

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

C you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

C Amen.

The former things have passed away. God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

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:

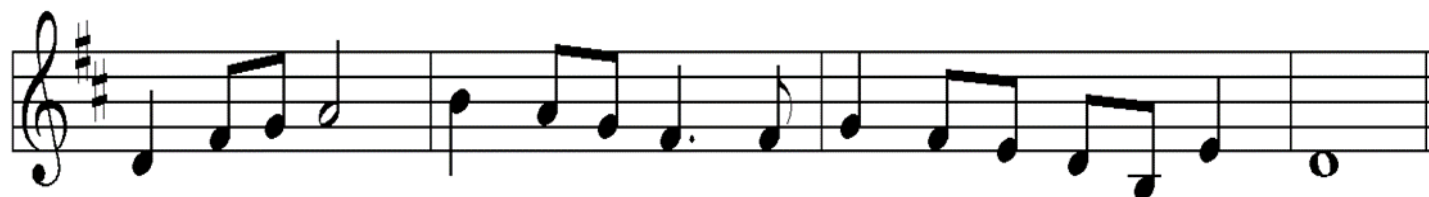


A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
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HYMN OF PRAISE *(four measures introduction)*



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



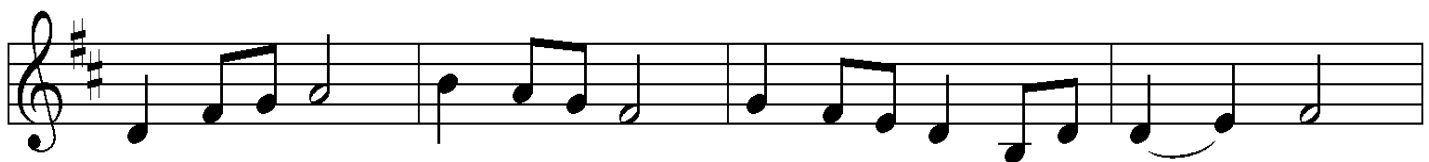
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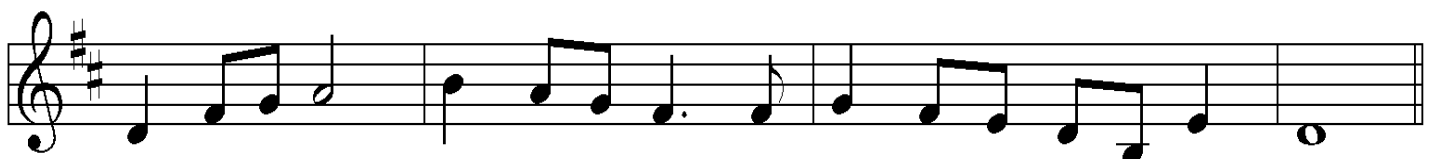
☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we



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



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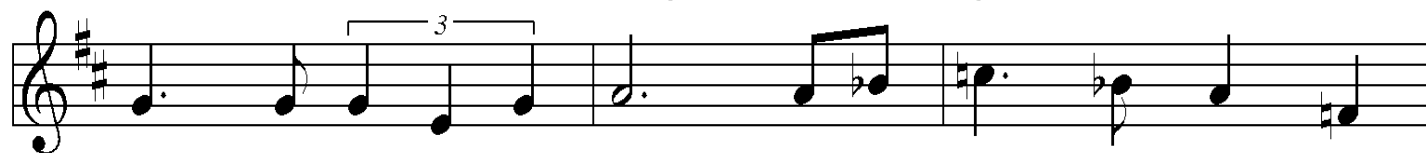
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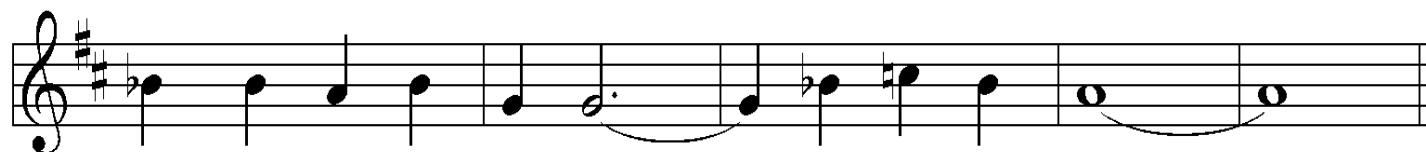
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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.



