

### *Introduction*

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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*September 3, 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*



## *The Gathering*

### **Prelude Music**

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said* (setting by Robert Lind, 2014 Augsburg Fortress)  
*For the Beauty of the Earth* (setting by Conrad Kocher, 2001 Clumsy Fly Music)

*Stand*

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Matthew 10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23, 14:7; posted on **The Minor Keys**. <http://theminorkeys.blogspot.ca/>)  
(Modified by Pastor Randy Schroeder)

PR Loving God,  
you call us to take up our cross, and to follow you, to find our lives,  
C **As we come before you this morning,  
give us open hearts and open hands.**

PR Make us eager to hear your voice  
and seek your guidance.  
C **Open our minds to your ever-present spirit  
that is always moving within and around us**

PR Open our spirits to your nudging  
and open our lives to your love.  
C **Come, let us worship!**

## 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 God,  
the one who forms us,  
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C **Amen.**

PR Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

PR Steadfast and faithful God,  
C **you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

PR Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C **Amen.**

# Kyrie



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



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



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



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



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



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

## 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-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

PR O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

### **Jeremiah 15:15-21**

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 26:1-8 (Read responsively by whole verse**

*Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)*

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

<sup>2</sup> **Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and mind.**

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup> **I do not sit with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

<sup>5</sup> I hate the company of evildoers  
and will not sit with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup> **I wash my hands in innocence  
and go around your altar, O LORD,**

<sup>7</sup> singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides.**

L A reading from the book of Romans.

**Romans 12:9-21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

### Matthew 16: 21-28

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Stand



Hymn of the Day, ACS 1044: *Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels*



1 Not for tongues of heav - en's an - gels, not for wis - dom to dis -  
 2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true, and  
 3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - jice in  
 4 In the day this world is fad - ing, faith and hope will play their



cern, not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains, for this  
 kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -  
 wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -  
 part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn:  
 ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.  
 lieves and suf - fers long:  
 reign in ev - 'ry heart:

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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 Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. (*A brief silence.*) God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. We pray for all in the pathway of Hurricane Idalia and for areas threatened by wildfires in Louisiana, and for wildfires that continue to burn in Greece. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict especially in Ukraine, Mali, Libya, Syria, and Palestine. We pray for all facing persecution and violence due to sexual orientation and gender identity, especially in Nigeria and Uganda. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are 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. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. We pray for victims of gun violence, especially in Chapel Hill, NC and Jacksonville, FL. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages, safe working environments, and equal access to opportunity for all who are employed. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- A God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- PK Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.  
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](mailto:these@panix.com))



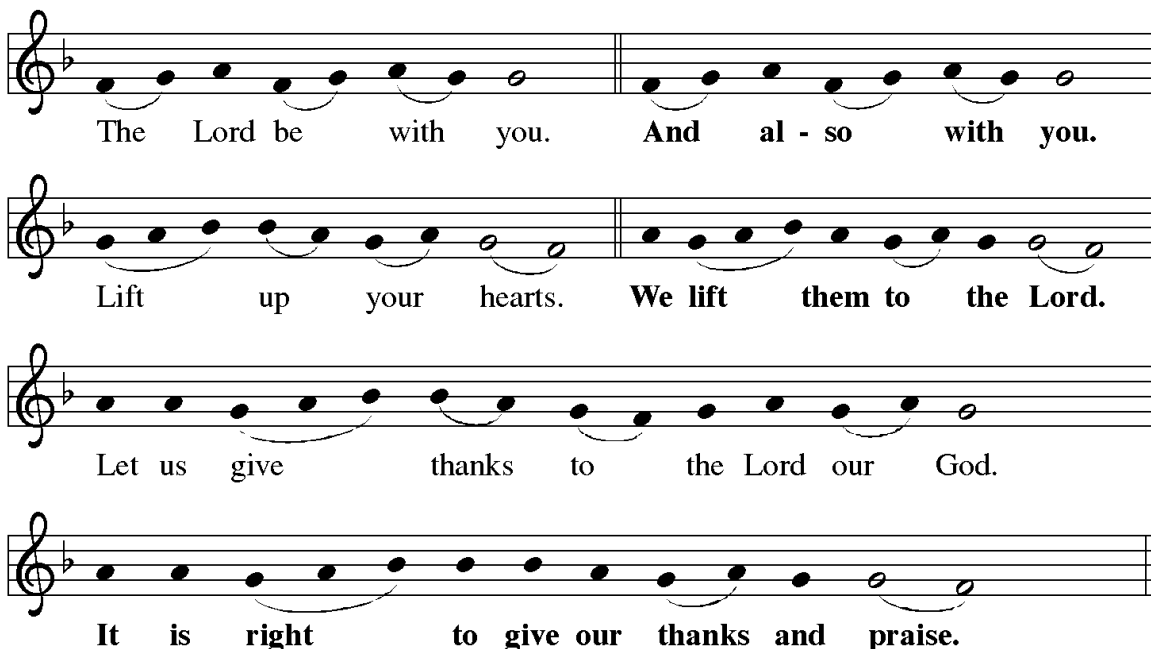
*Stand*

### **Offering Prayer**

A God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.  
We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.  
Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**



