

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

**OPENING HYMN**    *LBW 470*        *“Praise and Thanks  
and Adoration”*

## **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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

*(Refrain: You deliver your people from their distress.)*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

**C   <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**C   <sup>17</sup>Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

**C   <sup>19</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.**  
*(Refrain)*

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

**C   <sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

### **C** *(Refrain)*

*(Refrain: You deliver your people from their distress.)*

### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the

gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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.

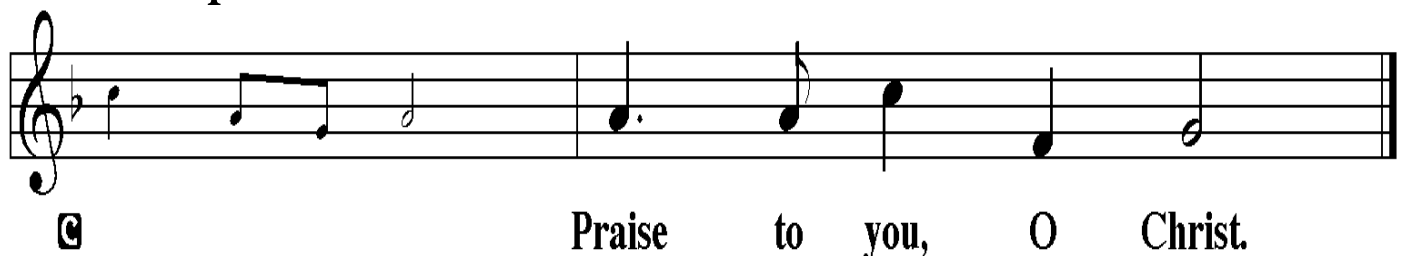
**GOSPEL: Gospel: John 3:14-21**



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“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. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

## The Gospel of the Lord.



# CHILDREN SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *ELW 323 "God Loved the World"*



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

## 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**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. *(We pray especially for Rich Arvin, Rob Ballard, Lisa Boerste, Marcia Brown, Brandi Dodd, Barbara Fleck, Keith Freyberger, Eugene Keller, Donna Kieffner, Cheri Kieffner, Tammy Kieffner, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Logan Musgrave, Steve Rothgerber, Libby Rudolph, Annette Schepers, Sue Schnarr, Donnie Schwenk, Martha Jane Tucker, Gerald Vonderheide, Lora Williams, Ron 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.**

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, 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



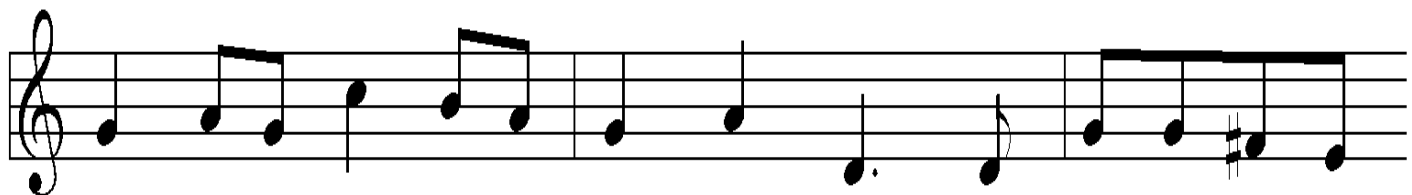
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



