St. Paul's Lutheran Church 4 Epiphany January 29, 2023

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

C we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

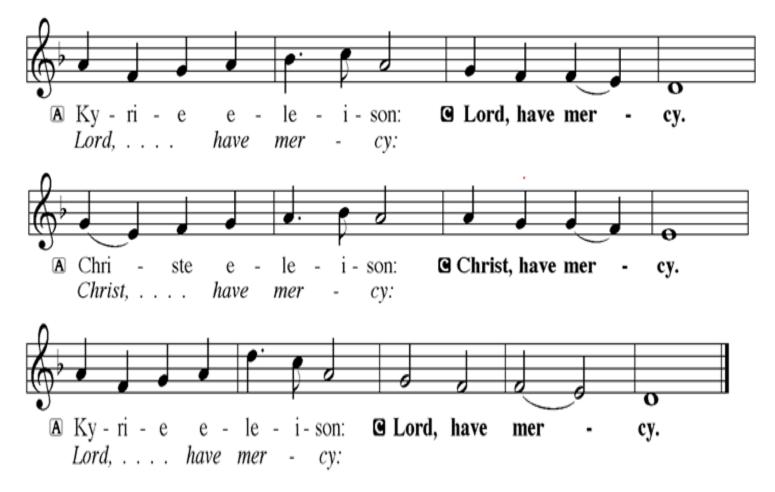
Amen.

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



HYMN OF PRAISE (four measures introduction)



☑ 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 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.



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

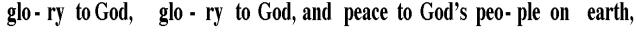


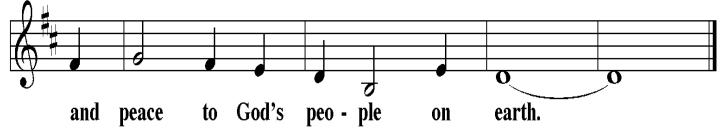
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come

before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

(Refrain: LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C ²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; (*Refrain*)

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. C ⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

C (Refrain)

(Refrain: LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ

crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (two measures introduction)



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7"Blessed are the merciful, for they

will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Timothy Holt

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 429 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. (We pray especially for Greg Begle, Keith Freyberger, Don Fuhrman, Eugene Keller, Stacey Himsel-Matelic, Jack McNutt, Dennis Neukam, Sue Neukam, Kayden Parker, Steve Rothgerber, Annette Schepers, Gerald Vonderheide and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.) 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, Nathan Humbert and Cooper Uebelhor). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **C Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

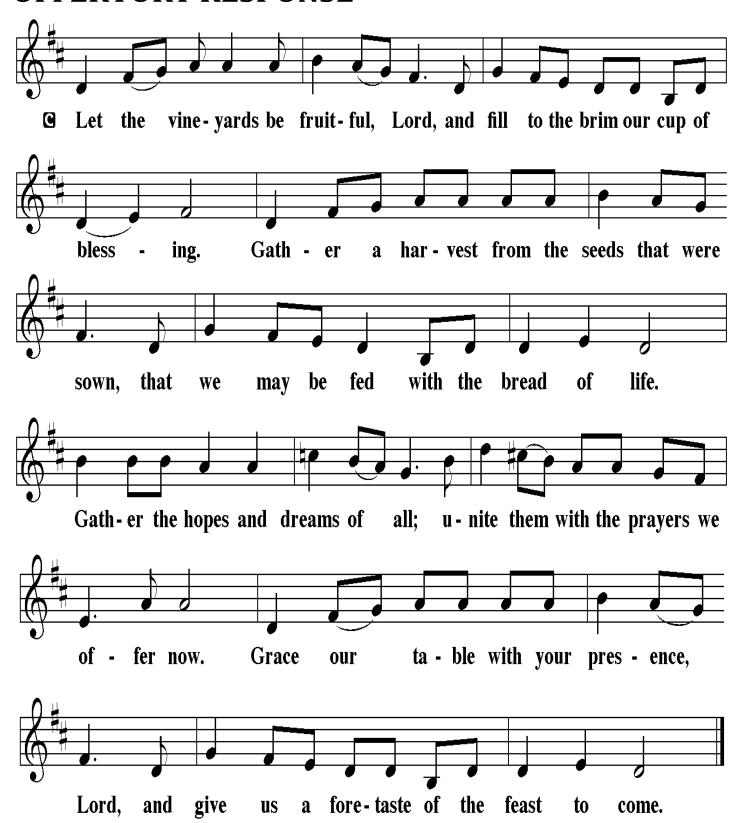
The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY "How Good Lord, to Be Here" Handbell Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, 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 nearby 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.