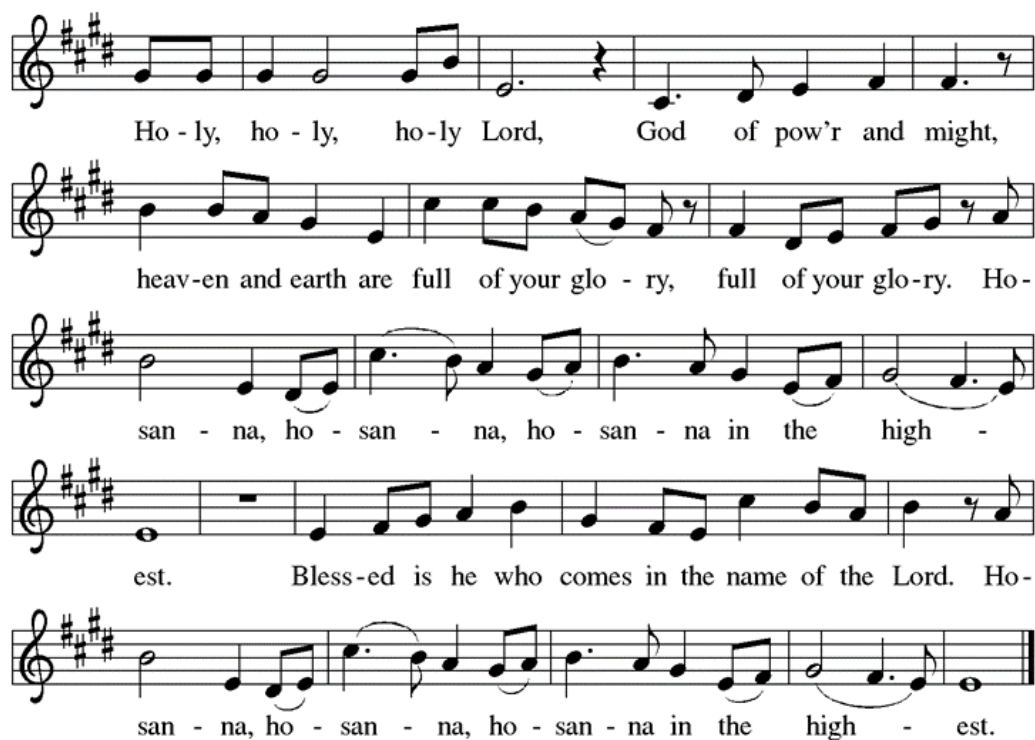
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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'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.

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**

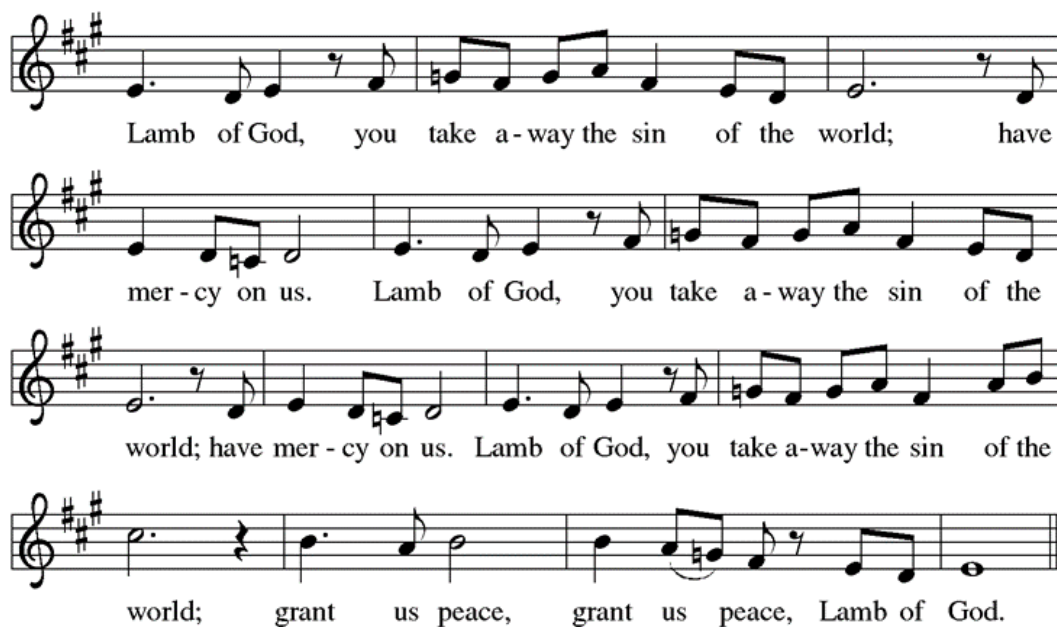
**C Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,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

