

## **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,

**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

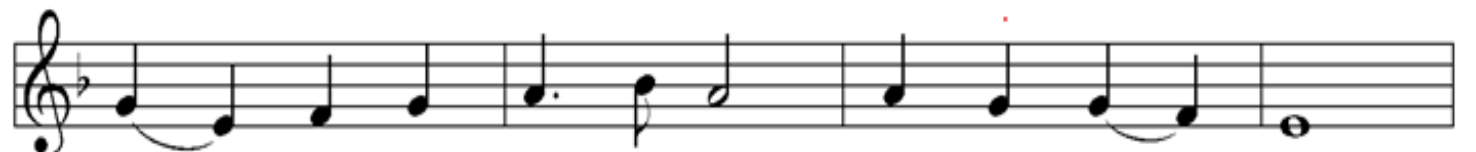
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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:*

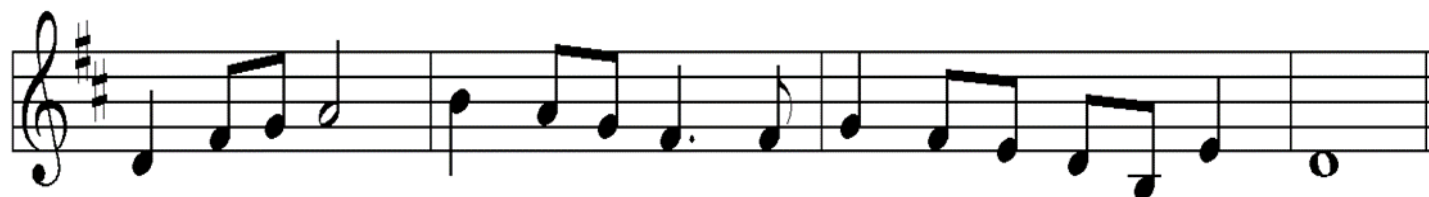


**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

# HYMN OF PRAISE *(four measures introduction)*



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



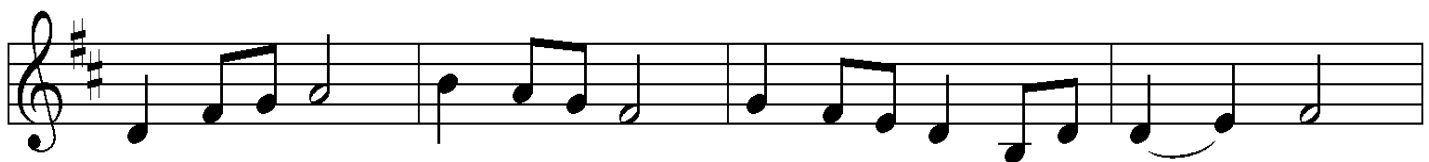
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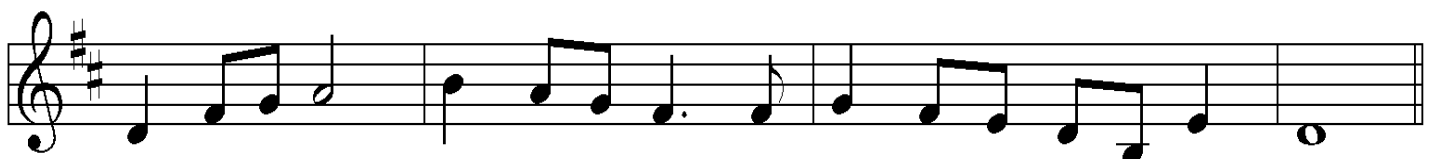
**☐** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we