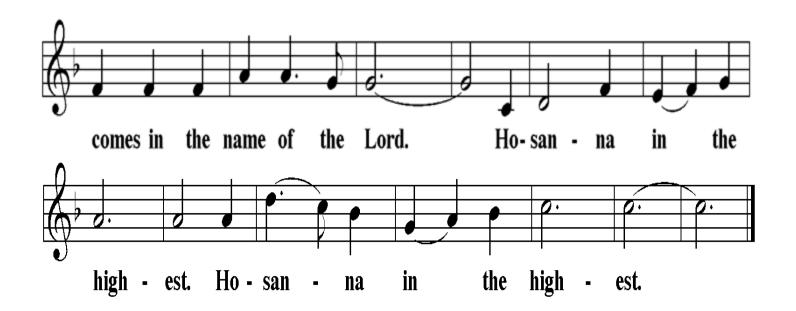
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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)





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

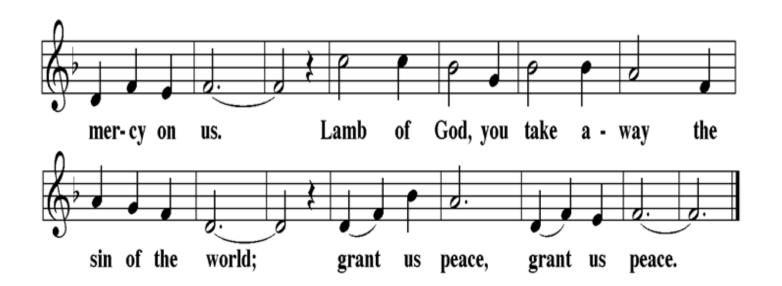
The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD





us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 383 "Rise Up, O Saints of God!

LBW 316 "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

WOV 776 "Be Thou My Vision"

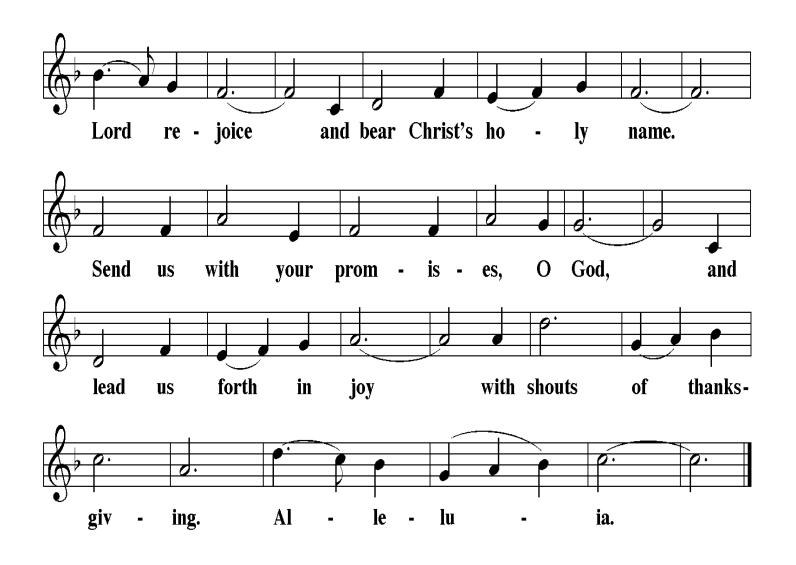
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (four measures introduction)



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

C Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN LBW 492 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of 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: Mary Ann Kieffner

Comm. Asst: Todd Popp **Video:** Lori Keller

Organist: Arlene Vonderheide

Lay Reader: Jeanne Hoffman

Audio: Keith Keller

Acolytes: Lilly Lottes & Reese Weisheit

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 95 SS:

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Jan. 29th – Feb. 5th, 2023

Sun. Jan 29 th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)
Wed. Feb. 1st	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Confirmation Handbell Practice
Sun. Feb. 5 th	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are presented in honor of Don & Nancy Freyberger's 10 th wedding anniversary.
It is time for our annual check book audit. Please supply your checkbook and your 2022 monthly bank statements no later than January 31st.
Mark your calendars! Our next Heritage Sunday will be hosted by St. Paul's LYO on February 12 th . Breakfast will be served immediately following the service.
Parents/Grandparents!!! Please update the church office with your college student's name and address Our evangelism team likes to keep in touch with them and send them goodies.



