#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church Christ the King November 23, 2025

#### **PRELUDE**

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

#### C Amen.

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

# Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

#### 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.

# Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

#### C Amen.

#### **KYRIE**





- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

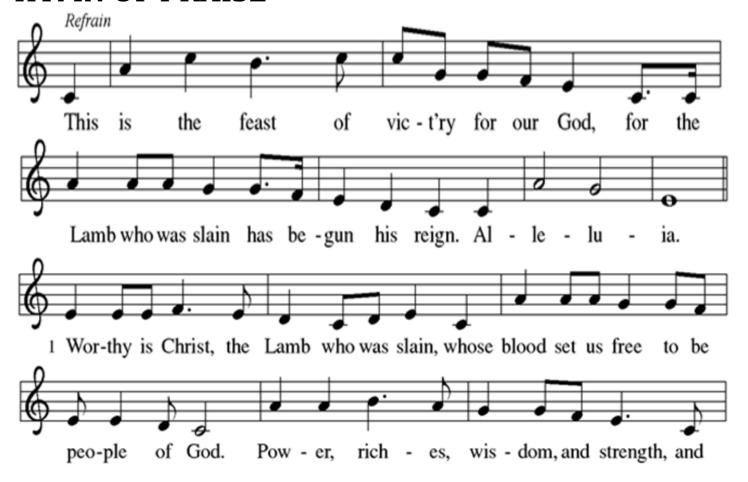




this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, may live out . . . . truth and we and work and our play, love, . . . for our life for nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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:

Genesis 28:1-5, 10-15, 18-22 29:1, 15-30

<sup>1</sup> Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, "You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women. <sup>2</sup> Go at once to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel, your mother's father, and take as wife from there one of the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. <sup>3</sup> May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and numerous, that you may become a company of peoples. <sup>4</sup> May he give to you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your offspring with you, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien, land that God gave to Abraham." <sup>5</sup> Thus Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the

Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother. 10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And he LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. 20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will

keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, <sup>21</sup> so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, <sup>22</sup> and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

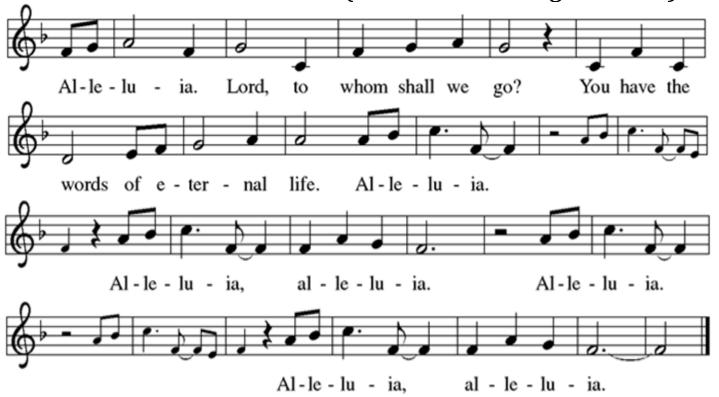
<sup>1</sup> Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east. <sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. 18 Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. 23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. 24 (Laban gave his

maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup> When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" <sup>26</sup> Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup> Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." <sup>28</sup> Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. <sup>29</sup> (Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) <sup>30</sup> So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. He served Laban for another seven years.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (10 measures organ intro)



**GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43** 

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his

chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Timothy Holt

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

LBW 170 "Crown Him With Many Crowns" (vs. 1-4)

#### 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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. (We pray especially for Joe Alles, Zach Andry, Robin Bauer, Ron Bauer, Karen Bettag, Clint Breitweiser, Angie Danzer, Juanita Hembree, Brenda, Jean Hoffman, Lana Hoffman, Ann Hopf, Mary Ann Jerger, Katrina, Carol Keller, Tammy Kieffner, Karen Kolb, Zach Leinenbach, Bob Lottes, Zander Mann, Logan Musgrave, Pat Opel, Tammy Peek, Remington Rainey, Adam Ramsey, Steve Rothgerber, Melody Saylor, Annette Schepers, Glen Schmitt, Kaine Seitz, Larry Sendelweck, Makenzie VanHoy, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) Comfort all in need of your tender care. 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.