### **Invitation to Communion**

#### **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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

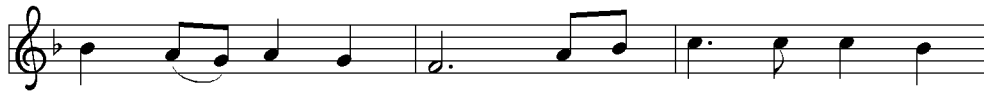
Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 641, verses 1, 2, & 5: *All Are Welcome*



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*

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 Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.
- C Amen.

## The Sending

### An Invitation

### Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 710: *Let Stream of Living Justice*

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

## Blessing

PK The God of glory,  
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Dismissal

A Go in peace. God is at work in you.

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.

### **Welcome our new nursery attendant!**

Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> Crystal Dobrowski will be in the Nursery from 8:45-1:15 to welcome children from infants to 5 years old. She will be facilitating our Pre-School/Toddler Sunday School class in the nursery during our faith formation time. We are so excited to welcome her to OSLC.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School begins on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:20 am to 11:05 am. We have classes for children ages 2-5 in the Nursery with Crystal. Elementary school age class for children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> and confirmation class for children grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour beginning around 10:00 am and the teachers will gather the students at 10:20 to take them to their classrooms. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Missy Schroeder at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477



## **Adult Forum**

We are excited for the new semester of Adult Forum! Adult Forum begins in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20 am in person and on zoom. We conclude at 11:05 am. We welcome ideas for topics and guest speakers. Please contact Missy Schroeder at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or Mark Hermodson at [hermodson@comcast.net](mailto:hermodson@comcast.net) if you have any suggestions.

### September Schedule:

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Bill Gafkjen

September 17<sup>th</sup>- Leigh Randall from Mission Guatemala

September 24<sup>th</sup>- Jesse Grogan, Julie and Carl Heutteman, Pastor Randy and Missy Schroeder sharing their experience in Guatemala this past June.

## **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 Beginning September 11th**

**Join us every Monday morning** for Centering Prayer at OSLC in the fellowship hall and online via zoom from 9:00 – 9:30 am. The zoom link will be sent out on Fridays with the worship zoom link and is on the OSLC website under ministries/adult faith formation/ Centering Prayer- click join virtually. Or you can go to our calendar and click on the Centering Prayer event, and you will find the zoom link. The calendar is found under the Community tab on the website. The zoom link never changes. If you have any questions, please contact Missy at [missy@osluth.org](mailto: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. Thank you for your generous outpouring of supplies! So many will be helped by your generosity! We have plenty of scissors and pencils! Thank you for those. **We still need notebooks, pens, rulers, erasers, pencil sharpeners and crayons.** Thanks again for supporting this project! 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>

### **Luncheon Lectio Divina- Praying with Scripture Beginning September 6th**

Missy will lead Lectio Divina every **Wednesday via zoom from 12:00-12:20pm beginning September 6th**. 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 Wednesday, I invite you to join us! The zoom link will be sent on Fridays with the worship zoom link and is on the OSLC website under ministries/adult faith formation/ Luncheon Lectio - click join virtually. Or you can go to our calendar and click on the Luncheon Lectio event, and you will find the zoom link. The calendar is found under the Community tab on the website. The zoom link never changes. If you have any questions, please contact Missy at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260 -402-4477.

### **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](mailto:missy@osluth.org).

### **Hearts and Crafts– September 20th \*Note dates and time changes\***

You are invited to a time of fellowship, spiritual growth, and crafting the **third Wednesday of every month from 1:30 pm- 3:30 pm**. If you are an experienced crafter or a beginner~ We welcome all! Bring your crafting supplies, curiosity and let's do some good for those in need. (Dates are listed on the OSLC calendar on the website under the community tab) For more information email [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org).

### **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](#)

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

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. So we can plan accordingly please sign up by clicking on the link [OSLC/PLM Tailgate Sign up](#). The sign up has many opportunities for sharing. The most important is letting us know if you are able to attend and if you are able to bring a dish to share. There are other opportunities to sign up to bring pop up tents, yard games and Purdue swag. I will have a paper sign up in the Narthex as well.

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](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477.

## **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](mailto:missy@osluth.org).



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**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*