

THEY SAID TO HIM,
“WE HAVE ONLY
five loaves
HERE AND
two fish.”

MATTHEW 14:17, ESV

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August 6, 2023, 9:00 A.M.

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



Introduction

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

The Gathering

Prelude Music

All Who Are Thirsty (words and music by Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson, arranged by Carol Tornquist) (2007 Word Music)
Fill Me Now (words and music by Michael Hensen & Christina Peppin, arranged by Carol Tornquist) (2007 Word Music)

Stand

Call to Worship (inspired by Isaiah 55: 1-3, by Christine Longhurst)

- PR Come to the water, all you who thirst—
come drink deeply from the river of life.
- C **Come to the water, all you who are weary—
come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.**
- PR Come to the water, all you who long for justice—
come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.
- C **For God is here among us,
washing away the dust and grime of our lives,
and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.
Let's worship God together.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

PR 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.**

PR 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.)

PR 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.)

PR 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.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 479: *We Come to the Hungry Feast*



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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Greeting

PR 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 - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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 - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

PR Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 55: 1-5 (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 770-771). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)

¹“All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy food and eat! Come, buy wine and milk, without money, without price! ²Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you will eat well, you will delight in rich fare; ³bend your ear and come to me, listen, that you may have life: I will make an everlasting Covenant with you— in fulfillment of the blessings promised to David. ⁴See, I have made of you to be a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the nations. ⁵See, you will summon nations you never knew, and nations that never knew you will come hurrying to you—for the sake of Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, who will glorify you.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 145: 8-9, 14-21(Read responsively by whole verse.) (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 1372-1373). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)

⁸Yahweh, you are gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹**Yahweh, you are good to all
and compassionate toward all your creatures.**

¹⁴You lift up those who are falling
and raise up those who are oppressed.

¹⁵**The eyes of all look to you in hope,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**Yahweh, you are just in all your ways
and loving toward all that you have created.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
all who call upon you in truth.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desires of those who revere you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all who love you, Yahweh,
but you'll destroy all who are corrupt.

²¹**My mouth will speak your praise, Yahweh,
and may all creation bless your holy Name forever and ever**

L A reading from the book of Romans.

Romans 9: 1-5 (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (p. 2412). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)

¹I speak the truth in Christ; I am not lying—my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit ²that there is great grief and constant pain in my heart. ³Indeed, I would cut myself off from Christ if that would save my sisters and brothers, my kinfolk—⁴the Israelites. Theirs were the adoption as God’s children, the glory, the covenants, the Law-giving, the worship and the promises; ⁵theirs was the ancestry, and from them came the Messiah—at least, according to human ancestry. Blessed forever be God who is over all! Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' with a fermata over the first 'ia'. The second staff continues with 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line. The third staff is a simple accompaniment line with a fermata over the first measure. The text 'Repeat alleluia' is written below the second staff.

One does not live by ¹bread alone,* but by every word that comes from the ¹mouth of God.

PR The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

Matthew 14: 13-21 (Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2149-2150). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.)

¹³When Jesus heard about the beheading [of John the Baptist], he left Nazareth by boat and went to a deserted place to be alone. The crowds heard of this and followed him from their towns on foot. ¹⁴When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast throng, his heart was moved with pity, and he healed their sick. ¹⁵As evening drew on, the disciples approached Jesus and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late. Dismiss the crowds so they can go to the villages and buy some food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them: “There is no need for them to disperse. Give them something to eat yourselves.” ¹⁷“We have nothing here,” they replied, “but five loaves and a couple of fish.” ¹⁸“Bring them here,” Jesus said. ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit on the grass. Taking the five loaves and two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed the food, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, who in turn gave it to the people. ²⁰All those present ate their fill. The fragments remaining, when gathered up, filled twelve baskets. ²¹About five thousand families were fed.

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

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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PK 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.*) You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you (*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 You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

PK 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

PK 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)



