

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of all.

**C Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, creator,

**C we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of †

Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**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.**

## **KYRIE**



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



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



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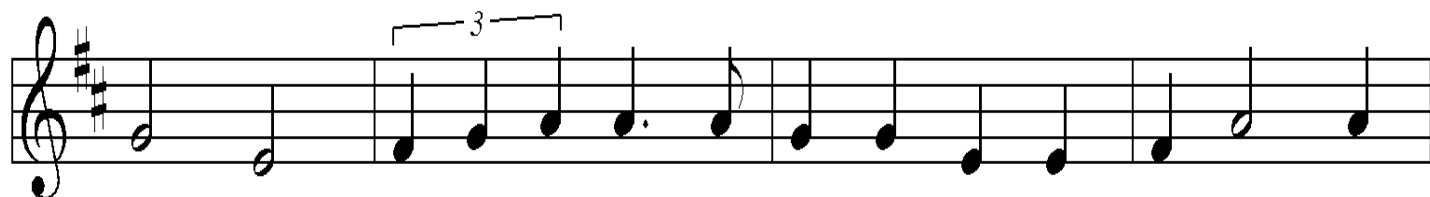
# HYMN OF PRAISE *(four measures introduction)*



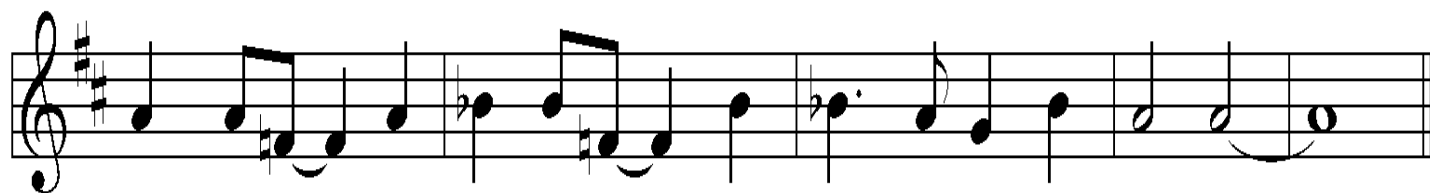
**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



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



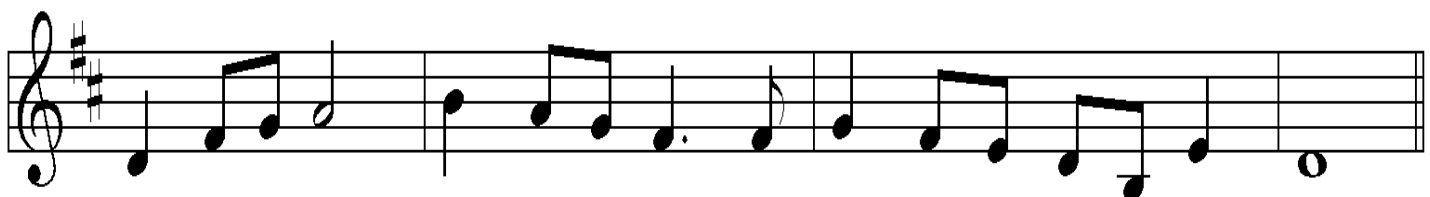
**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