When: February 8, 2023 from 1pm to 6pm EST

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church 556 W Haysville Rd Jasper, IN 47546

Hosted by: Brandie Beck, RN Call 812-631-3708 with questions

Heart Healthy Hoosiers No appointment necessary

The Indiana University School of Public Health operates the Southern Indiana Heart Healthy Hoosiers Program to promote heart health. This program provides:

- Free preventative cardiovascular health screenings
- Rapid glucose test with resource referral coaching and mentoring
- Rapid lipid panel testing with resource referral, coaching, and education
- Healthy lifestyle coaching
- Tobacco cessation resources
- Carbon dioxide level test and nicotine test

Please contact Gina Townsend BSN, RN Faith Community Nurse Coordinator gina.townsend@ascension.org

or complete the initial survey at https://redcap.isdh.in.gov/surveys/

Code: 3XHRHA477





*This program is offered in partnership with the IU School of Public Health and the IU Center for Rural Engagement as part of the Indiana Fealthy Opportunities for People Everywhere (I-HOPE) initiative. This program is supported by funds made available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, under NH75OT000073.



Do you have fond memories of attending Sunday School as a child at St Paul's?

Were you a teacher who helped our children learn about the love of God thru Bible stories, songs, crafts and games?

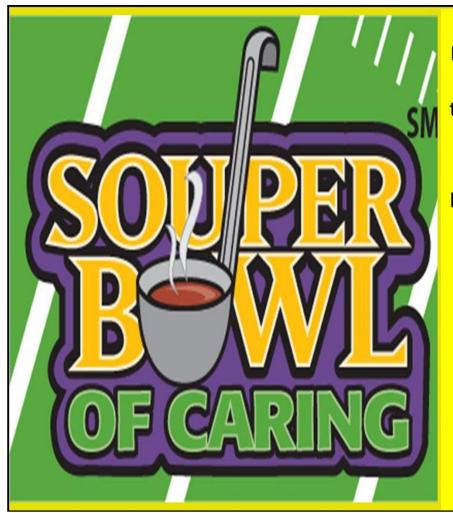
Please share your experiences with our children and lead them in a lesson on your favorite Bible story.

In conjunction with our Anniversary year celebration, we are offering the opportunity to lead Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month.

We are currently planning a lesson on Zacchaeus for Sunday January 29th and The Creation Story on Sunday February 26th both led by JoAn Breitwieser. JoAn has approximately 15 years of experience as a former Sunday School teacher. We will be learning some songs with motions from our Sunday School history as well as a Bible story and a fun craft activity.

Please consider helping out on those Sundays. All hands young and old are welcome, or just come and spend some time with us! Bring your children, your grandchildren or even your neighbor's children ©

Contact JoAn Breitwieser, Lori Werner or Stephanie Stemle if you are interested in leading a Sunday.



Demonstrate God's love by loving our neighbors through our "Souper Bowl" of caring food drive.

\$1 in the soup pot in the welcome center.

Sunday, February 12th

All money and soup cans will be

donated to the Dubois Community Food Bank

Please be sure to pick-up your 2023 offering envelopes and 2022 end of year giving statements.

There is a table set-up in the welcome area with the envelopes and the wooden box with statements. If you cannot find a box or statement with your name, please advise Jenny Begle in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at:

secretaryst.paul@frontier.com

Kindergarten Registration

2023-2024

Small class sizes 1:1 iPads

STEM

Project Lead

the Way

Northeast Dubois Elementary School

5533 E St. Raphael Street
Dubois, IN 47527
812-678-3011

Nurturing
learning
environment
with a focus
on meeting
individualized
learning levels

Dedicated, caring teachers and support staff February 2, 2023 Open House 6:00-7:00 pm

Northeast Dubois School Corporation
"A Community Inspiring Tomorrow's Minds Today"

In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser AM-1 Luke Himsel Joshua Hoffman Maj. Nathan Humbert Cooper Uebelhor San Antonio, TX Virginia Beach, VA Washington (State) Fort Campbell, KY Colorado Springs, CO