



"GIVE...  
TO GOD

THE THINGS  
THAT ARE  
GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

### *Introduction*

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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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**

*God is Here* (Setting by Valerie A. Floeter, 2017 Hope Publishing)

*Commonwealth is God's Commandment* (Setting by Greg Bottomley, 2009 Augsburg Fortress)

*Stand*

**Call to Worship** (Nancy C. Townley, posted on the [Ministry Matters](#) website.)

PR Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

C **In God we live and move and have our being.**

PR God invites our faithfulness and our service.

C **We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.**

PR Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

C **Let us praise God who walks daily by our side. Amen.**

## 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,



*Refrain*

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** (based on Matthew 22:15-22, from [Liturgies Alive: Models of Celebrations](#) website)

PR Lord, mighty God,  
you lead the world and all humanity to their destiny in you. Give the leaders of the world and of our country a vision of the future that is both imaginative and realistic, and respectful of human rights and dignity. Help us to bear witness in everyday life to the values of the gospel and to be involved in the work of freedom, integrity, and justice.

May we thus build up a community that foreshadows our heavenly homeland. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

### *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

#### **Isaiah 45:1-7**

*The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 96 (Read responsively by whole verse)**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> **Sing to the LORD; bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

<sup>4</sup> **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup> **Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**  
<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
<sup>8</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**  
<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in holy splendor;  
tremble before him, all the earth.  
<sup>10</sup> **Say among the nations, “The LORD is king! The world is firmly established;  
it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.”**  
<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar and all that fills it;  
<sup>12</sup> **let the field exult and everything in it.  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**  
<sup>13</sup> before the LORD, for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

L A reading from the book of 1 Thessalonians.

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly  
<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and  
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by  
God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word  
only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what  
kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us  
and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy  
Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For  
the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in  
every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.  
<sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and  
how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son  
from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is  
coming.

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 twenty-second chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 22:15-22

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

## Children's Sermon

Sermon

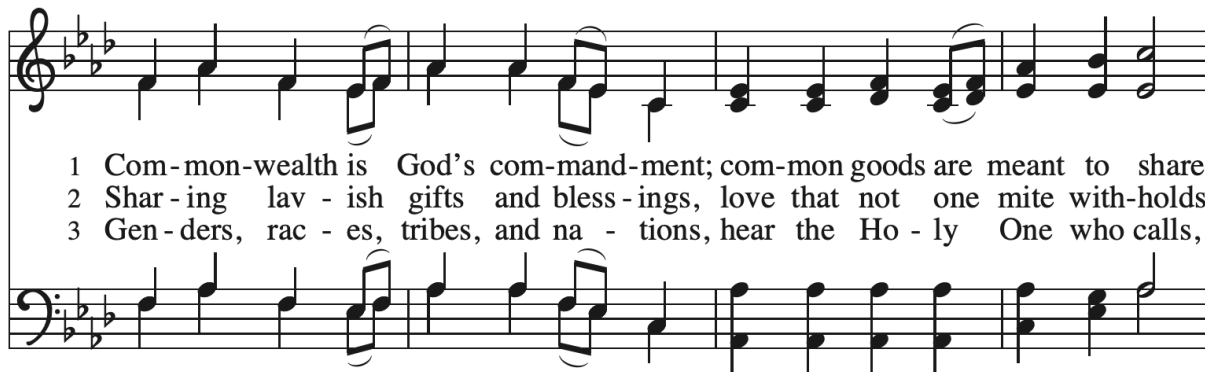
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Stand