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



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



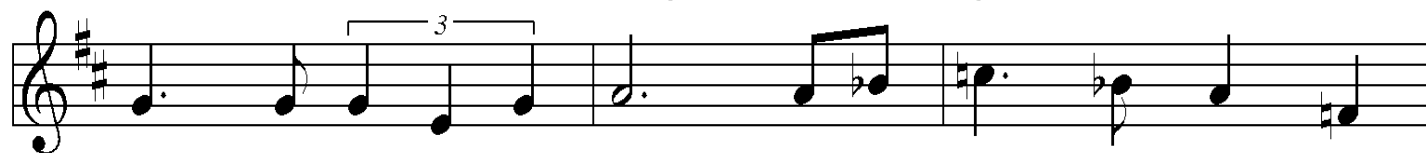
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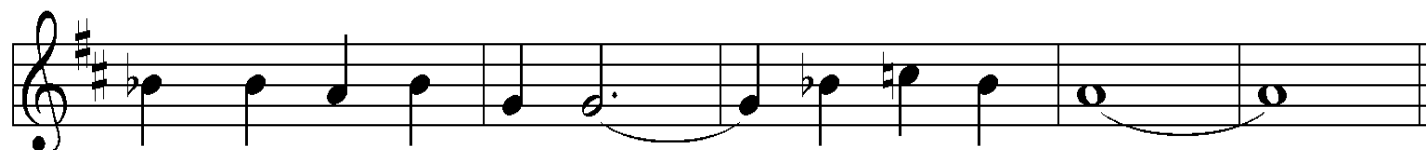
**☐** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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



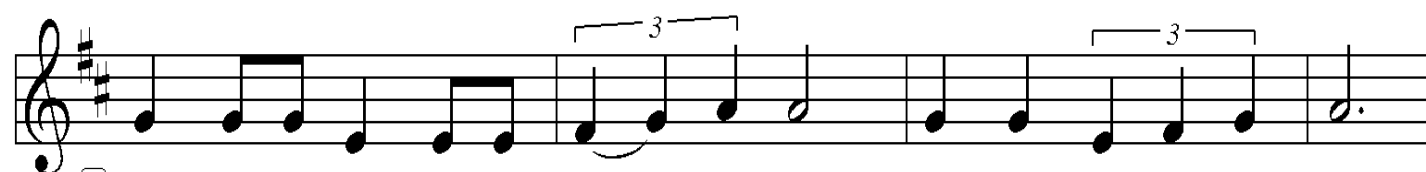
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ 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.



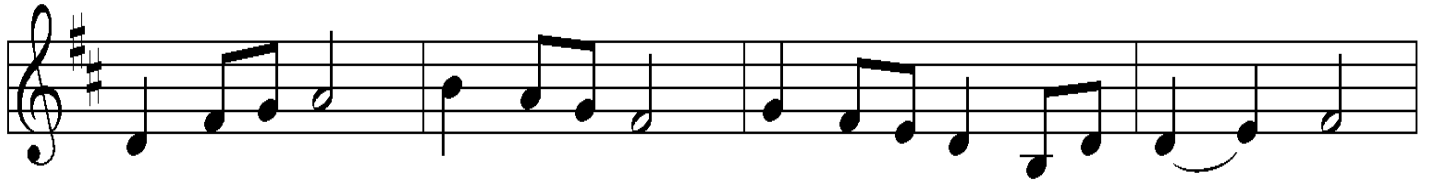
I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
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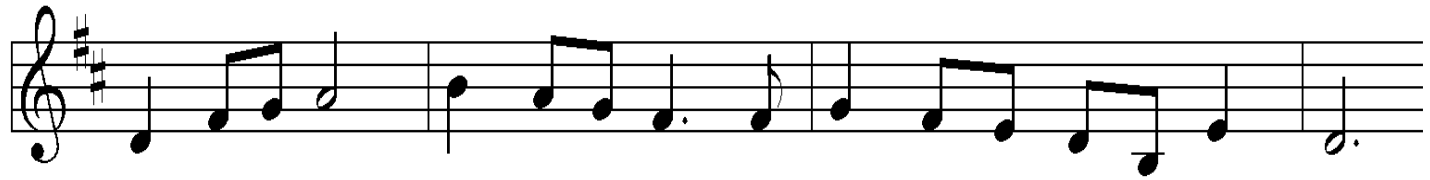
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 45, 46:25-31**

