St. Paul's Lutheran Church 4 Epiphany January 28, 2024

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 +

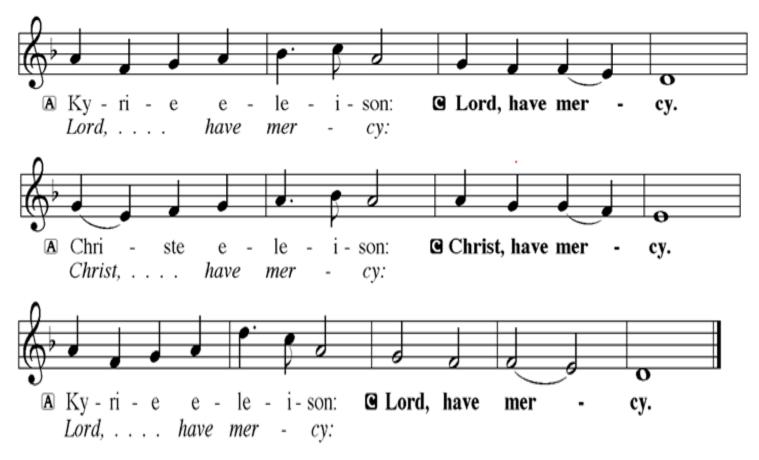
Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

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









PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111

(Refrain: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.)

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

C ²Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

C ⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion. *(Refrain)*

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

C ⁶You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

C ⁸They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. *(Refrain)*

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

C ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever. *(Refrain)*

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know

something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become SO accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family,

and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 532 "How Great Thou Art"

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. Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace, **C** receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer. *(We pray especially for Rich Arvin, Rob Ballard, Lisa Boerste, Marcia Brown, Barbara Fleck,* Keith Freyberger, Cheri Kieffner, Judy Lorey, 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.

Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

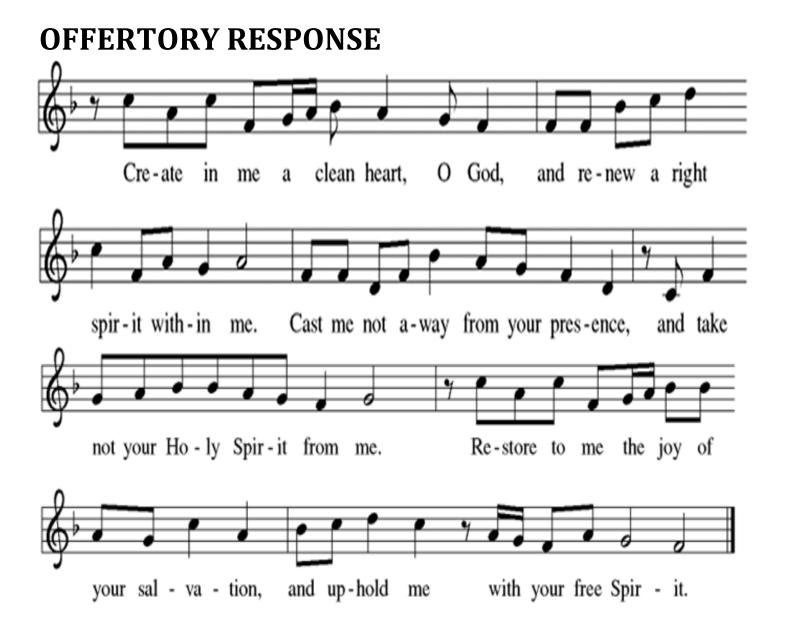
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

Handbells



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.

