



Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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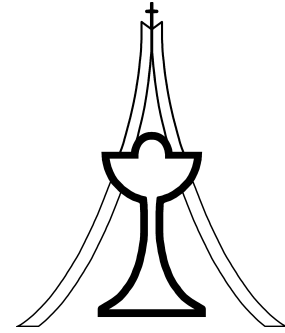
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All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

All are welcome here
Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray
Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks
Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here
All are redeemed by a gracious God



The Gathering

(Please read this before worship begins.)

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I cannot say what Communion is any better than Luther, so I'll let him say it. In the Small Catechism Luther writes the following, and more in The Sacrament of the Altar.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

This is shown by the words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

It is not the eating and drinking that do these things, but these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words are, along with the bodily eating and drinking, the main thing in the Sacrament. Anyone who believes these words has what they say: that is, the forgiveness of sins.

- As we travel this wilderness of COVID-19, it is right and proper for us to participate in the Eucharist as we are gathered as the church in person, as well as live streaming. Holy Communion takes place in the assembly of the Body of Christ.
- Online Communion is new territory for us as we navigate our new context. After reading Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, after much prayer and discernment, I believe this technology should be used in such manners to share God's grace, love, forgiveness and acceptance.
- As we assemble in person or live stream, when confessions are heard and forgiven, as the Word is proclaimed, it is proper for Communion to take place as we are then sent out as the Body of Christ for the world. I ask you to only commune as the live Word is spoken and not commune to the recording of this service.
- Please use bread and wine or a gluten free option and grape juice. Please prepare a plate and cup prior to service to have and share. If you have one and not the other, know that God is fully present in both elements and only one is necessary.

- God is the One working through the spoken Word in the mystery of communion. We don't fully know how, rather we know Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is My body," ... "Take this and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." God is the source of love infused into us through the Spirit as we partake of the Eucharist. We don't understand it fully; we fully believe Christ is there fulfilling His promises of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Remember: All Are Welcome – Hospitality fills God's Table – Everywhere!

Pastor Randy

Prelude Music

O Christ the Same, Arr. Howard Helvey

When Peace Like a River, 1) Arr. Timothy Shaw, 2) Arr. Thomas Keesecker

Build Us Up, Lord, Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise, Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Call to Worship (based on Matthew 25: 14-30— written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the [Worship Connection](#) page of the Ministry Matters website. Visit there for other great suggestions for worship on November 13, 2011.)

- P The time for harvest is close at hand.
What have you done with the gifts God has given you?
- C We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**
- P Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.
- C We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.**
- P Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.
- C Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

(inspired by 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 and Matthew 25: 14-30~ written by Bill Wessner, on his [Confessional RCL](http://confessionrcl.blogspot.com/2011/11/cycle-lectionary-32-proper-27.html) blog. <http://confessionrcl.blogspot.com/2011/11/cycle-lectionary-32-proper-27.html>)

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.
- C Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Lord, Lord,
**C we know who you are,
we know you bring in the kingdom of heaven.**

**But when you assign us the job of lighting the way,
we barely announce your divine rule to ourselves.**

**Our worship hour has solemn times and festivals.
And we celebrate your redemptive action in history
with our calendar - Sundays, seasons, year after year.**

**Yet we become drowsy: unprepared,
because we are not disciples each day, at all hours.
Those times we live for ourselves.**

**We do not need you right now.
So we do not want justice, unless we judge for ourselves,
and self-righteousness is easier than right relationship.**

**Forgive us Lord the sins we can bear to name,
Save us, Lord, from the sins we will not speak.**

Pause for reflection and self-examination.

P God redeems.
Our hope lives in the one we call Jesus the Christ.
Time and again we go to this hope, ready or not.
For Christ's sake our sins are forgiven.
May the flood of God's love in Christ Jesus
be poured out in our lives and cease not at this worship's end.
To the glory of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen


Greeting

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

C And also with you.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 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. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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P Generous God,
 in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C Amen.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Zephaniah.

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
³You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Turn back, O children of earth.”
⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
⁸Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

L A reading from the book of 1 Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P The Gospel of our Lord.
 C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

“Joy and Weeping”

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 674, verses 1 & 3 only: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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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

A Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.
C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

The Meal

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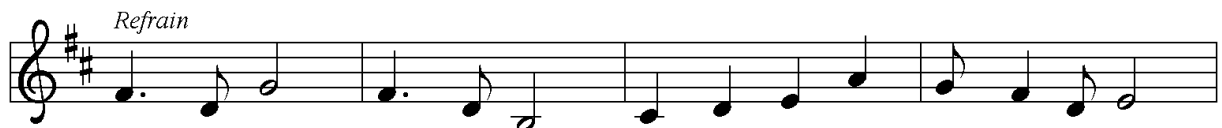
- Please have your wine and bread ready for the Meal. It would be best to use grape juice or wine and a small portion of bread or gluten free option for the Eucharist.
- Please participate by lifting the bread and the wine as the pastor lifts the bread and wine.
- If everyone in the family is healthy please take the time to commune each other; presenting the bread first and saying, “the Body of Christ given for you” and then the wine/juice saying, “the Blood of Christ shed for you.” If you’re not feeling well, please commune yourself as you are able.
- The elements (bread and juice or wine) should be consumed in their entirety or returned to the earth as once they are consecrated they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not throw Jesus in the trash or down the drain.