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do

not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' <sup>12</sup> And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup> You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." <sup>14</sup> Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him. <sup>16</sup> When the report was heard in Pharaoh's house, "Joseph's brothers have come," Pharaoh and his servants were pleased. <sup>17</sup> Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, 'Do this: load your animals and go back to the land of Canaan. <sup>18</sup> Take your father and your households and come to me, so that I may give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you may enjoy the fat of the land.' <sup>19</sup> You are further charged to say, 'Do this: take wagons from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and bring your father,

and come. <sup>20</sup> Give no thought to your possessions, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.’ ” <sup>21</sup> The sons of Israel did so. Joseph gave them wagons according to the instruction of Pharaoh, and he gave them provisions for the journey. <sup>22</sup> To each one of them he gave a set of garments, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver and five sets of garments. <sup>23</sup> To his father he sent the following: ten donkeys loaded with the good things of Egypt and ten female donkeys loaded with grain, bread, and provision for his father on the journey. <sup>24</sup> Then he sent his brothers on their way, and as they were leaving he said to them, “Do not quarrel along the way.” <sup>25</sup> So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. <sup>26</sup> And they told him, “Joseph is still alive! He is even ruler over all the land of Egypt.” He was stunned; he could not believe them. <sup>27</sup> But when they told him all the words of Joseph that he had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived. <sup>28</sup> Israel said, “Enough! My son Joseph is still alive. I must go and see him before I die.” <sup>25</sup> These are the children of Bilhah, whom Laban gave to his daughter Rachel, and these she bore to Jacob—seven persons in all. <sup>26</sup> All



the persons belonging to Jacob who came into Egypt who were his own offspring, not including the wives of his sons, were sixty-six persons in all.<sup>27</sup> The children of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two; all the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were seventy.<sup>28</sup> Israel sent Judah ahead to Joseph to lead the way before him into Goshen. When they came to the land of Goshen,<sup>29</sup> Joseph made ready his chariot and went up to meet his father Israel in Goshen. He presented himself to him, fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while.<sup>30</sup> Israel said to Joseph, "I can die now, having seen for myself that you are still alive."<sup>31</sup> Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's household, "I will go up and tell Pharaoh and will say to him, 'My brothers and my father's household, who were in the land of Canaan, have come to me.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— <sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of

heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**     *Pastor Timothy Holt*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*LBW 390 “I Love to Tell the Story”*

## **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 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.**

Holy One, you entrust the message of the cross and the mission of the gospel to the church in every land. Guide the newly baptized and deepen the faith of all who follow Christ. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Holy Judge, your power is love, and you judge the nations by the measure of Christ. Free any who are unjustly accused or wrongly condemned. We pray for those in authority. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Holy Lover, you care for vulnerable young children, frail elders, and any who are sick. *(We pray especially for Brenda, Ely, Katrina, Elizabeth Hansen, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Bob Lottes, Logan Musgrave, Bob Nugent, Annette Schepers, Kaine Seitz, Barry Wright, family and friends of Pat Opel, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* We pray for all who are affected by natural disasters. Provide for their needs and relieve their suffering. 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.**

Holy Giver, you gather, forgive, and shape us as disciples of Christ. Nurture in us a spirit of patience and respect, that we may love one another as you love us. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

Holy Savior, you free us from the power of death. Lead and guide us until we come at last into the communion of all your saints in light. 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**