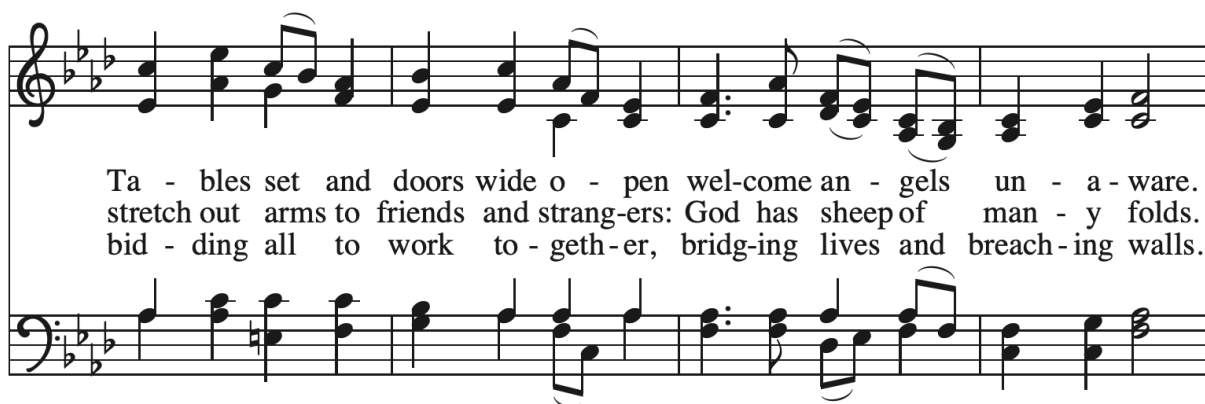


## Hymn of the Day, ACS, hymn 1036: Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

(Instruction about pronunciation: This hymn's refrain includes words meaning *peace* from other religious traditions. Shanti (Sanskrit) is pronounced "shahn-tee" and is used in Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Pax (Latin) is pronounced "pahks." Shalom (Hebrew) is pronounced "shuh-lohm" and means peace, wholeness. Maslaha (Arabic) is pronounced "muhs-lah-hah" and means reconciliation.)

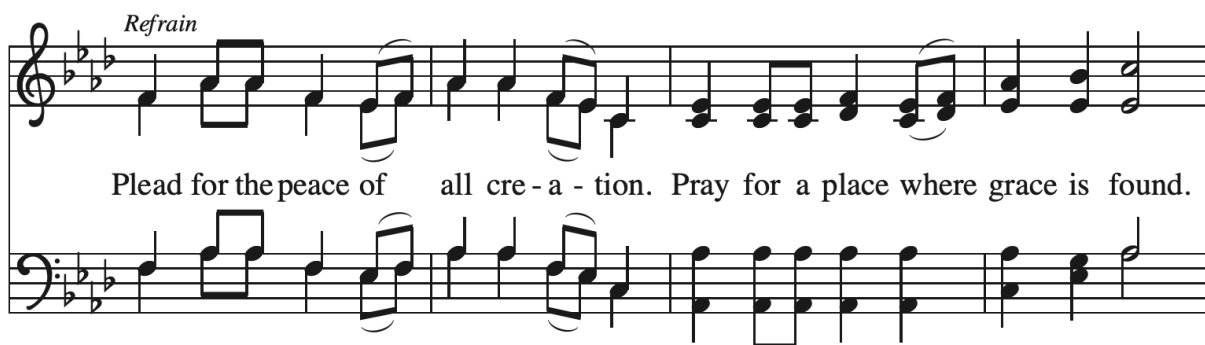


1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.  
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,  
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.  
stretch out arms to friends and stran-gers: God has sheep of man-y folds.  
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

*Refrain*



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



*Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha:* com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

**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** Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (*A brief silence.*) Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Gracious God, grant peace among nations. We pray for all victims of war in Israel and Palestine, for hospitals and other essential resources in Gaza, and all victims of war and conflict around the world. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail. We pray for de-escalation of political tensions in our nation and around the world. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bring peace to those who are suffering due to the severe drought and wildfires in Brazil. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. We pray for renewed concern for human rights, - for victims of the terrorist shooting in Brussels, Belgium, -for all victims of hate crimes across the nation and world, especially in Plainfield, IL. Guide legislators and world leaders with your wisdom and compassion.
- C** **hear our prayer.**

A Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering (*especially*) Merlyn S., Dave M., Blake H., Jenifer, Janet, Jason, Fil, Shirley, Linda, Adele, Denise, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Shelby, Kevin, Ann, Mary, Sean, Mayor Dennis, Jane, Robert M, Tom, Peter H, Ruth, Megan, and Crystal. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

PR Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

**Peace**

PR The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## **Blessing of the Quilts and School Kits**

PR God of wonder and creation, we come before you today to ask for your blessings on these quilts and school kits made with loving hands and hearts.