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



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



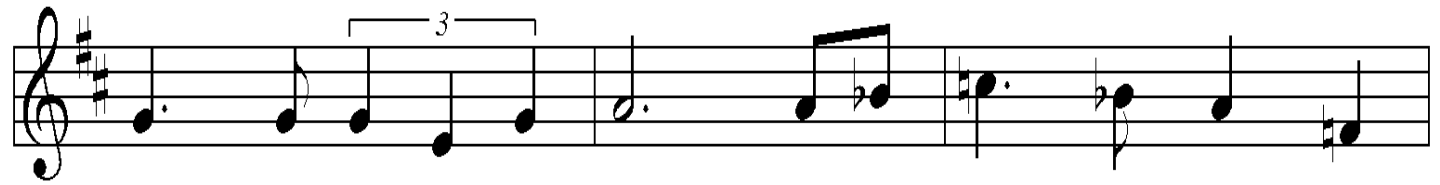
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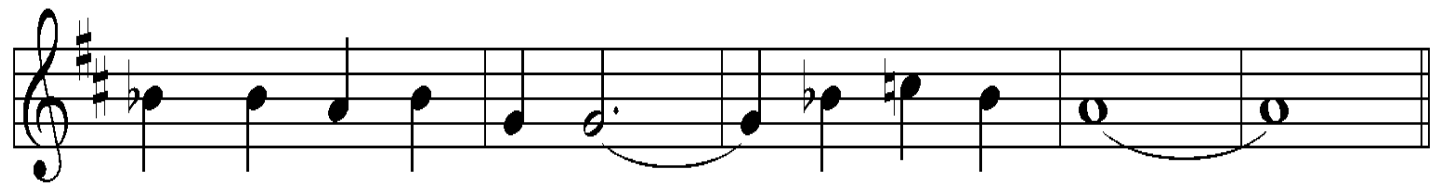
**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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



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



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



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



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



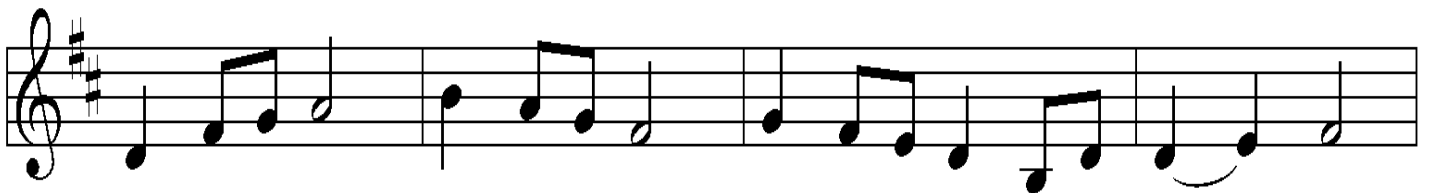
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II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



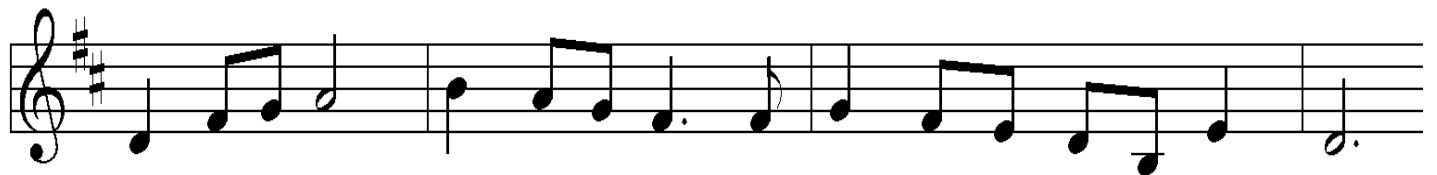
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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



☐ 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**

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

*(Refrain: The LORD heals the brokenhearted.)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

**C    <sup>2</sup>The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**C    <sup>4</sup>The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. *(Refrain)***

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

**C    <sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

**C    <sup>8</sup>who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains. *(Refrain)***

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

**C    <sup>10</sup>God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**



<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

## **C (Refrain)**

*(Refrain: The LORD heals the brokenhearted.)*

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak,

so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues with 'Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.' The third staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes.

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

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

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law

was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** *Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *WOV 731*      *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

## **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 celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.**

Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need. *(We pray*

*especially for Rich Arvin, Rob Ballard, Lisa Boerste, Marcia Brown, Barbara Fleck, Keith Freyberger, Cheri Kieffner, Judy Lorey, Mary Beth Martin, Logan Musgrave, Steve Rothgerber, Libby Rudolph, Annette Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Martha Jane Tucker, Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* God of grace,

**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.)* God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**

God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,

**C receive our prayer.**



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 Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. 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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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



