



"O WOMAN,

GREAT IS
YOUR FAITH!

LET IT BE DONE FOR
YOU AS YOU WISH."

- Matthew 15:28 -

Introduction

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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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

Prelude Music

All are Welcome/Come, Christians, Join to Sing (setting by Paul Tate, 2006 GIA Publications, Inc.)
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with you Love (setting by Joel Raney, 2008 Hope Publishing, Co.)

Stand

Call to Worship (from Psalm 67, written by Joan Stoff, <http://www.wesleychurchqeelonq.net>)

- PK Holy are you, O God of grace and mercy.
May all the nations praise you, O God.
- C May all the nations of the earth joyfully
sing because God's justice is supreme!**
- PK May the love that lights up the face of God
shine with favor upon us and bless us;
- C teaching us God's way of living and loving
so that we may reflect that love and grace.**
- PK We gather to worship our wise and holy God.
We are in awe and revere you for your saving works.
- C We come together to seek your blessing, O God.
Praise be to our generous and just God. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

PK Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

C **Amen.**

PK Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

PK Righteous God,

C **we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

PK God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie



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,



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

Greeting

PK 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.**

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

PK God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 777-779). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)

¹Thus says Yahweh :
“Do what is right! Work for justice!
For my liberation is about to come,
and my justice is about to be revealed.”

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to me,
ministering to me,
loving the name of Yahweh and worshiping me—
all who observe the Sabbath and do not profane it,
and cling to my Covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be acceptable on my altar,
for my house will be called a house of prayer
for all peoples!”* ⁸Thus says the Sovereign Yahweh ,
who gathers the diaspora of Israel: “There are others I will gather
besides those already gathered.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67: 1-7 (Read responsively by whole verse.) (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 1251). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)

¹O God, show us kindness and bless us,
and make your face smile on us!
²**For then the earth will acknowledge your ways,
and all the nations will know of your power to save.**
³Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you!
⁴**Let the nations shout and sing for joy,
for you dispense true justice to the world—
you guide the nations of the earth!**
⁵Let the peoples shout and sing for joy;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁶The land has given its harvest:

God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷May God bless us, and may God be revered
even to the ends of the earth!

L A reading from the book of Romans.

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2415; 2417). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)

¹I ask, then, has God rejected the chosen people? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, descended from Sarah and Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ²No, God has not rejected the chosen people, who were foreknown long ago.

²⁹For God's gift and call are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God and now have received mercy through Israel's disobedience, ³¹now they have become disobedient—since God wished to show you mercy—that they too may receive mercy. ³²God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience in order to have mercy on everyone.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

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

Repeat alleluia

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). It contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' with a fermata over the second 'ia'. The second staff continues the melody for 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' with a fermata over the second 'ia'. The third staff is a shorter melodic phrase, also with a fermata over the final note, and is labeled 'Repeat alleluia'.

Jesus preached the good news ¹ of the kingdom* and cured every sickness a- ¹ mong the people.

PK The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

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

Matthew 15: 10-28 (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2151-2152). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)

¹⁰Jesus called the crowd together and said to them, “Hear this and understand: ¹¹it’s not what enters your mouth that defiles you—it’s what comes out of your mouth that defiles you.”

¹²Then the disciples approached him and said, “Do you realize that the Pharisees were offended by what you said?” ¹³Jesus replied, “Every plant that my Abba God in heaven has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴Ignore them—they are blind people leading other blind people. And when the blind lead the blind, they all will fall into a ditch.” ¹⁵Then Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Jesus replied, “Do you still not understand? ¹⁷Don’t you realize that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and eventually finds its way into the sewer and is gone? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart. This is what makes a person ‘unclean.’ ¹⁹For from the heart come all sorts of evil intentions—murder, sexual infidelity, promiscuity, stealing, lying, even foul language. ²⁰These things make a person unclean—not eating with unwashed hands!”