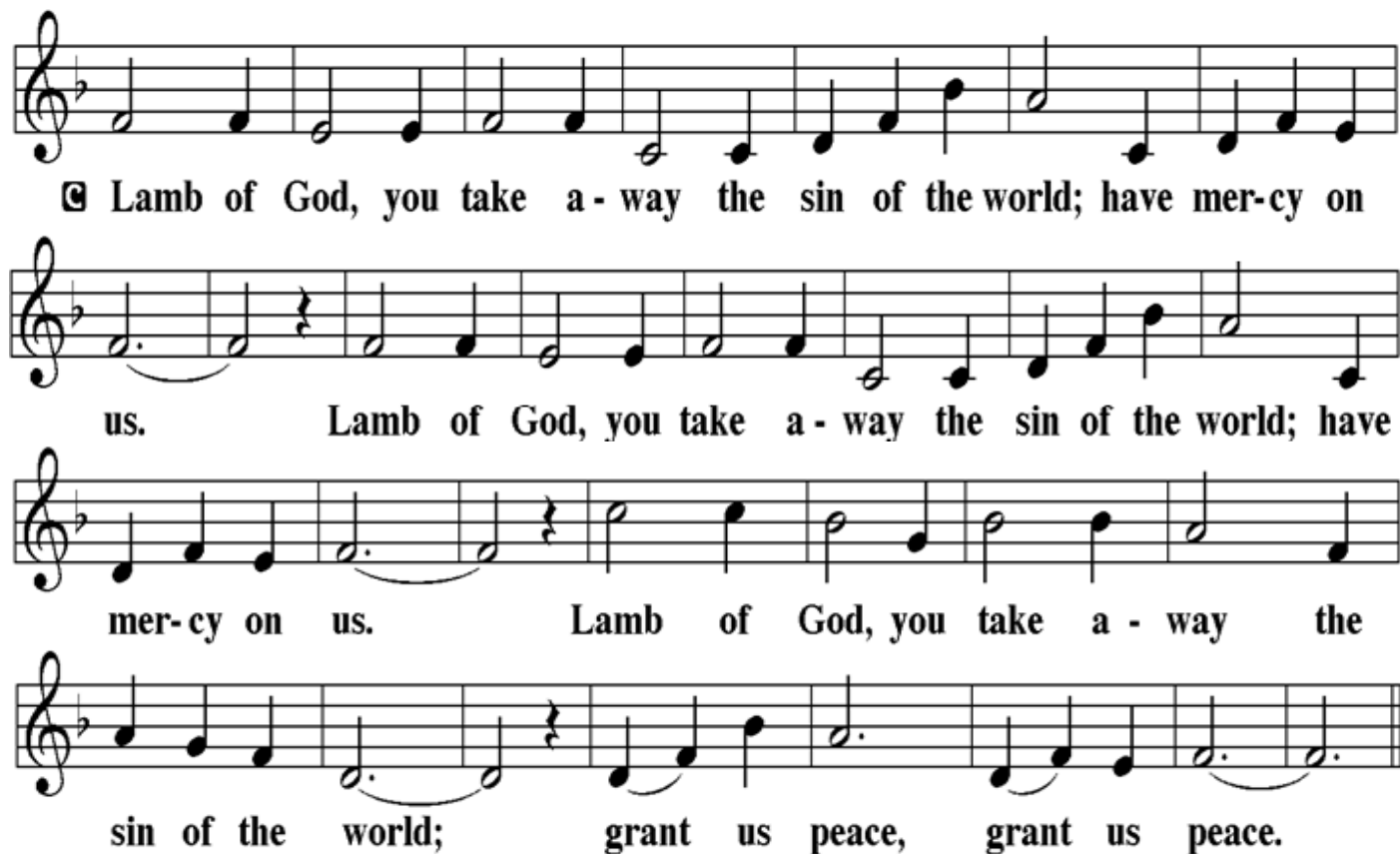
**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine 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



**L**amb 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

*LBW 534 "Now Thank We All Our God"*

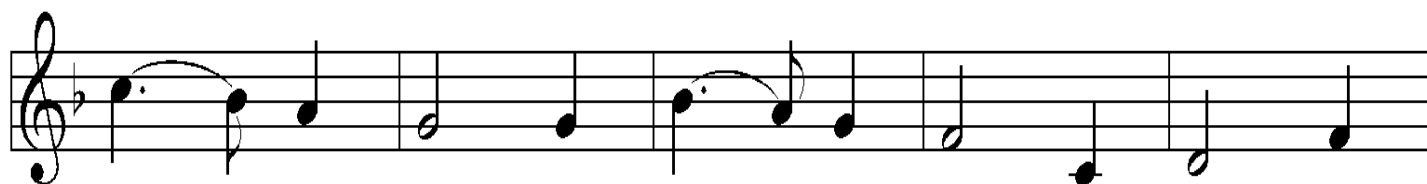
*WOV 770 "I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry"*