**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, grant us peace.

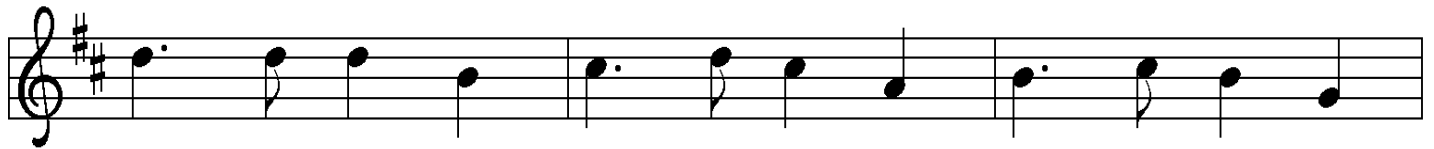
## COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 737 *“There is a Balm in Gilead”*

ELW 612 *“Healer of Our Every Ill”*

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,  
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*ELW 610 "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"*



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;  
 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;  
 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find

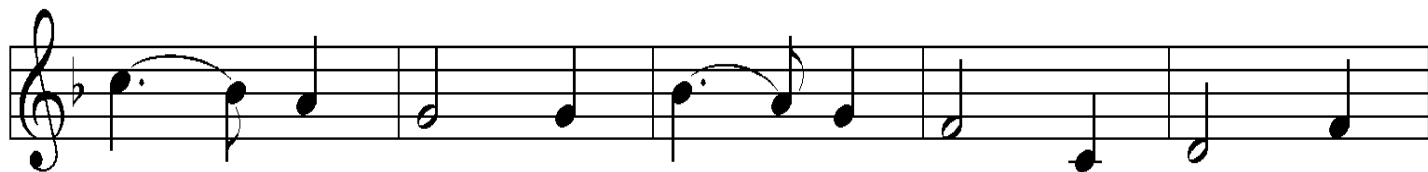


How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
 yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
 our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
 the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

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

**C Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** *(four measures introduction)*



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



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



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



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



lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-



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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**C Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen**

## BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      *WOV 673*      *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**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:** Nick & Melissa Lottes and family  
**Comm. Asst:** Julia Stenftenagel  
**Video:** JoAn Breitwieser  
**Organist:** Barbara Dell  
**Lay Reader:** Erin Kellar  
**Audio:** Bryan Buchta  
**Acolytes:** Jake Lottes

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 129 SS: 13**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sun. Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	8:15 AM	Evangelism Meeting
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Season 3
Tues. Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
Thurs. Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Season 3



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

Marvin Eisenhut has decided to step down from bell ringing after 23 years of service. If anyone is interested in becoming a bell ringer, please see a church council member or call the office. Thank you, Marvin! We appreciate your many years of service to our church.

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Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, will be Souper Bowl Sunday. Plan to make a canned soup donation to the food bank. A soup pot will be set out for any monetary donations that will go to the food bank as well.

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### **WELCA News**

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, is our next scheduled meeting. Once again, we will be doing blanket tacking beginning at 4:00 pm in the basement. A light meal will be served prior to the meeting that is scheduled for 6:30 pm.

Please mark your calendars for our March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, at 6:30 PM, as we will have Megan Durlauf from the Dove House joining us for a presentation/discussion. Please join us!

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*Coming February 2024*



Join us for this 8-week video series discussion group on Sunday evenings  
beginning February 4, 2024 6:30 PM

# 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 March 3rd through March 31st. 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 2**  
**Bath Towels**  
(light-weight,  
maximum  
52" x 27",  
dark color  
recommended)



**WEEK 3**  
**Toothbrushes**  
(adult size,  
in original  
packaging)



**WEEK 4**  
**Combs**



**WEEK 5**  
**Nail Clippers**  
(metal, attached  
file optional)



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## February 2024

2/4

Preschool – 3rd: Story & Craft

4th – 6th: Backpack Buddies

2/11

Preschool – 3rd: Story & Craft

2/18

Preschool – 3rd: Story & Craft

2/25

Preschool – 3rd: Story & Craft



**Deadline for scholarship applications is today, March 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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.

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*Please be sure to pick-up your 2023 end of year giving statements.* They are located in the wooden box in the welcome area. If you cannot find your statement, 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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