C **We pray for your blessing.**

PR We give thanks for the variety of gifts that were used to make each quilt and kit. We give thanks for the fabric, the thread, for sewing machines, for faithful quilters who cut squares, tied knots, designed patterns, ironed fabric and made backs and fillers, and for school supplies donated to fill the bags.

C **We give thanks for the variety of gifts you provide.**

PR We give thanks for the fellowship of all who worked to make these quilts and fill these kits. We give thanks for the laughter, for shared stories, for mutual care and concern for the joy of artistry and crafting with hands and heart.

C **We give thanks for the joy of fellowship and community.**

PR We live up to you the ministry of Lutheran World Relief and our partnership with them to be your hands and feet in this hurting world. May these quilts be used to bring warmth, shelter from heat, walls for a home or a carrier for a precious few belongings. May these quilts be a step towards recovery in the lives of our siblings in need. May these kits enable education and bring about better lives for those who learn.

C **We pray for the poor, the homeless, refugees and all those in need.**

PR We pray for those who live in poverty, for those who flee from war and danger, for those who are lost and alone. We ask that you bless these quilts and kits and those who receive them. May they be used in your service. May they bring comfort and warmth. And we pray that you will hasten the day when all people are gathered into your mighty presence to lift our voices together, in unison, in high praise and adoration. We pray in Christ's name.

C **Amen.**

## *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.

### **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))



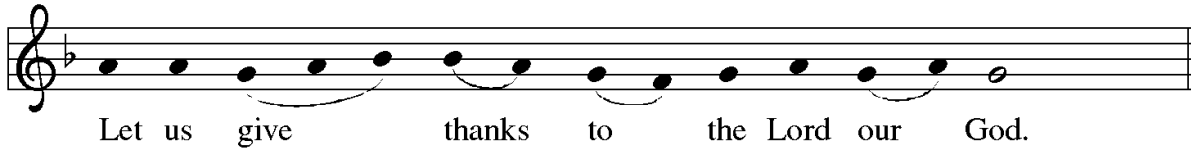
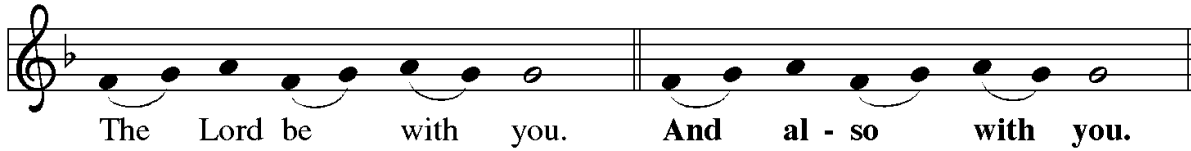
*Stand*

## 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



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'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.

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 491: *Come, Let Us Eat***



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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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 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 705, verses 1, 2, & 4: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

**Benediction** (Proper 24A, © 2002 Nathan Nettleton [LaughingBird.net](http://LaughingBird.net))

PR Go now as those who have found favor in the sight of God.  
Be imitators of Jesus Christ and an example to all of the life of faith.  
To the world in which you live, give your love and service,  
and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;  
May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;  
And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.

C Amen

**Dismissal**

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Assistants Today:** Julie Huetteman, Sara Behnke (Musician), Mark Hermodson (Cantor), Beth Dana (Assisting Minister), Dick Rahdert (Lector), Marcia Daehler (Usher), Michael Williams (A-V Specialist), Jesse Grogan (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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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**

Sunday School is 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**

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.

