(Refrain)*

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

C ⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C ¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

C *(Refrain)*

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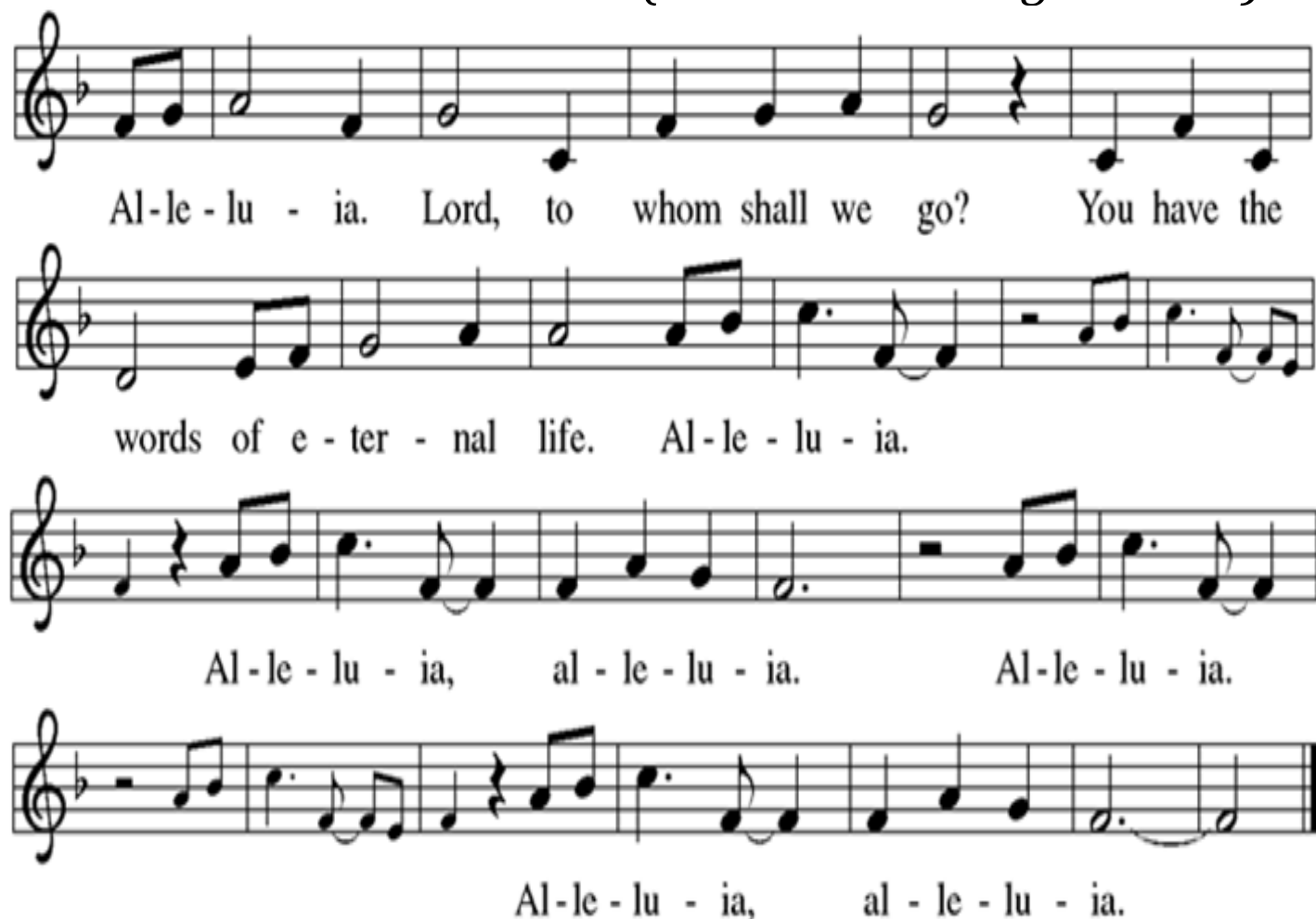
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a 10-measure organ introduction. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff continues with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are

those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 176* *“For All the Saints,
O Lord”*

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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you. *(We pray especially for Rob Ballard, Myrtle Bennett, Leroy Bleemel, Keith Freyberger, Jane Harris, Juanita Hembree, Cheri Kieffner, Eugene Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Steve Rothgerber, Dolores Russell, Annette Schepers, Roxanne Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Becky Seibert, Jim Seitz, Cindy Seng, Martha Jane Tucker and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

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.) Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. *(We pray especially for Lovella Ruckriegel, Marlene Huls, William Neukam, Ioma Wening, Lena Seitz, Donald Maas, Stanley Letterman, Radus Hembree and Edgar Gehlhausen.)* Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. 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, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. 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 -