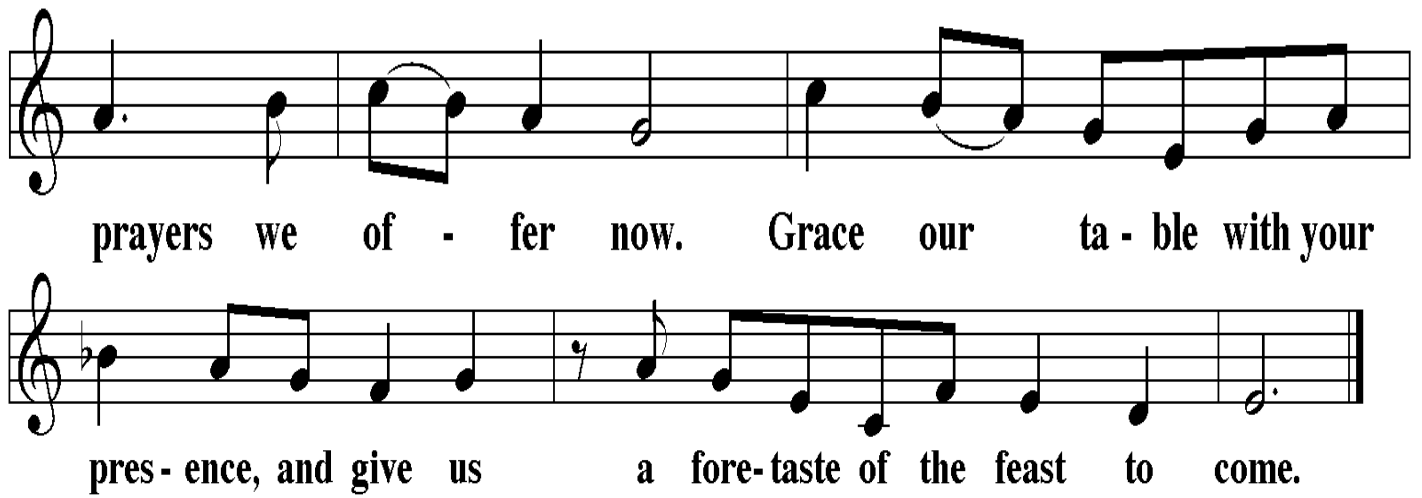
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



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.

**C** Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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.**

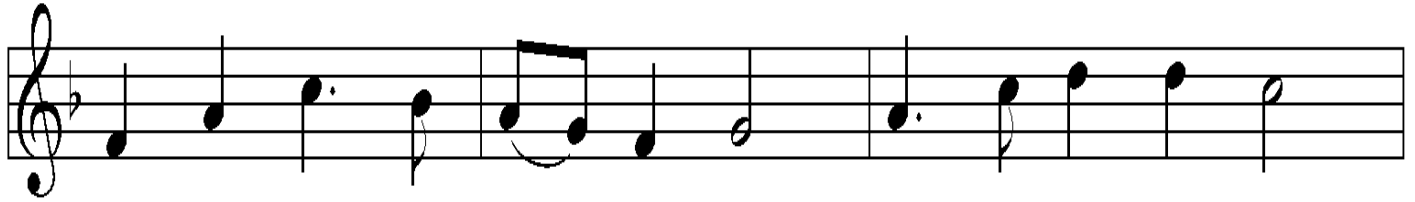
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give 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



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.



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.

# 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.**

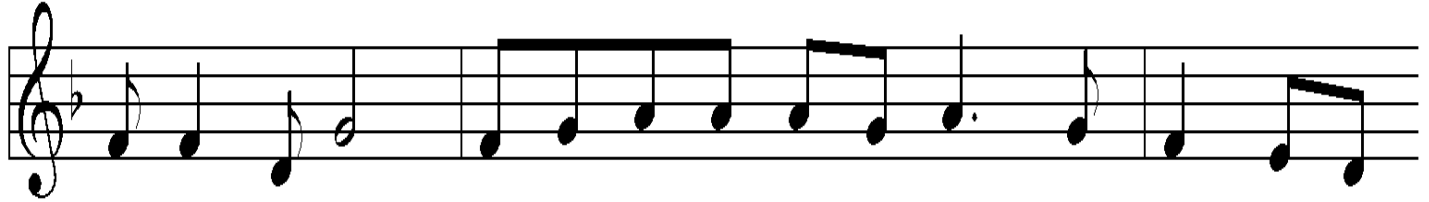
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**



