

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

**C Amen.**

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e            e - lei - son,            on our world and on            our way.



Ky-ri - e            e - lei - son,            ev-'ry day.



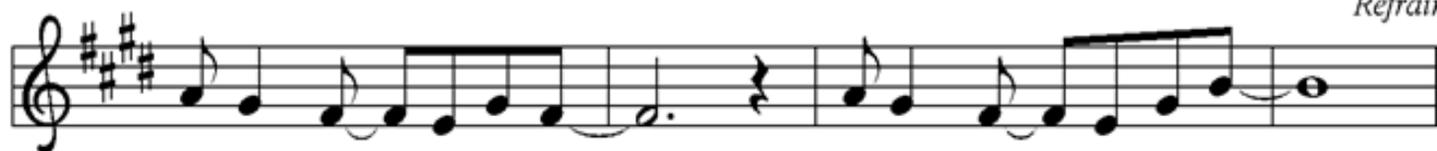
- 1     For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2     That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3     For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4     For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



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



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.

Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

**C Amen.**

## **GREETING**

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." <sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their

mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20**

*(Refrain: Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.)*

<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

**C <sup>13</sup>who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup>God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**C <sup>15</sup>God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly. (Refrain)**

<sup>16</sup>God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

**C** <sup>17</sup>**God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

**C** <sup>19</sup>**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

**C** *(Refrain)*

*(Refrain: Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion.)*

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have

redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

### C Glory to you, O Lord.

[<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being

through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given

through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**      *Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *LBW 50*      *"Angels from the Realm of Glory"*

## **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**

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You make yourself known in the gift of language in diverse forms. Draw our attention to those who communicate through sign, braille, and technology. Make your church a place where all methods of communication are celebrated. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Creating God, the sun greets us anew each morning. Thank you for waking us up today to witness and share your abundance. Awaken us always to your wisdom and deepen our care for your natural world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Emmanuel, in your name we are assured that you are with us. Train nations and peoples to honor and respect one another, especially those whose names and identities have been mistreated, neglected, or oppressed. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

You adopt us as your beloved ones. Accompany parents and children navigating the adoption process, especially those in the foster system. Sustain those struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss. Tenderly embrace all in need. *(We pray especially for Marsha Brown, K.R. Cave, Eugene Keller, Glen Schmitt, Leroy Seitz 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 Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman and Nathan Humbert.)* Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us through change. Guide those assuming new roles in this congregation or making transitions in their families, workplaces, or communities. As the seasons and the calendar change, equip us for unexpected challenges. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **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 acolyte. The second communion assistant will pour the wine into your cup. 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, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. 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, 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, ho - san - na, 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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 638 *“Holy Child within the Manger”*

WOV 643 *“Once in Royal David’s City”*

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

**C Amen.**

# POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



May you run and not be wea - ry. May your



heart be filled with song. And may the



love of God con - tin - ue to



give you hope and keep you strong. And may you



run and not be wea - ry. May your



life be filled with joy. And may the



road you trav - el al-ways lead you home.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**C** We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the  
world. Amen

## **BLESSING**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in  
believing, so that we may abound in hope by the  
power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the  
Word made flesh.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** *LBW 70* “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**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:** Glenn & Marie Neukam  
**Comm. Asst:** Ed Freyberger  
**Video:** Jeff Schmitt  
**Organist:** Barbara Dell  
**Lay Reader:** Kathy Jarboe  
**Audio:** Doug Wiseman  
**Acolytes:** Gabe Neukam & Lilly Lottes

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 99 SS:**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE: 361**

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Sun. Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Take down Christmas Décor
Tues., Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Sun. Jan 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be sure to pick-up your 2022 offering envelopes.* There is a table set-up in the welcome area. If you cannot find a box with your name, please advise Jenny Begle in the church office at (812)695-3061 or email at: [secretaryst.paul@frontier.com](mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com)

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St. Paul's will be sponsoring the Respiratory Therapy (RT) department and the Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital for the 12 days of Christmas through the Faith Community Nursing Program's outreach "Parish and Pray." From December 25<sup>th</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>, our congregation will be praying for these caregivers and sending special treats to show our appreciation for all these caregivers do for our community.

I will be presenting the RT department with a Christmas Card from our congregation along with some sort of treats on December 24<sup>th</sup> to let them know that St. Paul's is praying for them and supports them. This department has 20 employees and a director.

The Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center has many employees (30 to 40 daily). I will continue to shower them with treats and plan to send them pizza for lunch the week between Christmas and New Years.

Through Thrivent, and the help of Jeff Schmitt, we will be receiving \$250 to treat the RT department. I would like to treat the staff with something for each of the 12 days.

I have had several members reach out to me and ask what they can do to help.

1. Pray for the Respiratory Therapy Department and the Lange Fuhs Cancer Center.
2. Contact me if you would like to bake treats or contribute in any way.
3. Contact me if you have ideas for special treats that can be delivered.

Thank you all,

Brandie Beck

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There will be a public meeting held at St. Paul's to address questions and answers regarding the recent regional sewer district study. The meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

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## **In Service to Our Country**

AM-1 Luke Himsel

Joshua Hoffman

Maj. Nathan Humbert

Virginia Beach, VA

Washington (*State*)

West Point, NY