²¹Jesus left there and departed for the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²It happened that a Canaanite woman living in that area came and cried out to Jesus, “Heir to the House of David, have pity on me! My daughter is horribly demon possessed.” ²³Jesus gave her no word of response. The disciples came up and repeatedly said to him, “Please get rid of her! She keeps calling after us.” ²⁴Finally Jesus turned to the woman and said, “My mission is only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.” ²⁵She then prostrated herself before him with the plea, “Help me, Rabbi!” ²⁶He answered, “But it isn’t right to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷“True, Rabbi,” she replied, “but even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.” ²⁸Jesus then said in reply, “Woman, you have great faith! Your wish will come to pass.” At that very moment her daughter was healed.

PK The Gospel of our Lord.

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

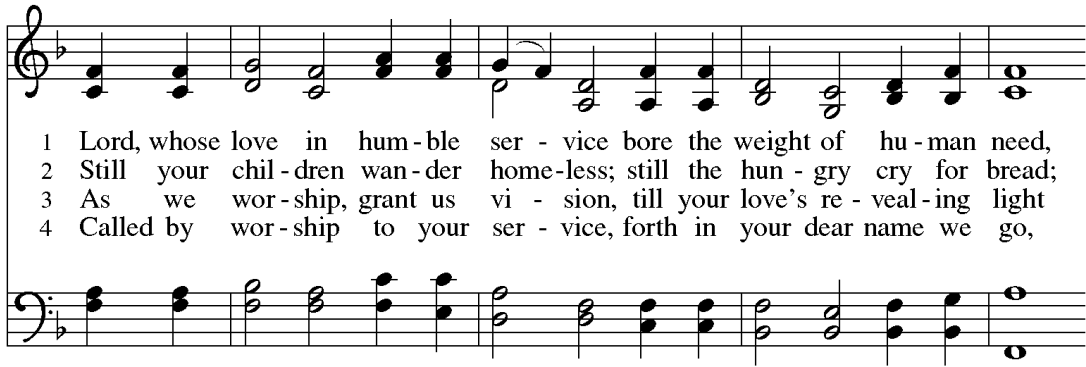
Children’s Sermon

Sermon

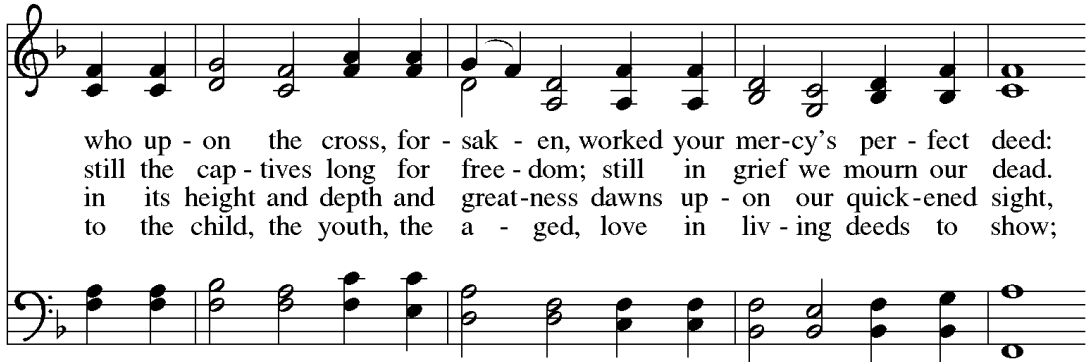
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Stand