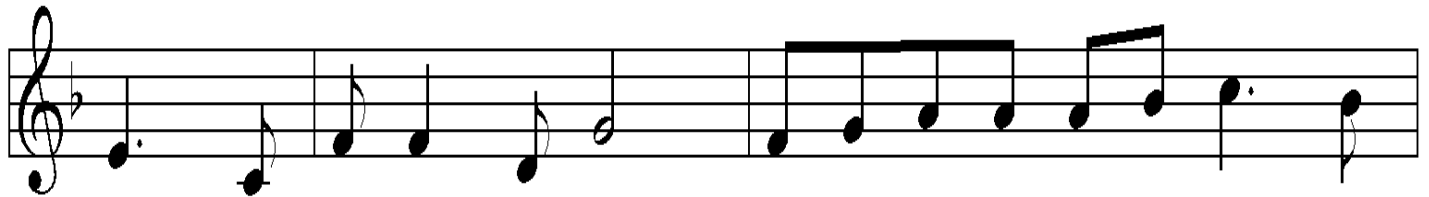
# LAMB OF GOD



♩ 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.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

*LBW 448 "Amazing Grace"*

*LBW 296 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"*

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.

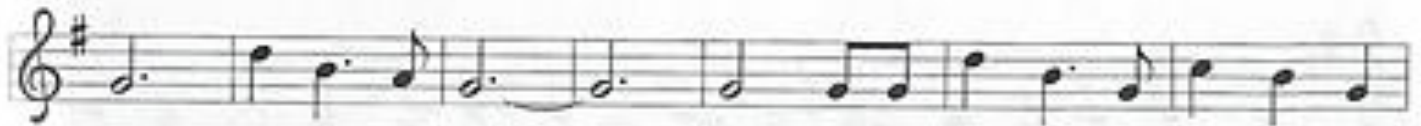
**C** Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen

# BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

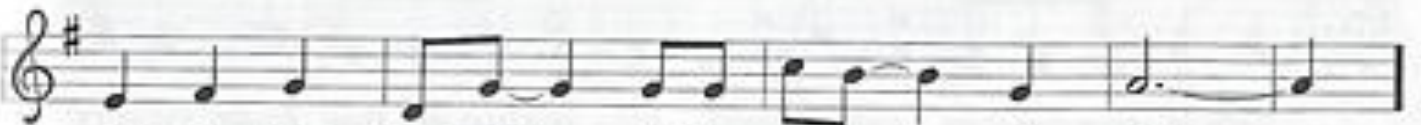
## SENDING HYMN *ELW 720* "We Are Called"



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O-pen your heart! Show your . . mer-cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



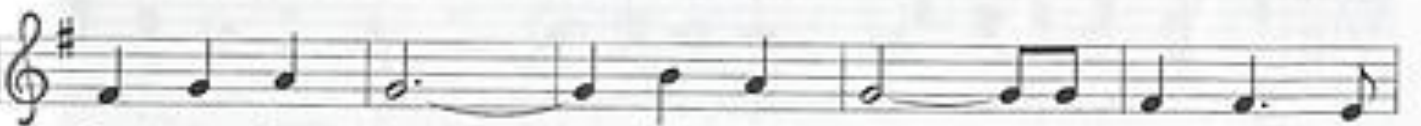
Lord! We are called to be light for the king-dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope-less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth-er as



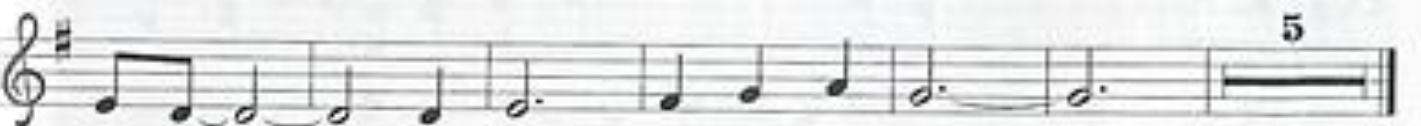
live in the free-dom of the cit-y of God,  
ha-tred and blind-ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis-ters and broth-ers . . . u-nit-ed in love.