*WOV 748 "Bind Us Together"*

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

**C Amen.**

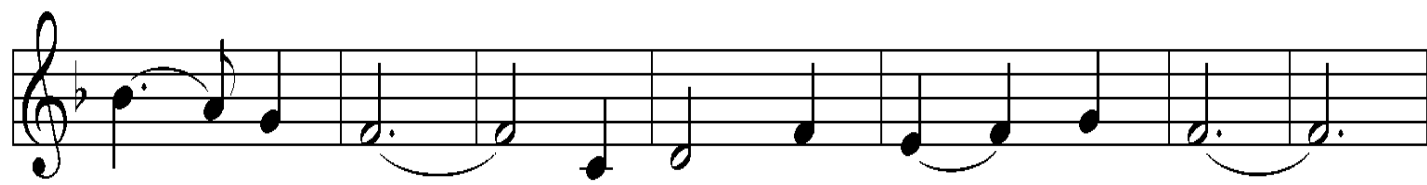
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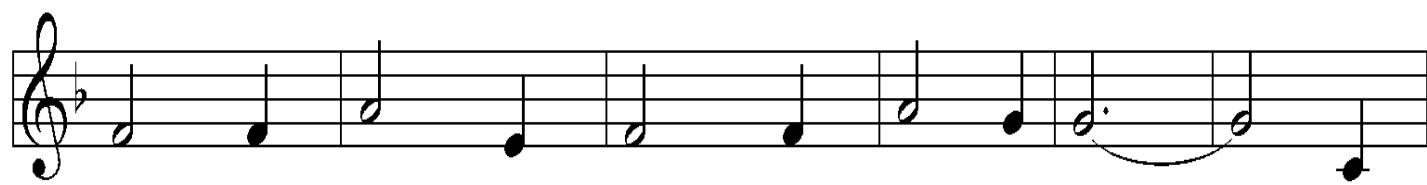
☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



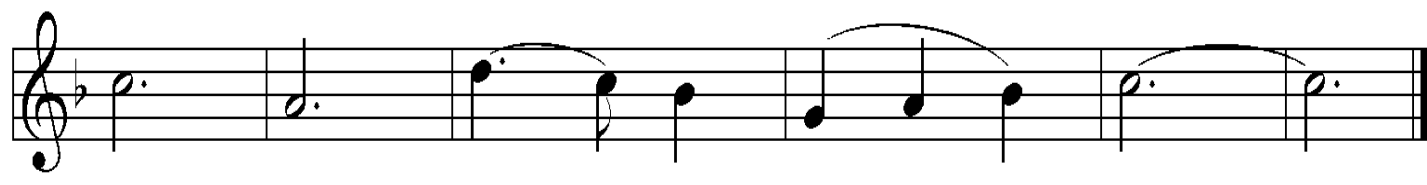
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



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 527 "All Creatures of Our God and King (vs. 1-4)"*

## 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:** Tony & Linda Schmitt  
**Comm. Asst:** Mike Weisheit  
**Video:** Amy Beckman  
**Pianist:** Kaia Holt  
**Lay Reader:** Jeanne Hoffman  
**Audio:** Doug Wiseman  
**Acolytes:** Will Werner

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 190 SS: 12**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Sun. Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion – 10:30 AM)</i>
	10:00 AM	Congregational Meeting Part 2
Wed. Jan. 28th	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Handbell Practice
Sun. Feb. 1	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion – 10:30 AM)</i>

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

*St. Paul's Annual Meeting Part 2 is today at 10:00AM. All members are encouraged to attend for presentation of the 2026 Annual Report and discussion of old and new business.*

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**LYO** will be meeting on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> after the service. – *Tara Betz*

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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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The next **WELCA** Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 3rd. Blanket tacking will be at 4:00 PM with the business meeting beginning at 6:30 PM.

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***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](mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com)

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
JANUARY 2026**

1/4

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

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FEBRUARY 2026**

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

2/8

VALENTINE'S PARTY  
WHOLE GROUP

2/15

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

2/22

PREK-1ST: JESUS TEACHES & HEALS  
2ND-6TH: THE PROPHETS



## In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser  
AMC Luke Himsel  
Joshua Hoffman  
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland  
Virginia Beach, VA  
San Diego, CA  
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