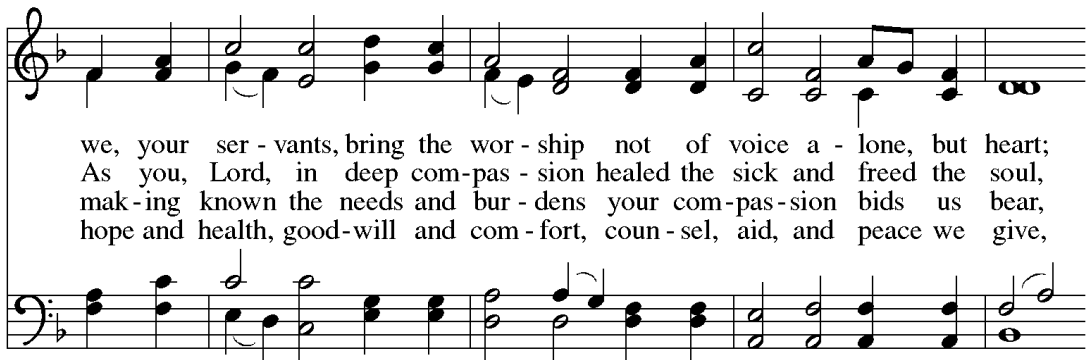
Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 712: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*



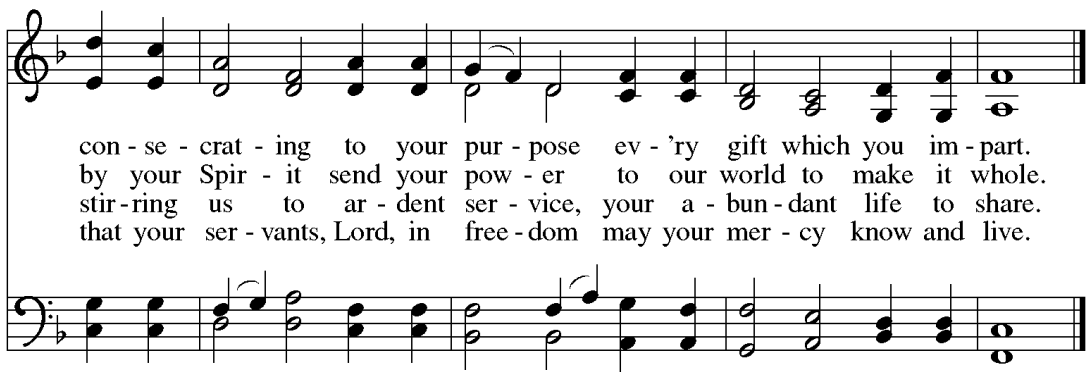
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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PR 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

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. (*A brief silence.*) O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and inter-religious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Be with the people of Hawaii and especially the victims of wildfires on the island of Maui. We pray for; those affected by the mudslides in Myanmar, for those evacuated due to Typhoon Lan in western Japan, and for farmers in the closing weeks of the growing season as they prepare for the coming harvest. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. We pray for peace in areas of war or conflict, especially in Ukraine, Libya, Syria, and Palestine. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console those facing a recent diagnosis of disease, cancer, or other health-related challenges, the dying, and heal the sick (*especially*): Janet, Jason, Fil, Shirley, Linda, Adele, Denise, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Shelby, Kevin, Nancy, Ann, Mary, Sean, Mayor Dennis, Jane, Robert M, Tom, Peter H, Ruth, Megan and Crystal. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. Guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry as they work on budget request for 2024. We pray for Lutheran colleges and for Lutheran campus ministries especially Pastor Kristin and PLM, as they prepare to welcome students for the coming academic year. Safeguard those who travel. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give you thanks for those who now rest from their labors especially Bernard of Clairvaux, whom the church commemorates today. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

PR Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Peace

PR The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Meal

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:

For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshipping online and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played. Thank you for your patience as we acknowledge the awkwardness of experiencing something different in worship. God is with us in this meal. God is also with us as we experiment with new worship practices.