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-



oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**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:** Todd & Chris Popp  
**Comm. Asst:** Jeff Schmitt  
**Video:** JoAn Breitwieser  
**Organist:** Arlene Vonderheide  
**Lay Reader:** Jeff Schmitt  
**Audio:** Doug Wiseman  
**Acolytes:** Kogen Kalb  
**Altar Guild:** Brandi Dodd & Erin Kalb

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 127 SS: 13**

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF  
Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Sun. Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	6:30 PM	The Chosen – Season 3
Mon. Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Ham Salad Prep
Tues. Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM	Ham Salad Prep
	10AM-7PM	Ham Salad Pick-up
Wed. Mar. 13 <sup>th</sup>	12-7 PM	Ham Salad Pick-up
	4:30 PM	Worship & Music Meeting
	5:30 PM	Lenten Meal by Christian Ed.
	6:00 PM	Handbell Practice
	6:30 PM	Holden Service
Sun. Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	8:15 AM	First Communion Instruction
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service

*(Sunday School each Sunday after communion until 10:30 AM)*

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deadline for scholarship applications is 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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WELCA will be making ham salad March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with pick-up on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping.

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We are looking for 3 people to attend the 37th Annual Indiana-Kentucky Synod. In Louisville Friday June 7th thru Sunday June 9th, 2024. If anyone is interested, please speak with a council member.

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Cleaning out your closets? The WELCA blanket group could use your CLEAN sheets, light weight blankets, pillow cases, mattress pads, bed skirts, table cloths or cotton drapes. Please leave on the welcome center desk or on the tables down in the basement. Any questions, please contact JoAnn Schnarr.

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**Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 PM**

**February 14th**

*(Lenten Meal at 5:30 PM)*

**Mid-week Holden Services @ 6:30 PM**

**February 21st, 28th & Mar. 6th, 13th and 20th**

*(Lenten Meal at 5:30 PM)*

**LENT**

40 Days of Preparation



All are Welcome!

**February 14th – Women of the ELCA**

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

**February 21st – LYO**

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

**February 28th – Evangelism**

*Pulled pork, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips and dessert.*

**March 6th – Worship & Music**

*Chili, cornbread, sandwiches and dessert*

**March 13th – Christian Ed.**

*Taco bar and dessert.*

**March 20th – Council**

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





# WE NEED YOU!

It takes a village to help St. Paul's operate each week.  
Can you help?



## VALET SERVICE

### Requirements

- Park and return vehicles (before and after church) for members and visitors who request assistance
- Must hold a valid driver's license
- Multiple volunteers needed
- Shifts/Assignments will be determined based on number of volunteers.

## BELL RINGER

### Requirements

- Sundays: Ring bell at 8:30 AM and again at 9:00 AM when church service begins
- Other: Tole Bell when someone passes away (1 tole per year of life) and at Funerals
- Minimal climbing and physical strength is required
- Monthly assignments (Currently ~4 mos/yr)
- Multiple volunteers needed



**THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

**Interested in learning more or volunteering in these roles?**

Contact any Church Council member, or leave  
a message with the Church office!



*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

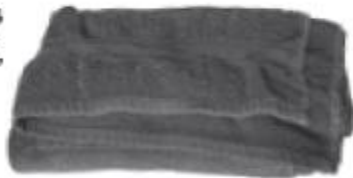
Help spread God's love this Lent by donating items for Lutheran World Relief personal care kits. The kits will reach some of the poorest parts of the world. Collection will begin March 3rd through March 31st. There will be a container placed in the welcome center.

## 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

*March 2024*

3/3

Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft  
4th - 6th: Backpack Buddies

3/10

Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft

3/17

Preschool - 3rd: Story & Craft

3/24

NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK

3/31

Easter Egg Hunt





# Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
DUBOIS COMMUNITY PARK  
CENTER



# EASTER EGG HUNT

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
in Haysville**

**Saturday, Mar. 30th @ 12:00 PM**

**For kids through 5th grade**

***(Sponsored by the Haysville Ruritans)***

**Everyone  
Welcome!  
Join Us!**



## **In Service to Our Country**

Austin Breitwieser  
AM-1 Luke Himsel  
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland  
USS Theodore Roosevelt  
Colorado Springs, CO

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