Offering

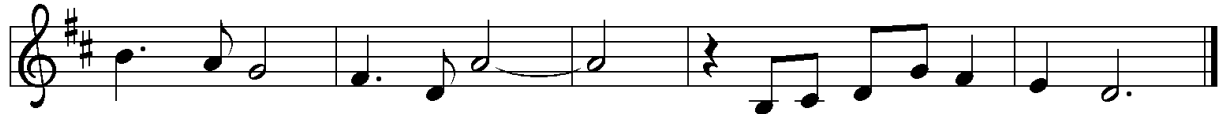
Please feel free to send your regular tithes in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is john_r_mills@icloud.com)



Offertory: ELW (red), hymn 492, verse 4 only: *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dian, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

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Offering Prayer (inspired by Matthew 25: 14-20~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on the **Spacious Faith** blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>)

- A God, whose giving knows no ending,
we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us;
we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us;
we offer up ourselves in service and praise.
Receive these gifts by your grace.
Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit
to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world.
- C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

C Amen.

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

C Amen.

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

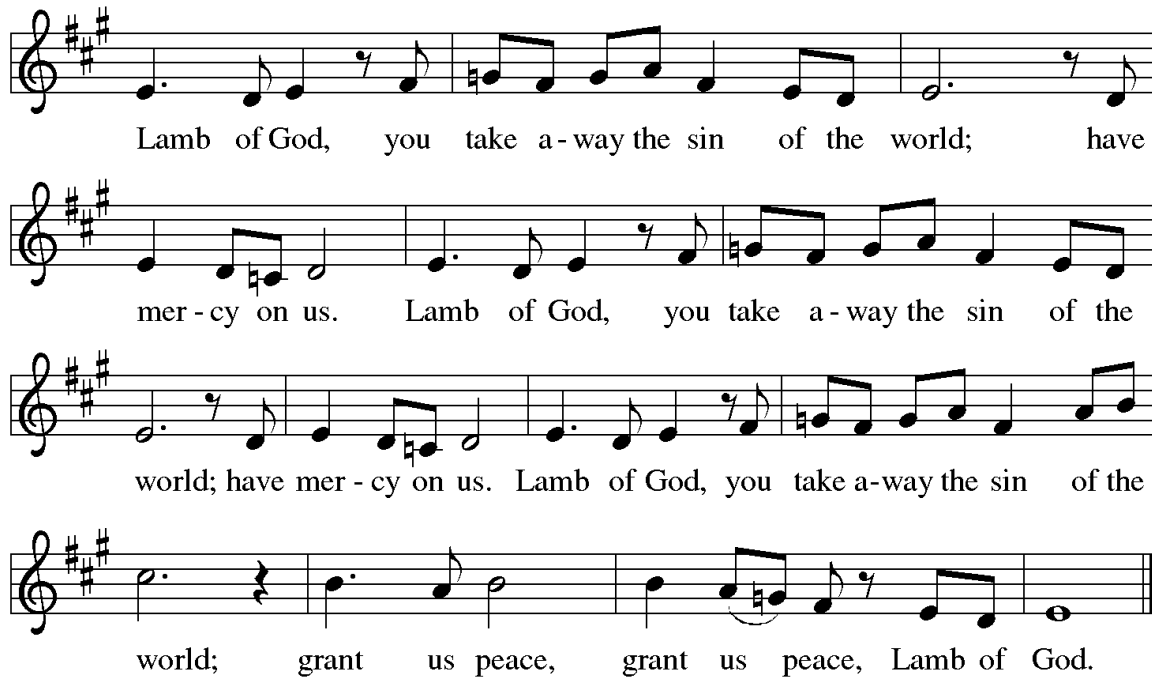
The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P So come to this table, which now extends into our homes, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,
keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C Amen.


Prayer after Communion

- A Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
- C Amen.


The Sending

Sending Hymn: WOV (blue), hymn 696, verse 3 only: *I've Just Come from the Fountain*


Refrain




I've just come from the foun-tain, I've just come from the foun-tain, Lord, I've



just come from the foun-tain, his name's so sweet. O Lord, I've sweet.



1 O broth-er, do you love Je-sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.
2 O sis - ter, do you love Je-sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.
3 O sin - ner, do you love Je-sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.



Refrain
Broth-er, do you love Je-sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've
Sis - ter, do you love Je-sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've
Sin - ner, do you love Je-sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've

Text: African American spiritual
Music: HIS NAME SO SWEET, African American spiritual

Masking Prayer (@RevCBeckett)

C Lord, as I put on my mask, let it be a filter
for my words to pass through as well as my breathing.
Let through only those words which are helpful breathings of love
and stop those things in my speech that will be harmful to others.
Protect me also, O Lord, from the harmful things others may say to me.
Help me to realize that I may be a carrier of bitterness,
thoughtlessness, judgement and prejudice without realizing,
and that some people are more word-vulnerable than others.
Give me grace to love those who cannot or will not filter to protect others
and special grace to them, because they go through the world unprotected.
Help me to be prepared to adapt and be brave and transparent
So that all may have a chance to hear.
Lord, be a mask to my mouth
and pin my ears forward for listening.
Amen.