Offering

Please feel free to send your regular tithe 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. (Ted Heise is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option. His email address is these@panix.com)



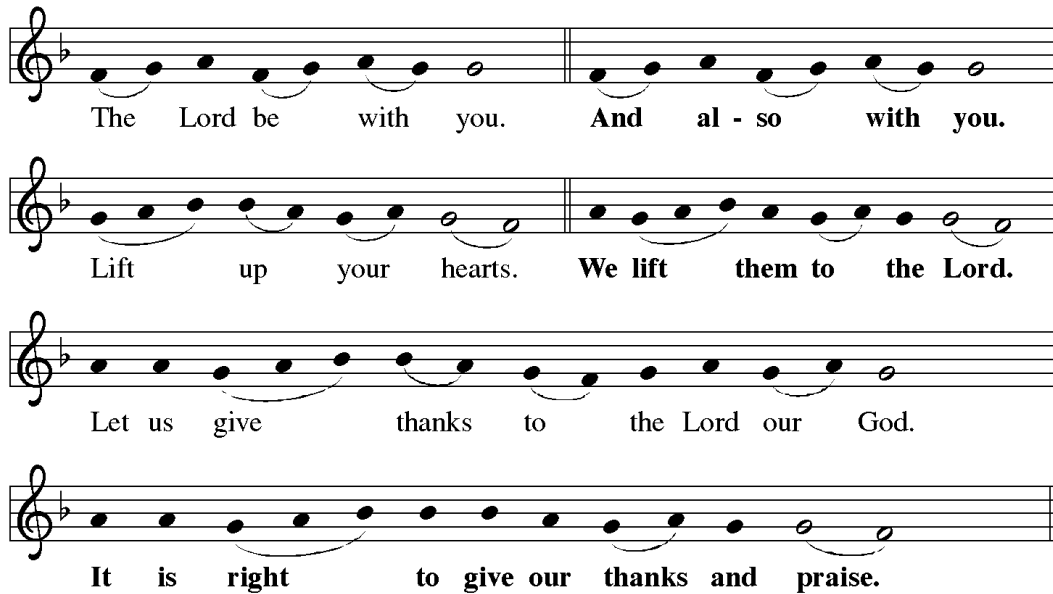
Stand

Offering Prayer

A God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

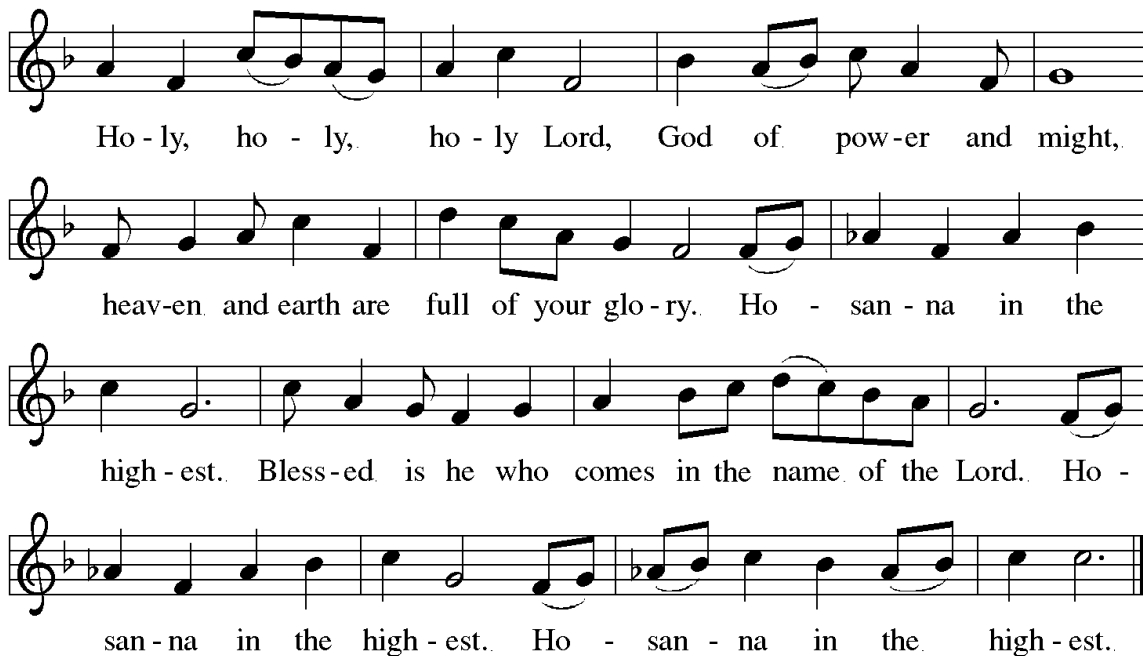
C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