☐ 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.



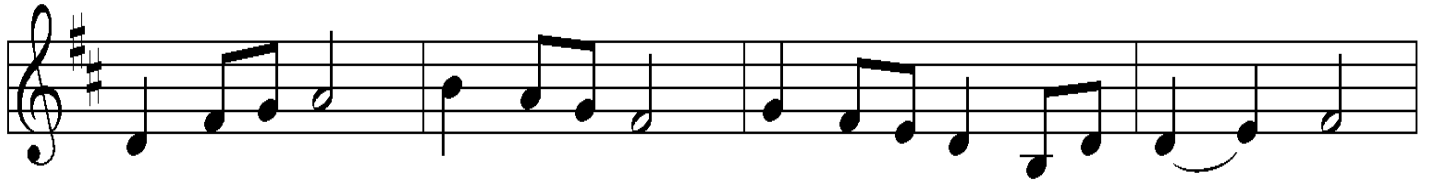
I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



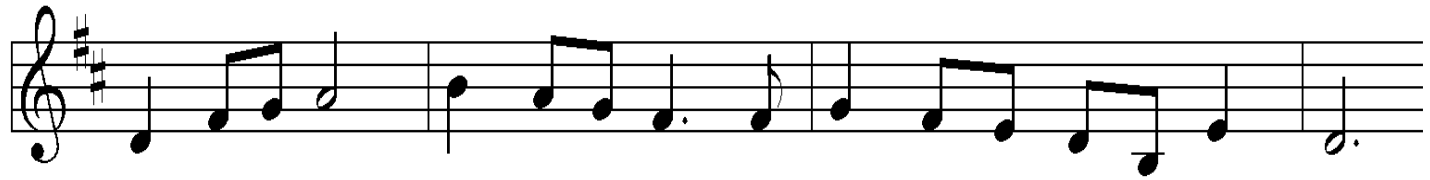
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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,



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

HOLY BAPTISM OF Lyla Kay Hart

PRESENTATION

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors: I present Lyla Kay Hart to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P As you support *Lyla* in receiving the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy

scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P Do you promise to help *Lyla* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P Do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Parents: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support *Lyla* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (CREED)

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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 into hell, 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people of Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P *Lyla*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

WELCOME

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P Sustain *Lyla* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

P *Lyla, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

Parents & Sponsors: Amen

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

A *Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

❖ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

C *We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 42:1-8, 43:6-34

¹ When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, "Why do you keep looking at one another?" ² I have heard," he said, "that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die." ³ So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. ⁴ But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him. ⁵ Thus the sons of Israel were among the people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan. ⁶ Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. ⁷ When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food." ⁸ Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. ⁶ Israel said, "Why did you treat me so badly as to tell the man that you had another brother?" ⁷ They replied, "The man questioned us carefully about ourselves and our kindred, saying, 'Is your father still alive? Have you another brother?'

What we told him was in answer to these questions. Could we in any way know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down’?” ⁸ Then Judah said to his father Israel, “Send the boy with me, and let us be on our way, so that we may live and not die—you and we and also our little ones. ⁹ I myself will be surety for him; you can hold me accountable for him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. ¹⁰ If we had not delayed, we would now have returned twice.” ¹¹ Then their father Israel said to them, “If it must be so, then do this: take some of the choice fruits of the land in your bags, and carry them down as a present to the man: a little balm and a little honey, gum, resin, pistachio nuts, and almonds. ¹² Take double the money with you. Carry back with you the money that was returned in the top of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. ¹³ Take your brother also, and be on your way again to the man; ¹⁴ may God Almighty grant you mercy before the man, so that he may send back your other brother and Benjamin. As for me, if I am bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.” ¹⁵ So the men took the present, and they took double the money with them, as well as Benjamin. Then they went on their way down to Egypt and stood before Joseph. ¹⁶ When

Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, "Bring the men into the house, and slaughter an animal and make ready, for the men are to dine with me at noon." ¹⁷ The man did as Joseph said and brought the men to Joseph's house. ¹⁸ Now the men were afraid because they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "It is because of the money, replaced in our sacks the first time, that we have been brought in, so that he may have an opportunity to fall upon us, to make slaves of us and take our donkeys." ¹⁹ So they went up to the steward of Joseph's house and spoke with him at the entrance to the house. ²⁰ They said, "Oh, my lord, we came down the first time to buy food, ²¹ and when we came to the lodging place we opened our sacks, and there was each one's money in the top of his sack, our money in full weight. So we have brought it back with us. ²² Moreover, we have brought down with us additional money to buy food. We do not know who put our money in our sacks." ²³ He replied, "Rest assured; do not be afraid; your God and the God of your father must have put treasure in your sacks for you; I received your money." Then he brought Simeon out to them. ²⁴ When the steward had brought the men into Joseph's house and given them water, and

they had washed their feet, and when he had given their donkeys fodder, ²⁵ they made the present ready for Joseph's coming at noon, for they had heard that they would dine there. ²⁶ When Joseph came home, they brought him the present that they had carried into the house and bowed to the ground before him. ²⁷ He inquired about their welfare and said, "Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive?" ²⁸ They said, "Your servant our father is well; he is still alive." And they bowed their heads and did obeisance. ²⁹ Then he looked up and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, "Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me? God be gracious to you, my son!" ³⁰ With that, Joseph hurried out, because he was overcome with affection for his brother, and he was about to weep. So he went into a private room and wept there. ³¹ Then he washed his face and came out, and controlling himself he said, "Serve the meal." ³² They served him by himself and them by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because the Egyptians could not eat with the Hebrews, for that is an abomination to the Egyptians. ³³ When they were seated before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth,

the men looked at one another in amazement.³⁴ Portions were taken to them from Joseph's table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they drank and were merry with him.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said,

‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” ³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is

translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

LBW 296 “Just as I Am, without One Plea” (vs. 1-4)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. *(We pray especially for Brenda, Ely, Katrina, Elizabeth Hansen, Lana Hoffman, Carol Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Bob Lottes, Logan Musgrave, Annette Schepers, Kaine Seitz, family and friends of Sue Kempf, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,
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, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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



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.

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.