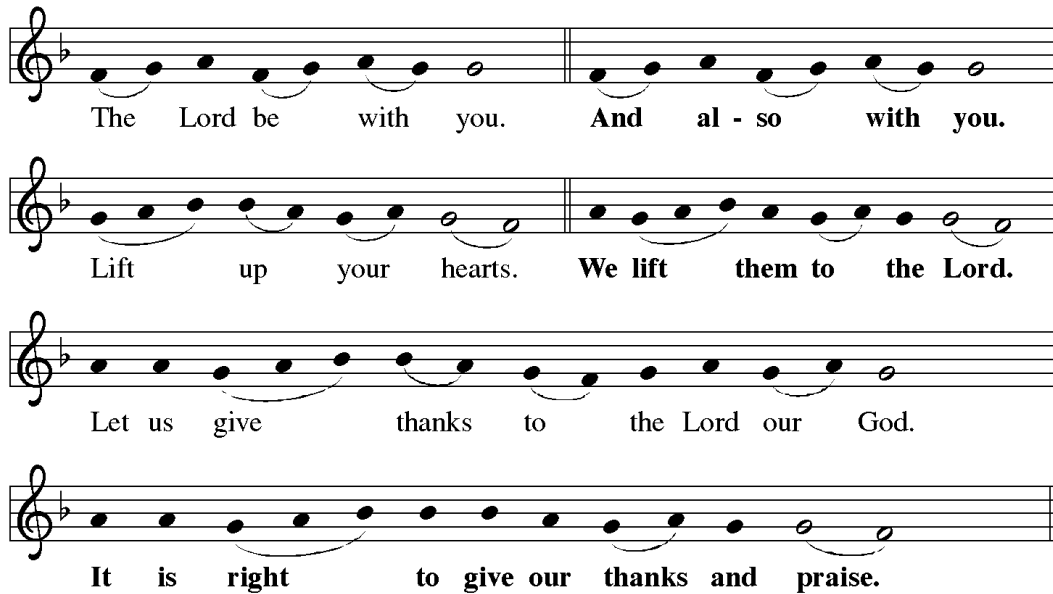
Stand

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.

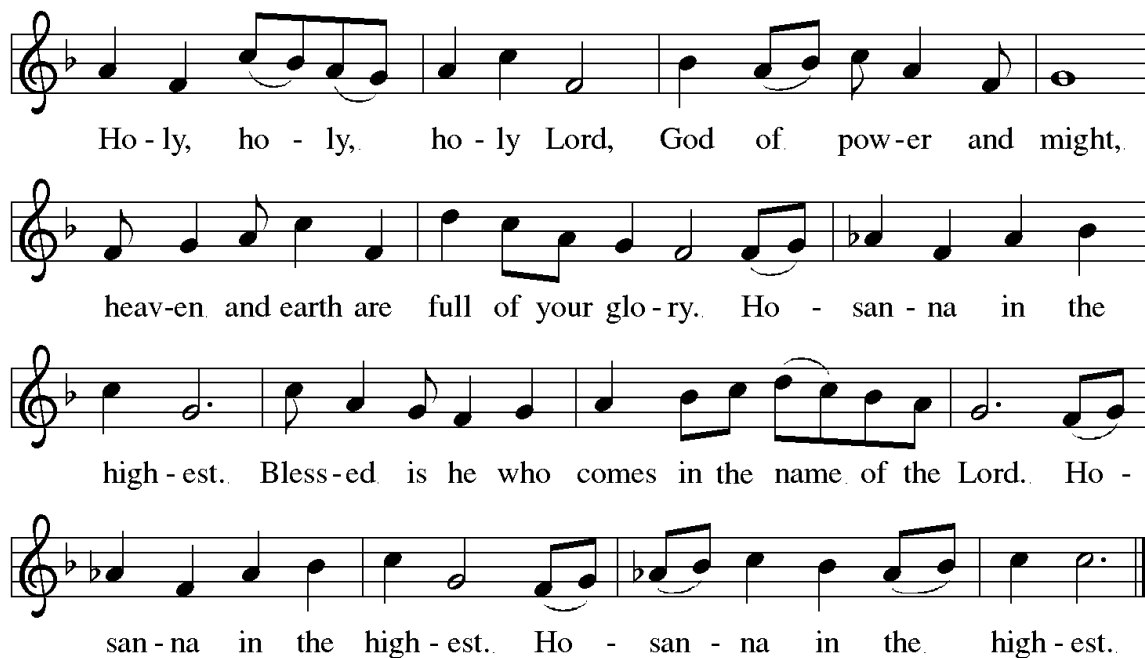
C **Amen.**

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.

PK 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.