We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all who have died in faith. May we remember them faithfully until we are gathered with you in the paradise you promise. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### 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**



#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

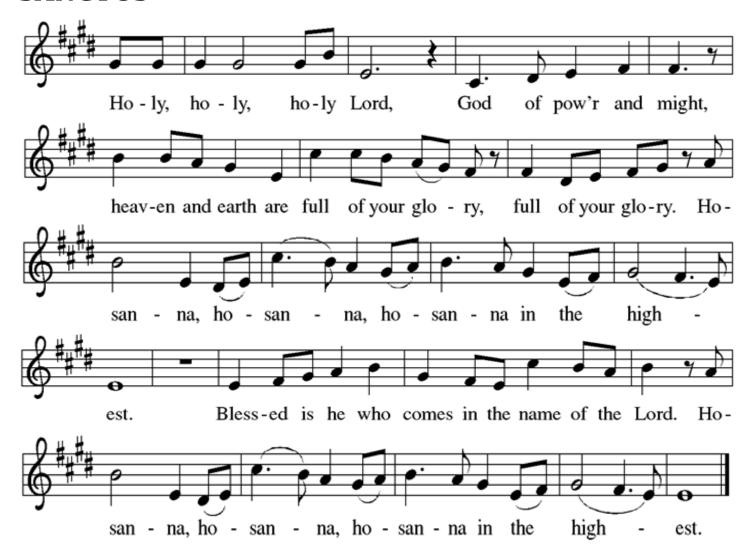
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **SANCTUS**



#### **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.

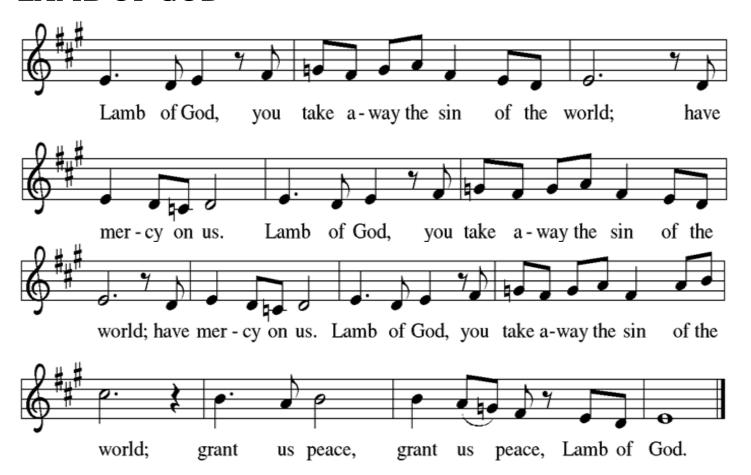
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**

LBW 525 "Blessing and Honor" LBW 328 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

LBW 173 "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

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

#### C Amen.

### **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

#### **SENDING HYMN**

LBW 530 "Jesus Shall Reign"

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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:** John & Martha Church

Comm. Asst: Mike Weisheit

**Video:** Jeff Schmitt

**Organist:** Arlene Vonderheide

**Lay Reader:** Erin Kalb

**Audio:** Bryan Buchta

**Acolytes:** Reeve Potts and Trace Weisheit

#### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 242 SS: 23

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

Sun. Nov. 23rd	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
		(Sunday School after Communion – 10:30)
	10:00 AM	Congregational Meeting (pt 1)
Wed. Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship (@ St. Paul's)
Sun. Nov. 30th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School after Communion – 10:30)

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

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented in celebration of Eugene & Judy Kieffner's 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary!

**Christmas Poinsettias** will be for sale before and after service in the entance area today and November 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$14.50 each. ~ *Dian Bair* 

**Annual reports** for each committee will need to be dropped in office or emailed to Marcie at <a href="mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com">secretaryst.paul@frontier.com</a> no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Marcie if you need assistance.

The Annual Congregational Meeting part 1 will be held today at 10:00 AM. The Nominating Committee will be presenting the 2026 Council nominees: Greg Bauer, Jessica Freyberger, Bryant Kieffner, Beth Phillips, and Tina Terwiske. - Scott Lottes, Council President

Please plan on joining the LYO for breakfast following the congregational meeting! Scrambled eggs, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, smoky links, donuts, milk & coffee. - Tara Betz

**CEMETERY DUES REMINDER:** Active members, desiring burial rights, are required to pay cemetery dues of a minimum of *twenty dollars* per family. This includes all members in immediate family, including non-member spouses, and children under the age of eighteen. Every member over eighteen years of age shall be required to pay the minimum cemetery dues as an individual. No additional charge for gravesites shall be made to members of St. Paul's whose dues are current. - Marvin, Melvin, or Don

Thankoffering envelopes will be available from the greeters and at the Welcome Center desk. They can be placed in the offering plate at any time through the end of November. These offerings will be submitted to the Synod office. Please help us to show our gratitude for God's many Blessings. Thank you!