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

PR 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 - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PR Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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.**

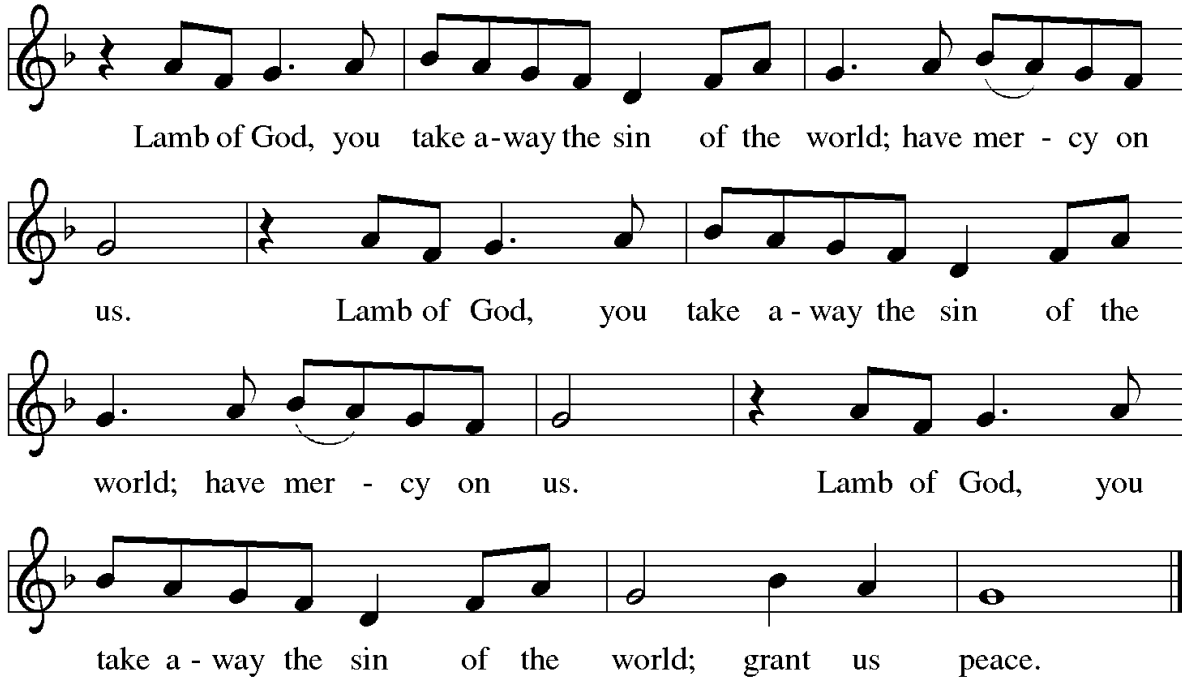
Invitation to Communion

PR 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.

Distribution

There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

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.

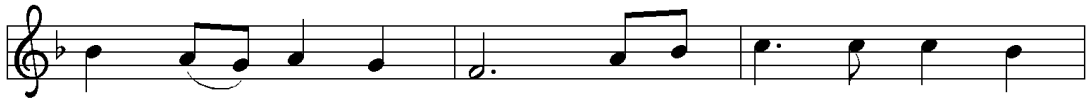
Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 641, verses 1, 3, & 4: *All Are Welcome*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Stand

