#### St. Paul's Lutheran Church 5 Epiphany February 5, 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.

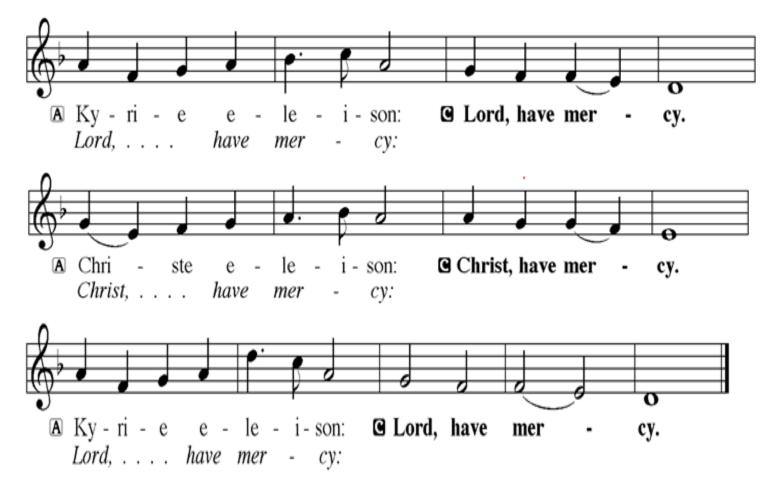
#### Amen.

#### **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;

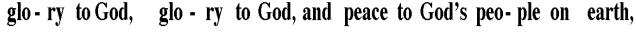


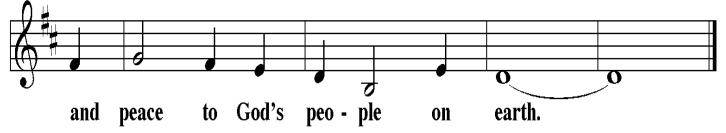
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.











#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### C Amen

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. 3"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head

like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? 6Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9aThen you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [9bIf you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. 11The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. 12Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9 [10]**

(Refrain: Light shines in the darkness for the upright.)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

## C <sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

# C <sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (*Refrain*)

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

C <sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

C 8Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

C [10The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.] (Refrain)

(Refrain: Light shines in the darkness for the upright.)

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that

your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. 6Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—10these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (two measures introduction)



**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20** 

#### C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory

to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON** Pastor Timothy Holt

**HYMN OF THE DAY** LBW 423

"Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service"

#### **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.

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church

everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice. Merciful God,

#### C receive our prayer.

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters. Merciful God,

#### C receive our prayer.

Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

#### C receive our prayer.

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. (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, Calvin Seitz, Jr., 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.

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**

#### **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.

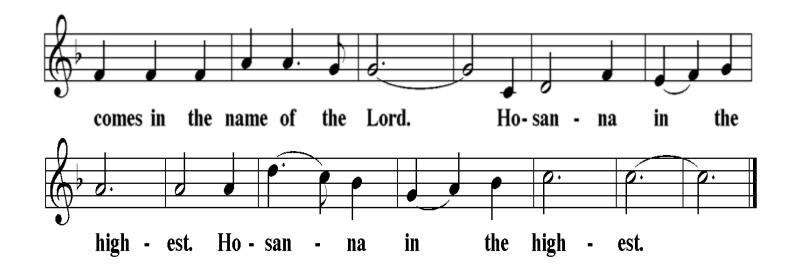
#### C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **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.

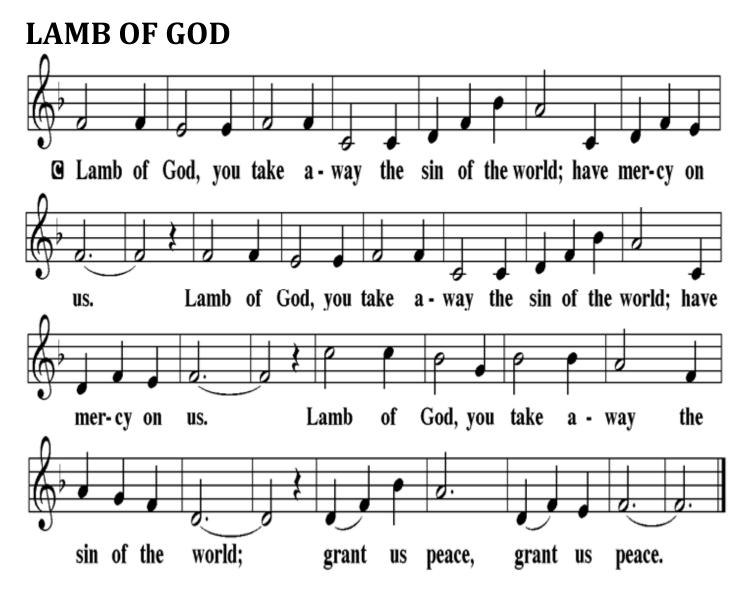
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.** 



#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

#### ELW 677 "This Little Light of Mine"



LBW 400 "God, Whose Almighty Word" WOV 650 "We Are Marching in the Light of God" 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)



#### 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 237 "O God of Light"

#### **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:** Gregg & Melanie Lottes

Comm. Asst: Sandy Schnaus Video: JoAn Breitwieser

**Organist:** Arlene Vonderheide

**Lay Reader:** Doug Wiseman Audio: Bryan Buchta

**Acolytes:** Jaxson Kellar & Kogen Kalb

#### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 144 SS: 16

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Sun. Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)
Tues. Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Blanket Tacking 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting WELCA Meeting
Wed. Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	1-6 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Heart Healthy Hoosiers Confirmation Handbell Practice
Wed. Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM 5:15 PM	Blanket Tacking Worship & Music Meeting
Sun. Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 PM 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Church Council Meeting Chancel Choir Practice Sunday Worship Service (Heritage Sunday) Heritage Sunday LYO Breakfast

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

Mark your calendars! Our next Heritage Sunday will be hosted by St. Paul's LYO on February 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

WELCA will be making ham salad March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> with pick-up on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a volunteer sheet on the welcome center desk for anyone interested in helping.



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





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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?

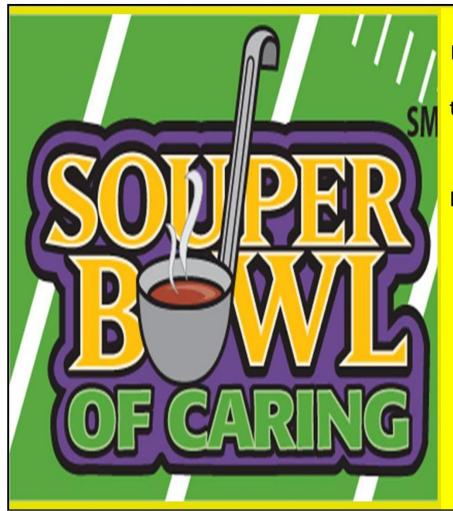
Please share your experiences with our children and lead them in a lesson on your favorite Bible story.

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 29<sup>th</sup> and The Creation Story on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **In Service to Our Country**

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