PK 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.**

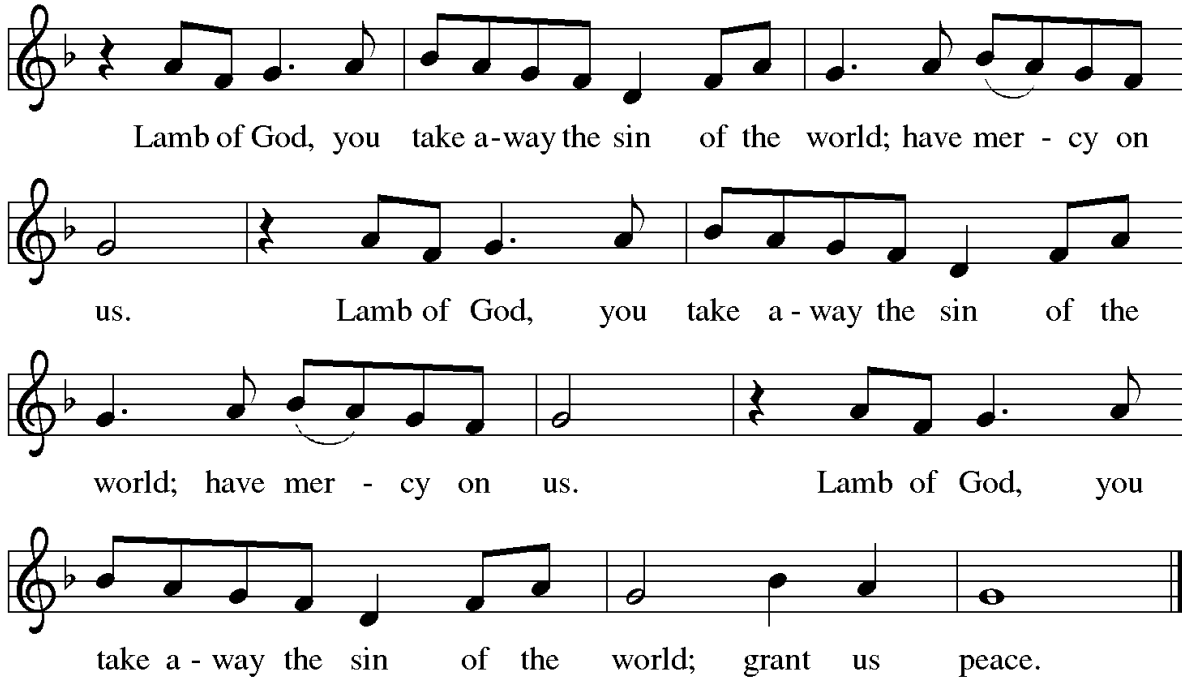
Invitation to Communion

PK 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

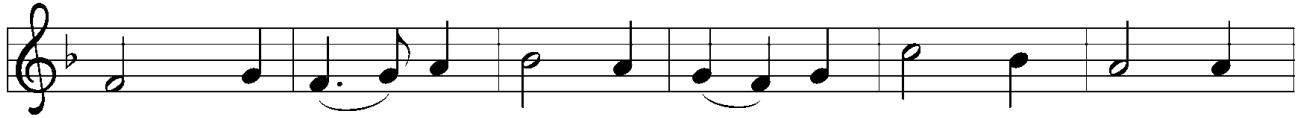
There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

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 631, verses 3 & 4: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*



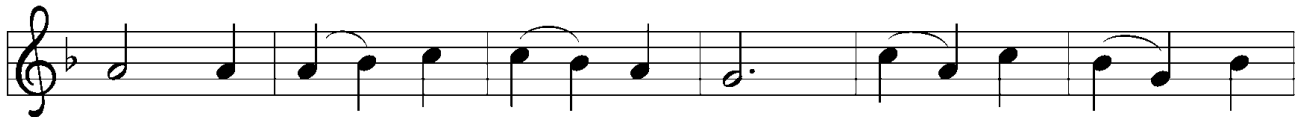
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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Stand

PK 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: ELW (red), Hymn 674: *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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Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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Blessing (based on Psalm 145: 18-19)

PK As you leave this place remember that you do not go alone. Yahweh is close at hand. God hears the cry of all who call on God's name. God honors those who honor God, listening to their prayers and coming to their aid. May God ☩ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

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.

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 7th and 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.

Prophet's Town State Park Outing

August 13th you are invited to join us for a fun afternoon at Prophet's Town State Park. We will caravan from church after service at approximately 10:30. We will begin at the farmhouse and barns for a tour, then find a place to have a picnic lunch and end our time at the aquatic center. The cost to get into the park is \$8 a vehicle. Please pack picnic lunches for your group. OSLC will cover the cost for our group to get into the aquatic center. If you have any questions please let Missy know 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. 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!

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 Needed

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 13th All students are invited to bring their backpacks to church. Pastor Randy will do a blessing of the backpacks and prayers for the **student's** beginning a new school year.

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.

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>

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*