PR 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

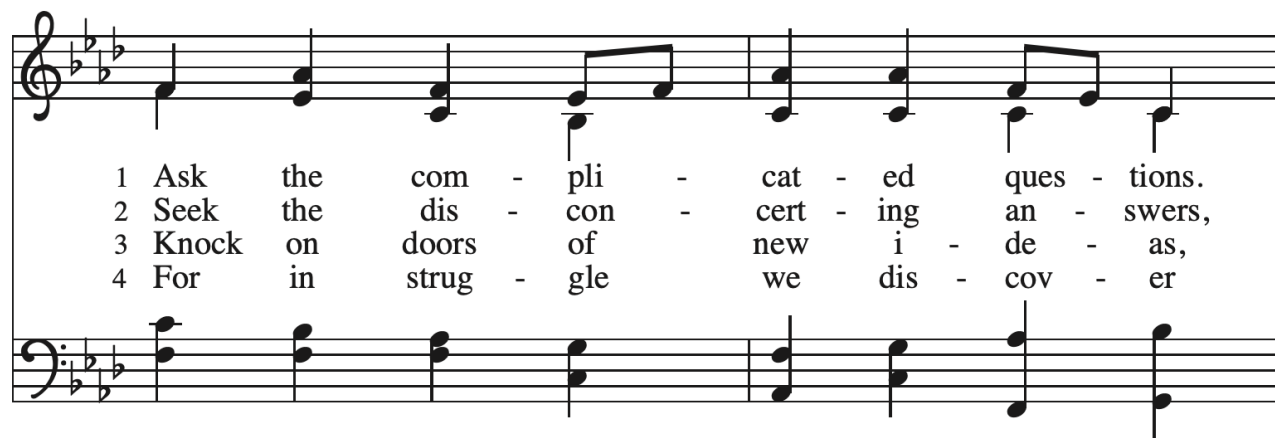
A We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

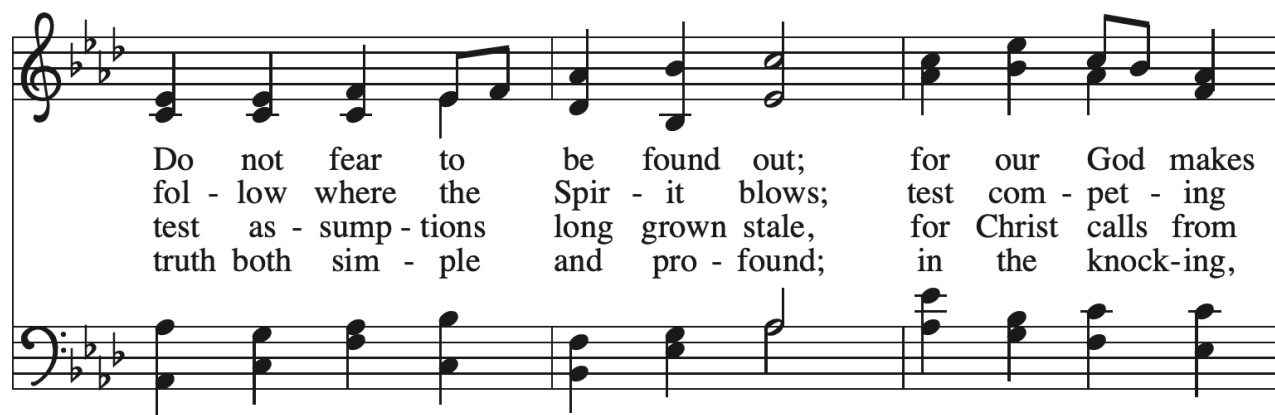
The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ACS, Hymn 1005: *Ask the Complicated Questions*



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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Benediction (based on Psalm 67)

PR God, mark us with grace and blessing!
 Let our lives reflect God’s light and goodness,
 so that the way in which we live might bring others
 to an awareness of God’s presence and love.

May the face of God shine light upon us!
 May we celebrate God’s love and justice in such a way
 that everyone around will come to know God,
 and will experience God’s grace and blessing for themselves.
 God go with you!

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop. Wearers of hearing aids should turn their aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.

Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room: The kids' worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, storybook Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

Sunday School and Adult Forum begin on September 10th. Adult Forum is in the fellowship hall and on zoom from 10:20 until 11:05. Our first speaker is Bishop Bill Gafkjen. Sunday School will be held from 10:20 until 11:05 in the classrooms downstairs. The teachers will gather the children when it's time to begin class.

Confirmation

All Students in the 6th grade or above are invited to attend Confirmation Classes beginning on Sept 24th - Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:20 am until 11:05 am, in the Jr. & Sr. Class room upstairs. Pastor Randy will lead the Confirmation and hopes you will join him.

Centering Prayer Group

Join us for Centering Prayer this summer at OSLC in the fellowship hall and online via zoom from **9:00 – 9:30 am**. Once fall begins we will meet the first and third Mondays of the month. Because of vacation schedules during the summer the Mondays will vary. Here is our summer schedule:

August 21st 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom

The zoom link will be sent out the Friday before. If you have any questions, please contact Missy at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Fundraiser for Family Promise

Wings Etc., located in both Lafayette and West Lafayette, will be partnering with Family Promise by hosting DINE to DONATE all day on the 3rd Wednesday of each month through the end of 2023. Wings Etc. is donating 15% of pre-tax food and soft drink sales to Family Promise. Bring the DINE to DONATE flyer and show it to the server to support the cause.

<http://www.fpglinc.org/>

On Facebook - Family Promise of Greater Lafayette

School Kits

We are collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. These supplies help children and adults keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations. **We have a lot scissors and pencils! Thank you for those. We still need notebooks, pens, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpeners and crayons.**

Thanks again for supporting this project! The list of supplies needed are located on the table near the office or as an attachment to this email. Drop off your items in the basket located under the table near the office door. Thank you for your help!

2023 Hunger Hike

Fight hunger locally and abroad by participating in Hunger Hike 2023, which will be held on Sunday, September 17th. We need folks willing to contribute and/or walk in this year's Hunger Hike. For more information or to make a donation, visit the OSLC Hunger Hike 2023 fundraising page at: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/HHIKE/team/OurSaviourLutheranChurch>

Purdue Football Game Parking

It is that time of year again, Football season! That means we need parking attendant volunteers. Volunteers arrive three hours before the game, collect funds for the parking and park the cars. (There are detailed instructions for the attendants.) Funds raised from the parking proceeds go to fund our youth gathering event fund and PLM. The next youth gathering is July 2024. PLM is taking the September 30th game. OSLC will need to fill the slots for the rest of the home games. Please click on the link to the Sign Up Genius to find a date that you can help. I will have a paper copy on the table near the office door. The first three games listed have times, the rest of the game times are TBD. As soon as I find out the times I will update the Sign Up Genius. Thank you! [Purdue Football Parking Sign Up](#)

Teachers Invitation

Our new season of Faith Formation will begin on September 10th. Our Sunday School is growing and we need some help! I would like to have two classrooms this year. One for younger kids Preschool through Kindergarten and a classroom with the older kids. We need a teacher and helper in each class. The lessons are simple, fun and, all laid out and I get all the supplies needed and ready for you. It would be great if we could have a few teams so people aren't teaching every Sunday. If you are interested or have questions please contact me, Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Presentation of Bibles for the children of OSLC

On **August 27th** the Faith Formation Director, Missy Schroeder will be giving the children of OSLC age-appropriate Bibles during our 9:00 am service. If your plan for your child to attend, please let Missy know by emailing her at missy@osluth.org. Please include your child's age and if applicable grade.

Luncheon Divina- Praying with Scripture

Beginning in September Faith Formation Director, Missy Schroeder will be offering Lectio Divina on Wednesdays via zoom from 12:00-12:20pm. What is Lectio Divina? Lectio Divina is an ancient practice of praying the scriptures. This meditative way of reading scripture encourages us to listen, notice, open, and respond to the Word of God praying within us. In this practice we do not so much read scripture as scripture reads us. We come to the text not for information but for the transformation of our lives. If you are looking for a spiritual practice to help you get through the week or just your Wednesday, I invite you to join us! I will send out a zoom link on Wednesday mornings. Our first Luncheon Lectio will be September 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Missy at missy@osluth.org.