Blessing (~ from *Hope in God's Future: Christian Discipleship in the Context of Climate Change Report & Study Guide*, Methodist Publishing 2009. Posted on the **Third Space** website. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>)

P God's blessing be upon us.
May we strengthen and encourage one another in our shared vision.
And may the blessing of our adventurous Creator God go with us.
And may the blessing of the Son, who showed us how to live, re-shape us.
And may the blessing of the dancing Spirit joyfully enable us in our renewed living.

C Amen.

Dismissal

A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Please stick around; the Zoom meeting will continue with a virtual "Coffee Hour." and then an Adult Forum. All are welcome.

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Pastor Randy is available for pastoral care. Please contact him at: 260-402-4476 or by email: randy@osluth.org

Worship Assistants Today: Julie Huetteman (Musician), Beth Dana (Assisting Minister & Lector), Emily Ohland (Cantor), Bob Nielsen (A-V Specialist)

Pints with a Pastor

If you'd like to participate, send Pastor Randy an email randy@osluth.org and he will send you a Zoom invite.

The next **Pints with a Pastor** will take place via Zoom on **Monday, November 16 & 23 at 6:56 P.M.** (for adults).

Sunday School for Toddlers—High School: Look for an email to register and links to participate as you are able.

Jubilee Christmas: December 12 is the morning of Jubilee Christmas. OSLC will be providing toys and goodies for 10 families which will be bundled together for them to pick up at our church door. Information about our families and the number of children we will be buying for along with specific toy suggestions will be received by November 3. Please look for an email later that week where you will be able to choose via Sign-Up Genius what toys you will purchase along with any other volunteer needs there may be. Monetary donations are also needed to help defray expenses which includes paying LUM for food cards and teen gift cards which each family receives, to buy toys (if needed) along with stocking stuffers, wrapping paper, blankets (each family will receive one), and this year we hope to provide some non perishable food items. If you donate money, please be sure to note that it is to be used for Jubilee Christmas. If you are a Thrivent member and willing to apply for a grant to be used for Jubilee Christmas, that would be great, too!! Thank you so much for your generosity!! Questions - contact Beth Dana at bethdana1@gmail.com or Nancy Calahan at nacalahan@gmail.com

Book Discussion Group: We'll meet via Zoom on Sunday, November 22 (at 5:00 P.M.) to discuss *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Email Sandra (sandra@osluth.org) for an invite.

The National Lutheran Choir welcomes you to participate in a unique and meaningful season of programming with a Virtual Subscription offering twice-monthly content and open-to-all streamed concert programs. At \$10/month (\$90 for the full season) a virtual subscription is your ticket to music and messages of faith, hope and love. Subscribe at NLCA.com.

Norman Vernon Ryding, age 86, of Michigan City, IN, passed away on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at his home. He was born May 30, 1934 in Ishpeming, MI to Vernon and Grace (Dahlstrom) Ryding who preceded him in death. Norman is also preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Ruth Ryding. They married in Rockford, IL on August 22, 1959.

Norman is survived by his sons: John (Mary) Ryding, Paul T. (Lisa) Ryding and Peter A. (Grace) Ryding; grandchildren: Jae, Evan, Maria, Alexandra, and Robert Ryding.

Norman earned his Doctorate and was a minister for 39 years, with 12 years of service at the former Zion Lutheran Church in Michigan City, IN, where he retired in 1998. He was a member at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Michigan City, IN, the Sons of Norway, Rotary Club, and the N.W.I- ELCA of American Board of Flying Carpet. Norman was also on the V.N.A Hospice Board for LaPorte County, a police chaplain for 17 years, a part-time chaplain for St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Michigan City, a member of the social ministry committee (ELCA), Western Upper Pen. Health and Welfare council, as well as, the campus minister at Purdue.

Private services have been entrusted with Geisen-Carlisle Funeral Home, 613 Washington St. Michigan City, IN 46360. Norman will be laid to rest at Ridgewood Cemetery in Des Plaines, IL.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Norman may be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 818 Franklin St, Michigan City, IN 46360.

Rachel Kurtz Live! November 21, 7:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for Rachel Kurtz Live! on Saturday, November 21, 2020, beginning at 7:30 pm Eastern/6:30 pm Central.



Rachel Kurtz has been touring and singing for almost 20 years. She speaks frankly about love, God, parenting, heartbreak and her infectious laugh is peppered throughout her concerts. Her songs are rife with emotion and can make you get up and dance. Whether she is singing in a bar or church, her voice can cut through the noise and gives the listener a place to rest.

She has sung at the last 6 national youth gatherings and her song "Make a Difference" is sung nationwide on any given Sunday.

Join the ZOOM concert to hear her sing, you will be surprised and delighted. This will be a live one-hour concert with Rachel Kurtz on Zoom. In order to receive the Zoom information for just the concert, to register, go to <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2c0d32b625ee40f18161d9b0f7aac5b8>