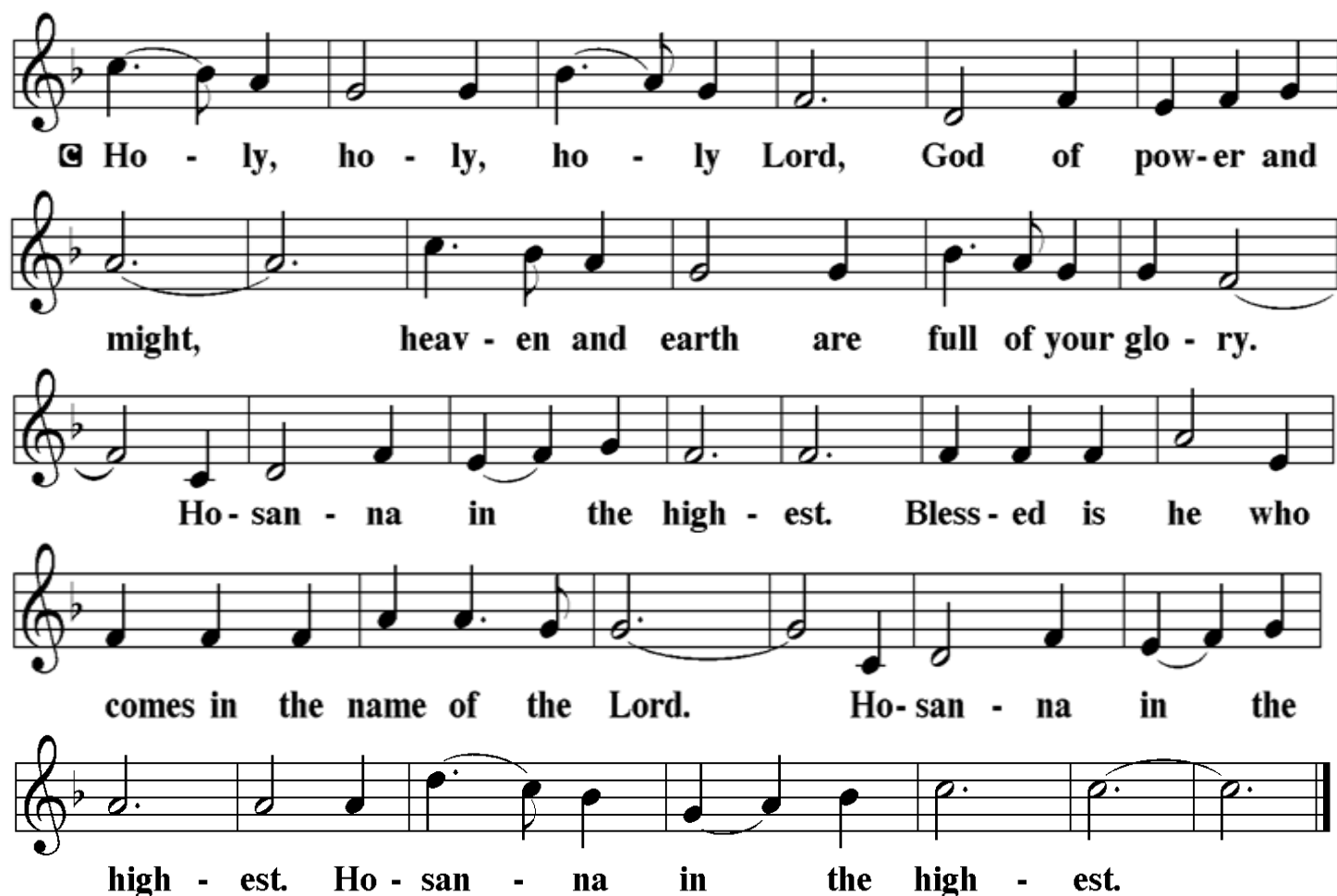
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. **L**amb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. **L**amb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 710 *"One Bread, One Body"*

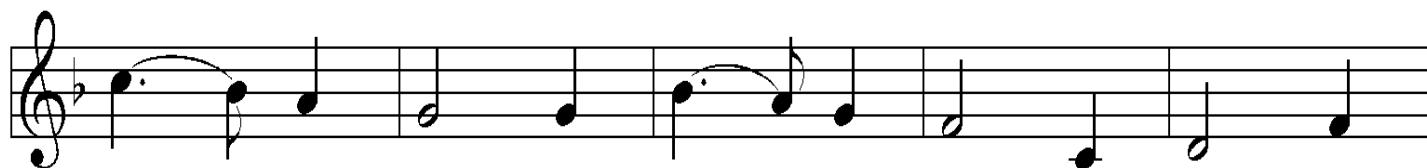
LBW 165 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

LBW 448 *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

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

C Amen.