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.**

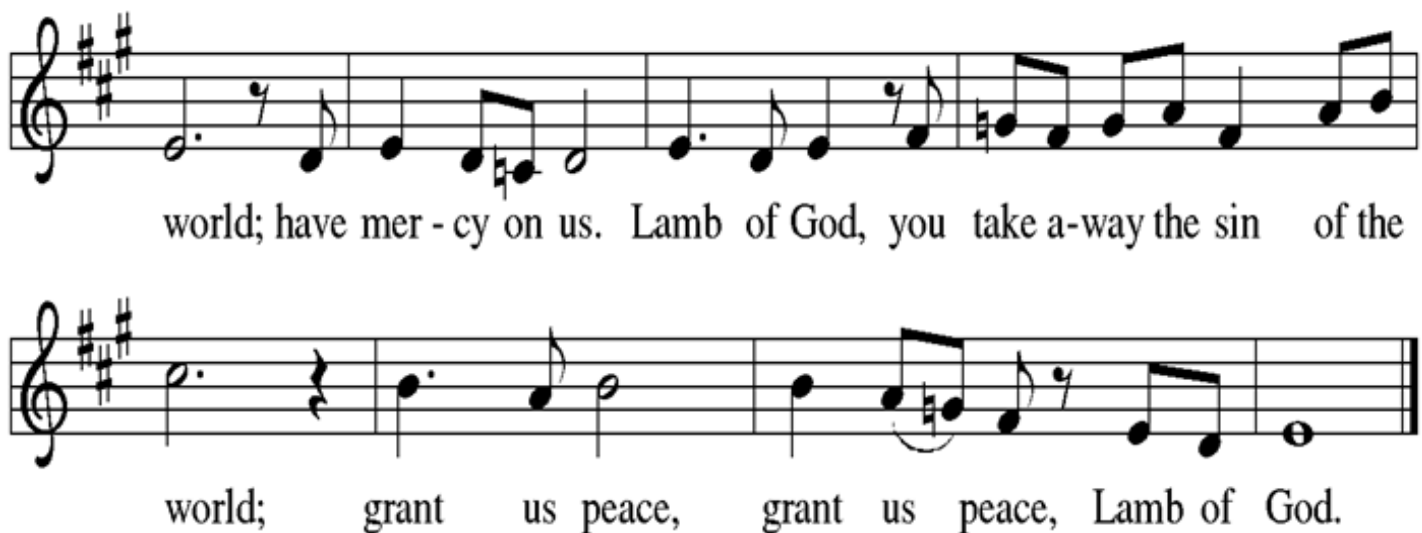
LAMB OF GOD



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



REMEMBERANCE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

After you receive communion there will be an opportunity for you to light a candle in memory of someone you love who has passed.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 783	<i>"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God</i>
WOV 752	<i>I, the Lord of Sea and Sky</i>
LBW 548	<i>Oh, Worship the King</i>

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

run and not be wea - ry. May your

life be filled with joy. And may the

road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *LBW 535* *“Holy God, We Praise
Your Name (vs. 1 & 4)”*

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Todd & Christine Popp
Comm. Asst: JoAn Breitwieser
Video: Geoff Stallwood
Organist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Tina Terwiske
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Brandon Buse & Reese Weisheit
Altar Guild: Donna Rasche & Shirley Stallwood

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 130 SS: 15

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Nov. 5th-Nov. 12th, 2023

Sun. Nov. 5 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Endowment Meeting
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Part 2 series
Tues. Nov. 7 th	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Nov. 8 th	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thurs. Nov. 9 th	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Nov. 12 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (no communion)

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

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ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented in honor of Carl and Sue Ellen Wening's 60th wedding anniversary.

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The Endowment board will meet today, Sunday, November 5th, immediately following the morning worship service.

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WELCA News

November Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

We are looking forward to having Ken Eck from Purdue Extension join us at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, November 7th for a presentation on the basics of "Composting"; things we can do in our garden and how to do it right. There will also be time for any questions we might have. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend or two! Hope to see you then.

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The annual congregational meeting-part 1 will be held immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, November 26th. At this meeting we will vote on approving the budget as well as vote on five new members for the 2024 church council.

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****REMINDER:** Kids in grades 4 and up will be putting together backpack buddies today during Sunday School.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

The Women of the ELCA will have the 'Shoe Boxes' available in the welcome center on **Sunday, October 8th through Sunday, November 5th**. Brochures are available with the boxes that give an explanation on how to pack the box.

Some gift suggestions that are noted are:

- ⇒ School supplies: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons, markers, writing pads, solar calculators, coloring books
- ⇒ Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes
- ⇒ Non Liquid Hygiene Items: mild bar soap (put in plastic bag), comb, washcloth
- ⇒ Other: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights

DO NOT INCLUDE: war related items like toy guns, knives or military figures; candy, toothpaste, gum; liquids or lotions; breakable items such as snow globes; aerosol cans

Remember, if you don't want to shop there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, November 5th**. If you have any questions, please contact any WELCA officer.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS HONORING VETERANS

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

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

The Cemetery Board is asking for individuals to help place the wreaths on the graves. Volunteers are asked to meet at St. Paul's Cemetery by 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 16th.

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

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

Wreaths will be removed from the graves at 12:30 PM on Saturday, January 6, 2024.

Please plan to participate or observe this patriotic event to honor our Veterans. The date and time, again, is ***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th AT 2:00 PM.***

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



WELCA BOOK SIGN-UPS

There are sign-up sheets on the welcome center desk for committees for the 2024 year. Committees include flower, visiting, birthday cakes for members 85 and older, and refreshments for our monthly meetings. Please review the list and faithfully consider one of these projects.

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Annual reports for each committee will need to be dropped in office or emailed to Jenny Begle at secretaryst.paul@frontier no later than December 3rd. Contact Jenny if you need assistance.

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In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AM-1 Luke Himself
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
Virginia Beach, VA
Colorado Springs, CO