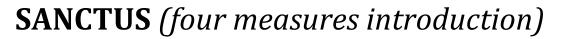
Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

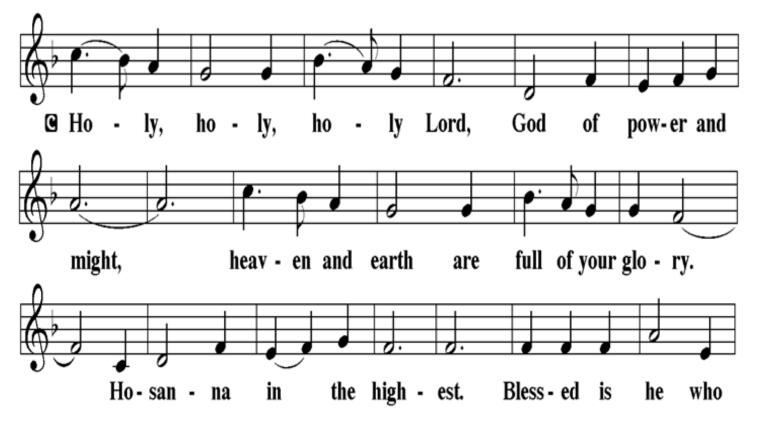
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

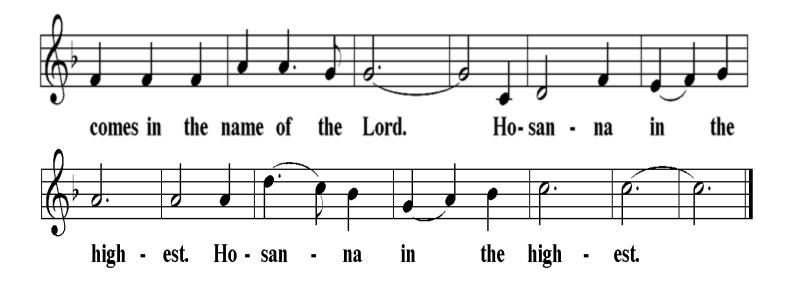
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:







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



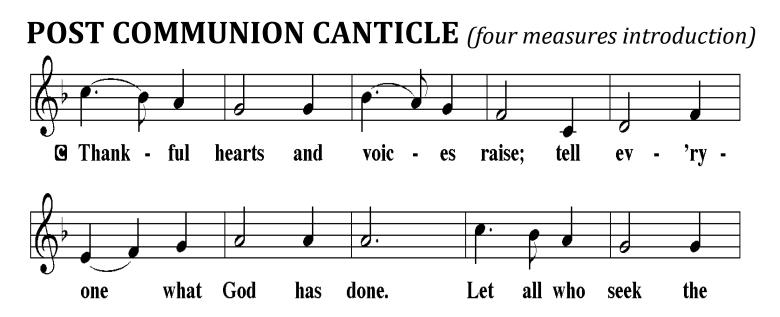


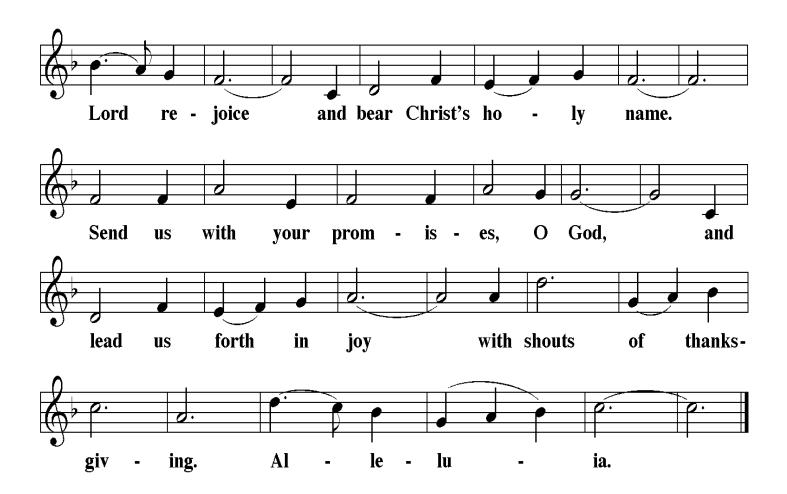
COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 779 "You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" WOV 776 "Be Thou My Vision" LBW 316 "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

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

C Amen.