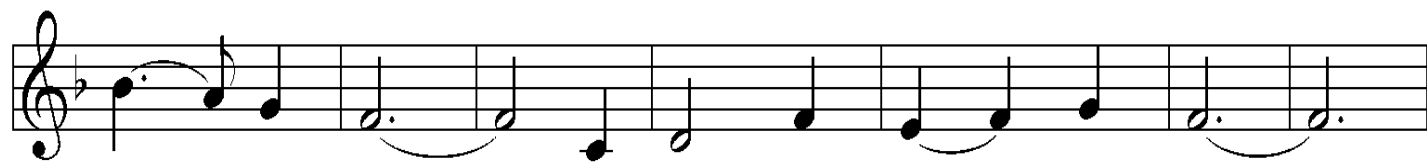
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *(four measures introduction)*



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



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



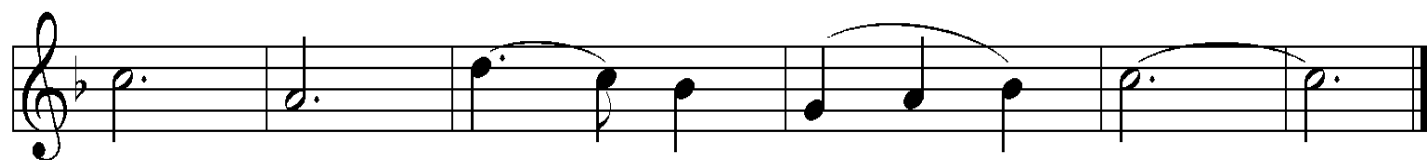
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



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

May the triune God ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 509 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

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: Andy & Gabby Chinn and family
Comm. Asst: Mike Weisheit
Video: Amy Beckman
Organist: Barbara Dell
Lay Reader: Jeanne Hoffman
Audio: Doug Wiseman
Acolytes: Carlie Beck

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 132 SS: 7

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 18th – Jan. 25th

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| Sun. Jan. 18 th | 7:30 AM | Council Meeting |
| | 8:00 AM | Chancel Choir Practice |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday Worship Service |
| | | <i>(Sunday School following communion – 10:00 AM)</i> <i>(Baptism of Lyla Hart)</i> |
| Wed. Jan. 21 st | 6:30 PM | Confirmation |
| | 6:30 PM | Handbell Practice |
| Thurs. Jan. 22 nd | 1:00 PM | Blanket Tacking |
| Sun. Jan. 25 th | 8:00 AM | Chancel Choir Practice |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday Worship Service |
| | | <i>(Sunday School following communion – 10:00 AM)</i> |
| | 10:00 AM | Congregational Meeting Part 2 |

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we rejoice baptism of Lyla Kay Hart. She is the child of Conor & Taylor Hart and the little sister of Harper. Lyla was born on September 2, 2025. She is the grandchild of Scott & Jackie Kempf and Steve & Sandy Schnaus. Sponsors are Luke & Stephanie Stemle.

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St. Paul's Annual Meeting Part 2 will be held following worship on Sunday, January 25, 2026. All members are encouraged to attend for presentation of the 2026 Annual Report and discussion of old and new business.

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Super Bowl Sunday will be on February 8, 2026. WELCA needs help filling the grocery cart with cans of soup for the Dubois County Food Bank. We will also accept monetary donations for the food bank.

~ Donna Rasche

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A number of community and state-wide charitable opportunities have been made available to our congregation. Information about these organizations is available in the office should you wish to support any of them. *~ Church Council*

2026 offering envelopes are available to pick-up.
Please remember envelope numbers can change from year to year, so these should only be used starting in January 2026. If you cannot find a box with your name, please call Marcie Rumfelt in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at: secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL
JANUARY 2026**

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WINTER BREAK - NO CLASS
BACKPACK BUDDIES

1/11

PREK-1ST: MEMORY WORK + GAMES
2ND-6TH: MEMORY WORK + GAMES

1/18

PREK-1ST: THE CHRISTMAS STORY RECAP
2ND-6TH: SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO

1/25

PREK-1ST: WISE MEN
2ND-6TH: DANIEL



In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AMC Luke Himsel
Joshua Hoffman
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
Virginia Beach, VA
San Diego, CA
Colorado Springs, CO



Prayer is
bringing your
worries to God.

Faith is leaving
them there.