Women, Wine (or whatever your preferred beverage) & Feminine Spirituality-

This fall Faith Formation Director, Missy Schroeder is interested in beginning a women's group focused on women's spirituality and experiences. The idea would be to meet once or twice a month on Sunday afternoon from 2:00-4:00 pm at Wildcat Creek Winery. (You do not need to be 21 to go to the winery and they sell soft drinks along with wine.) The winery has a sunroom we can reserve that would work well for this type of gathering or if the weather is nice, we can meet outside. If you would be interested in participating in such a group, please contact Missy at missy@osluth.org.

OSLC/PLM Tailgate Party September 16th from 4:30-7:00

PLM, the Fellowship team and Faith Formation team would like to host a tailgate party to kick off the school year and show our support for the Boilers! We will provide the burgers, brats, impossible burgers and drinks. If you are able, please bring a side to share and your Purdue Boilermaker Spirit! We will still be selling parking spaces but will not charge OSLC folk who come to the tailgate to park. If you have an alternative place to park and can easily walk to the church or carpool with someone please do so. If not, feel free to park in the lot. We know we will not sell as many spots and that's ok, we feel it's worth the opportunity to be together and welcome students in a fun and new way. If you have any questions please contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org.

Women's Retreat September 23rd 9:30 am - 3:00 pm at the Ross House (located at Ross Hills Park in West Lafayette)

Join us for a day of learning, praying, being, and exploring with Sophia, the name for Divine Wisdom in the Bible. The retreat will be based on the book *Prayers to Sophia, Deepening our Relationship with Holy Wisdom* By Joyce Rupp. Lunch will be provided. The cost to attend the retreat is \$35 and for students it's \$15. (Financial aid is available if needed. Please contact Missy for more info) Make checks payable to OSLC put Women's Retreat on the memo line of the check. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in attending or you can email Missy at missy@osluth.org.



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more information



PLM Tuesday Dinners
6-7:30pm, starting 8/22

About Our Nave

Against the north wall is the Tree of Life, designed by the late liturgical designer Charles Pohlmann and constructed in 1996 by then-OSLC member Ted Marshall. The processional cross was given to OSLC in memory of Jennie Dana. Many of our paraments were designed and hand-woven by OSLC member Bea Stromberg. The west wall is lined with seven wood carvings depicting the life of Christ commissioned from the late Nigerian carver Lamidi Fakeye. At the center of the nave stands a marble baptismal font, a gift from members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The prints of paintings on the east wall are by nationally known liturgical artist He Qi. The center piece is given by the Church Council in honor of Sam Rasmy for his long-time service as Financial Secretary of OSLC. The Last Supper, by Guatemalan artist Angelina Quic Ixtamer, was purchased by the 2014 Guatemala Mission Team. The OSLC logo was re-designed in 2022 with elements reflecting the unique architecture of the sanctuary, the 2019 addition of the south stained-glass window, our affiliation with the ELCA, and the eternal presence of our Lord and Saviour.

References to the Tree of Life are found in both the Old and New Testaments. It has both literal and symbolic meaning for Christians: it is the literal tree of life in Genesis, and in Revelation it represents everlasting life granted to those who display fruits of the spirit and of righteousness aligned with God's principles.

Our Saviour's Vision, Mission, and Values (October 4, 2018)

- Vision** *God calls us to be a community of discipleship for all,
making Christ's love real in our daily lives.*
- Mission** *Grow in faith and Christian calling
Love and serve God and neighbor
Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ*
- Values** *Centered in liturgical worship
Outreach to campus and partnership with Purdue Lutheran Ministry
Education and mentoring for all ages
Responsible stewardship of resources
Care, compassion and service in the local and global community*