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

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<u>Mission Statement:</u> Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship, Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters:	Gary & Diane Bair	
Comm. Asst:	Doug Wiseman	
Video:	Lori Keller	
Organist:	Arlene Vonderheide	
Lay Reader:	Jeanne Hoffman	
Audio:	Keith Keller	
Acolytes:	Reese Weisheit	

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 128 SS: 12

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF

<u>Jan 28th – Feb. 4th, 2024</u>

Sun. Jan. 28 th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service LYO Meeting Altar Guild Meeting
Wed. Jan. 31 st	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Confirmation Handbell Practice
Sun. Feb. 4 th	8:00 AM 8:15 AM 9:00 AM 6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice Evangelism Meeting Sunday Worship Service The Chosen – Season 3

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is time for our annual check book audit. Committees need to supply their checkbooks and 2023 monthly bank statements no later than January 31st.

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There will be a *LYO meeting* in the fellowship hall, on Sunday, January 28th, immediately following the morning worship service.

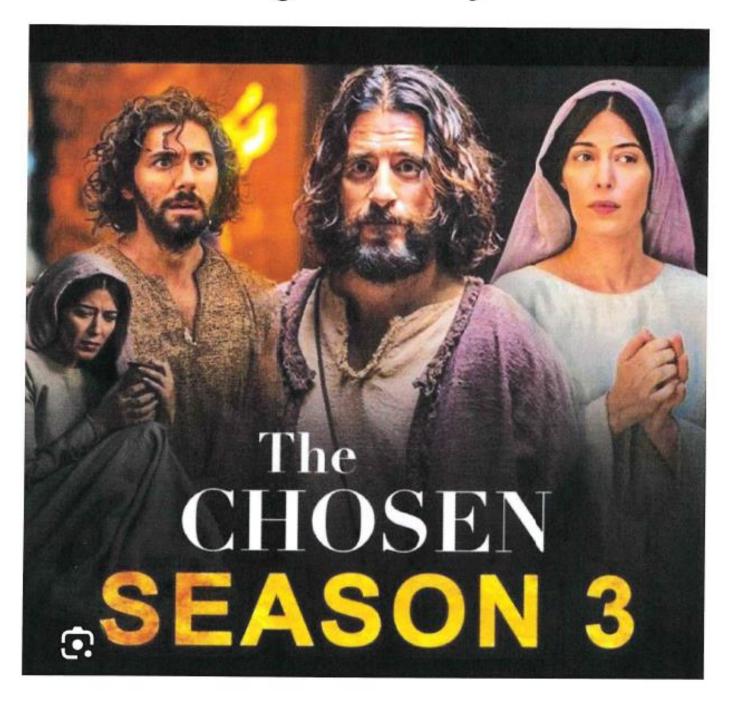
There will be an *Altar Guild meeting* in the fellowship hall, on Sunday, January 28th, immediately following the

morning worship service.

Sunday, February 11th, 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.

Please be sure to pick-up your 2023 end of yeargiving statements.They are located in the wooden boxin the welcome area.If you cannot find your statement,please adviseJennyBegle in the church office at(812)695-3061oremailat:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

Coming February 2024



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



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 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)

WORLD RELIEF

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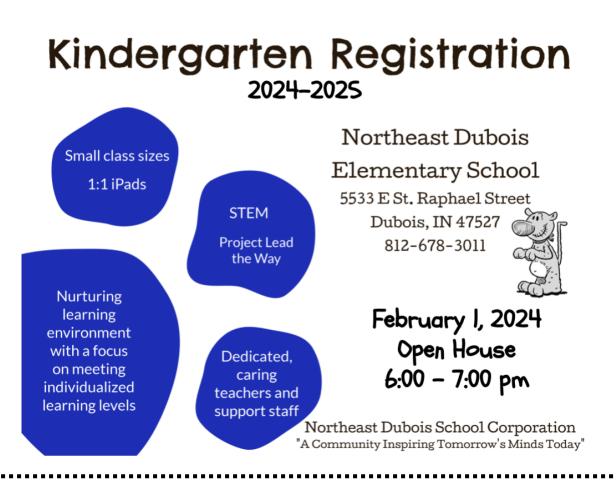
Preschool – 3: Story & Craft 4th – 6th: Backpack Buddies

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Preschool -3: Story & Craft

1/21 Preschool -3 : Story & Craft

1/28 Whole Group: Valentine's Activity



In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser AM-1 Luke Himsel Cooper Uebelhor Redzikowo, Poland USS Theodore Roosevelt Colorado Springs, CO