### October/ November Schedule:

October 22nd- Pastor Randy sharing about Texas at the border with Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program

October 29th- Video of "The Working Hungry" 30 minute video in advance of Kier Crites from Food Finders on 11/12

November 5th– No Adult Forum– Servant Sunday

## **Confirmation**

All Students in the 6th grade or above are invited to attend Confirmation Classes . 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.

## **Candy & volunteers needed for WL Fall Festival on October 27th**

OSLC will be participating in the West Lafayette Fall Festival on Friday, October 27th at the Wellness Center. **We need donations of Halloween candy to give out to the 2000+ kids and others who attend (please place donated candy in the basket in the Narthex).** We also need a couple volunteers to help pass out the candy that evening. Talk to Scott Vana ([scottv1162@gmail.com](mailto:scottv1162@gmail.com)) if you can help.

## **Centering Prayer Group**

**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.

## **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

## **Purdue Football Game Parking**

**Thank you to the volunteers who have helped with game day parking! We still attendants for November 11<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Volunteers need to arrive three hours before the game, collect funds for 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. 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](#)

## **Luncheon Divina- Praying with Scripture**

**Join us every Wednesday at noon** via zoom for Lectio Divina. The zoom link will be sent on Fridays with the worship zoom link.

## **Exploration Acres Outing–TODAY, 10/22 from 3:30-6:30 ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Please join us for a fun afternoon exploring, playing and enjoying God's creation at Exploration Acres. OSLC has rented fire pit #7 and will provide hot dogs, chips, carrots, apple sauce, bottled water and of course smores! The cost to get into Exploration Acres is \$12/adult, \$9/child. Five and under are free. Please bring chairs for sitting around the campfire. We will meet at the admission building at 3:30 then head to our fire pit. If you have any questions please contact me at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477

## **OSLC Retreat**

The OSLC Council was on retreat on Sept 30th to reflect on where OSLC has been, to look at where we are presently, and to begin discerning and dreaming with God for the future. The council found the retreat to be moving and meaningful. So much so, they wish to invite you on the same retreat. We (the Council) value your participation as OSLC prayerfully discerns where the Spirit is leading us.

Jesse Grogan and Bob Nielsen will share their insight of the retreat on Oct 22nd during the service. Pr. Randy, Missy and a couple council members will guide these future retreats on Dec 2nd and Jan 20th. These retreats would be held at the Ross House @ Ross Hills Park from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Lunch and snacks are provided. Sign-up sheets will be made available beginning Oct 30th at church and online. We hope you will consider this opportunity because we value your wisdom, gifts, and partnership as we begin this discernment process.

## **Considering Matthew Shepard**

### **Lafayette Master Chorale with the Purdue University Choir**

3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, West Lafayette

Marking 25 years since the tragic death of Matthew Shepard, we join with Purdue University Choir in performing this three-part oratorio, which incorporates countless musical styles “seamlessly woven into a unified whole,” says composer Craig Hella Johnson. Johnson sets to music a wide range of poetic and soulful texts as he shares a tale both gripping and sorrowful, leading us from horror and grief to a “higher understanding of the human condition, enabling us to endure.”

For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://www.lafayettemasterchorale.org/concerts-and-tickets>

For more information about Matthew Shepard go to <https://www.matthewshepard.org/about-us/our-story/>

## **Hearts and Crafts– November 15th from 1:30pm-3:30pm**

You are invited to a time of fellowship, spiritual growth and crafting the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are an experienced crafter or a beginner~ we welcome all! Bring your crafting supplies and join us.

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

**Tuesday, November 14th 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.) We are meeting on Tuesday this month because of a scheduling conflict. During November and December we will be reading the book [The Star in My Heart: Discovering Inner Wisdom by Joyce Rupp](#). The book is \$13.95 and you can click on the link to purchase it from Amazon. On November 14th we will discuss the first three chapters of the book. Space is limited at the winery, please contact Missy at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) to let me know if you are planning to attend.



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**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*