Visit with Santa Sunday December 7

11:00 - 1:30

At Firehouse Join the Fun

Sponsored by Haysville Ruritan Club

# **Community Outreach Opportunity**

Sandy Hoing, guest speaker at our September WELCA meeting, is hosting a Christmas giving event for the homeless in Evansville on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please consider supporting her efforts by baking cookies to be distributed at the event. Any type of cookie is appreciated. Our contribution of 36 dozen cookies will provide about 4 cookies per attendee. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Please bring cookies to the church kitchen on Sunday November 30th. -Barb Schnarr

The Evangelism committee has put together an angel tree for local children who might otherwise go without on Christmas. The children range from the age of 3 through 18. Anyone is welcome to adopt/sponsor a child, you could do it solely, with your extended family or with another family. We are just asking that you spend approximately \$100 on the child's needs. The Evangelism Committee will have a tree setup for your choosing, along with a donation box if you would rather donate money and the committee will do the shopping for you. All donations must be turned in on or before December 7<sup>th</sup>.

See Julie Breitwieser with questions

St. Paul's will be collecting food items for our local food bank during the month of December. This would be a great way to get the whole family involved in giving this Christmas season. Create a box for the whole month or add single items to the grocery cart in the welcome center. See the Reverse Advent calendar for a list. - Donna Rasche

# R E V E R S E ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal

December 2 - peanut butter

December 3 - stuffing mix

December 4 - boxed potatoes

December 5 - macaroni and cheese

December 6 - canned fruit

December 7 - canned tomatoes

December 8 - canned tuna

December 9 - dessert mix

December 10 - jar of applesauce

December 11 - canned sweet potatoes

December 12 - cranberry sauce

December 13 - canned beans

December 14 - box of crackers

December 15 - package of rice

December 16 - package of oatmeal

December 17 - package pasta

December 18 - spaghetti sauce

December 19 - chicken noodle soup

December 20 - tomato soup

December 21 - can corn

December 22 - can mixed vegetables

December 23 - can carrots

December 24 - can green beans

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# DECEMBER 2025

12/7Christmas Program Practice

12/14 Christmas Program Practice

12/21 Christmas Program + Party







Wreaths Across America is a program dedicated to the placement of Christmas Wreaths on the gravesites of Veterans buried in Arlington Cemetery and elsewhere in our nation. St. Paul's Church similarly participates.

Artificial wreaths are provided thanks to cemetery donations, and will be placed on the gravesites of Veterans buried at St. Paul's Cemetery.

The Cemetery Board is asking for volunteers on Saturday, December 13th at 2:00 PM.

The event will go on rain or shine since it is in conjunction with the national event being held on this same date.

Everyone is invited to attend to remember those who served our country.

Wreaths will be removed from the graves on Saturday, January 3rd, 2026 at 12:30 PM. Please plan to participate or observe this patriotic event to honor our Veterans. The date and time again, is SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 2:00 PM.

If you have any questions, call Marvin, Melvin, or Don.



# You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: St Paul's Lutheran Church

556 W Haysville Rd Jasper, IN 47546

When: Tuesday, December 9, 2025



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease**Risk Screenings.

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Who should attend: Anyone age of 40+

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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

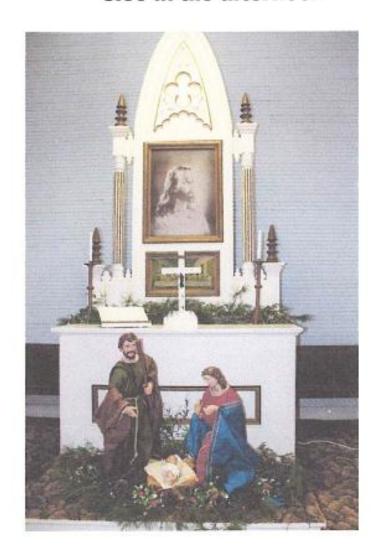
Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

# **EMMANUEL LUTHERAN HILL CHURCH**

Invites you to join us

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th** 

3:30 in the afternoon



Come participate in singing old fashioned Christmas hymns at Hill Church Church will be decorated in the Christmas spirit

Fellowship

Light Refreshments

Be sure to dress warm

Restroom facilities will be available

# In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser AMC Luke Himsel Cooper Uebelhor Redzikowo, Poland Virginia Beach, VA Colorado Springs, CO



