

Introduction

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

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> > Мау 26, 2024, 9:00 я.м.

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

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity (setting by Robert J. Powell, 1993 Augsburg Fortress) Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth (setting by David Cherwien, 1995 Augsburg Fortress)

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: God, the Life-Giving Trinity (posted on The Minor Keys. <u>http://</u> <u>theminorkeys.blogspot.ca/</u>)

- PR The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.
- C The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.
- PR The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.
- C Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;
 may our whole lives be worship.
 In all things, may we seek to connect with
 and to reflect your love and your hope.

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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C Amen.
- PR Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- PR God, our provider,
- C help us.
 It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
 We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
 We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
 We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
 Turn us again to you.
 Where else can we turn?
 Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
 Amen.
- PR Beloved people of God:
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
 you are fed and nourished.
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
 there is always more than enough.
 Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
 you are shown God's mercy:
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C Amen.

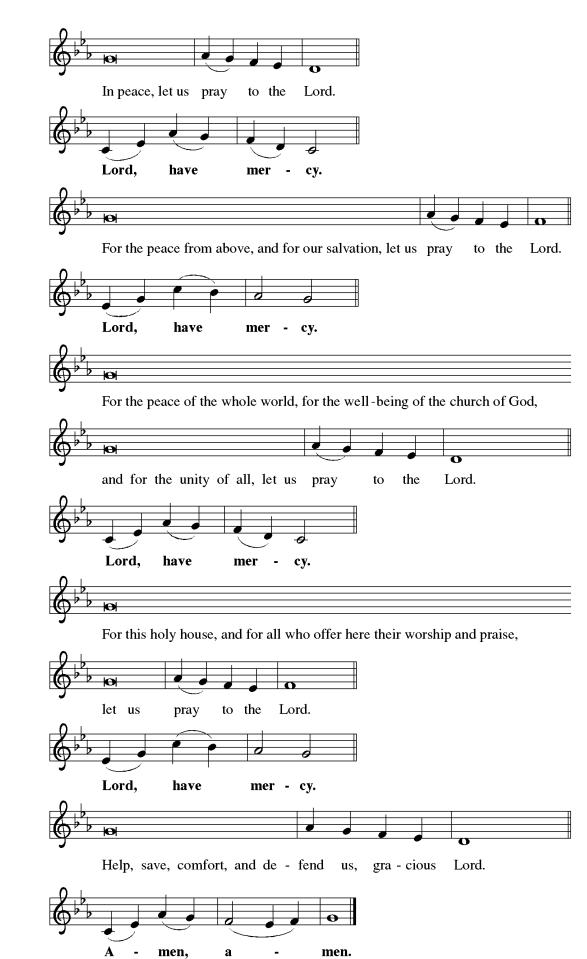
Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 408: Come, Thou Almighty King



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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



Prayer of the Day

- PR Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

- L The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ⁶the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore. ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

L A reading from the book of Romans.

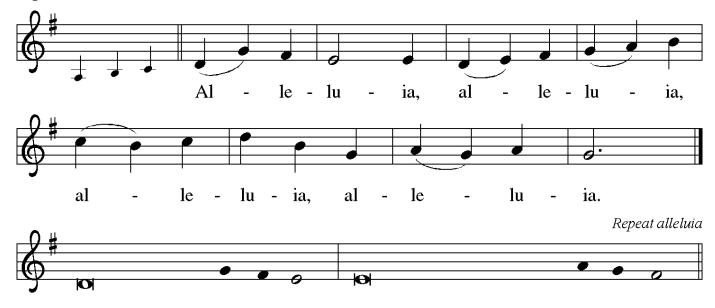
Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Holy, holy is the [|]LORD of hosts;* God's glory fills [|] the whole earth.

- PR The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Faith Statement

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Michaela Thompson

Stand

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 412: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



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Affirmation of Baptism PRESENTATION

Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font. They may be joined by others from the assembly.

PR Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Michaela Thompson, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

Aaron and Erin I present Michaela, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

- PR Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Michaela, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, Enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your beloved in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
- C Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

PR I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

- MT I renounce them.
- PR Together with Michaela I ask you, siblings in Christ, Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- PR Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C 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.

- PR Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C 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.

AFFIRMATION

PR You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

- MT I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.
- PR People of God, do you promise to support Michaela and pray for her in their life in Christ?
- C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

PR Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

- PR Stir up in Michaela the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
- C Âmen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

- A Let us rejoice with our sister in Christ.
- C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers

A We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. (*A brief silence.*) Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. We pray for synods of the ELCA as they gather in their assemblies, that the Spirit would enliven and guide them. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. We pray for areas of Texas and the Midwest in the midst of severe storms. We lift to you gardeners, landscapers, farmers and farm laborers, and all who tend the land. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Give your blessing of peace to the nations. We pray for your justice among nations where war and violence rage, especially Palestine and Israel, Iran, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, Burkina Faso, and South Sudan; as well as all countries whose national life is marked by destabilizing events, especially Slovakia and Iran. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we pray for safety for all who serve in our nation's armed forces, and for families who remember loved ones who have paid the ultimate price, yet rest with you. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing (especially) Karli and Richard, Danny D., Zarema, Zera, and their family in Crimea, Zach, Lynn, Lawrence, Nathan and Haley, Jeanette, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, and Megan. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- A May your Spirit surround us as we discern our way forward as OSLC. Help us to listen, notice, and connect to your Spirit's leadership. You have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we may go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- A Holy Spirit, strengthen Michaela with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, and the love of God, to love as a disciple of Christ. Grant that she may grow into the fullness of her faith. Fill her with the joy of your presence. Increase in her the fruit of your Spirit. Help her to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that she can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet. Come, Holy Spirit! Come! Merciful God,
- **C** receive our prayer.
- PR Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
- C Åmen.

Peace

- PR The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The Meal

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

For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshiping 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 **theise@panix.com**)



Stand

Offering Prayer

A Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,

and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

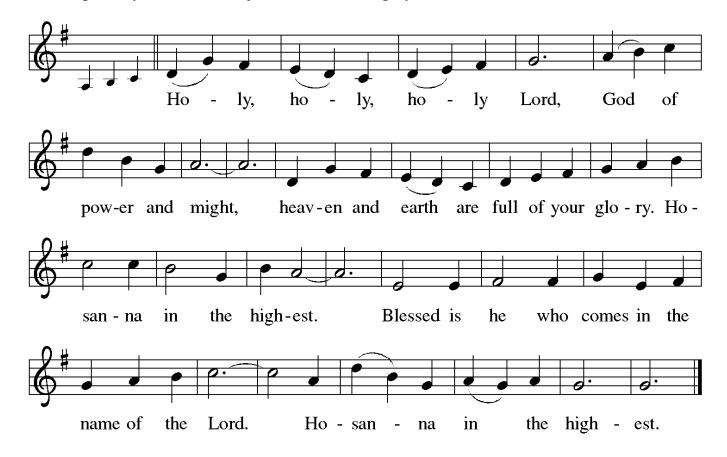
C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

- PR The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- PR Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- PR Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PR It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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:



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. **Amen**.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

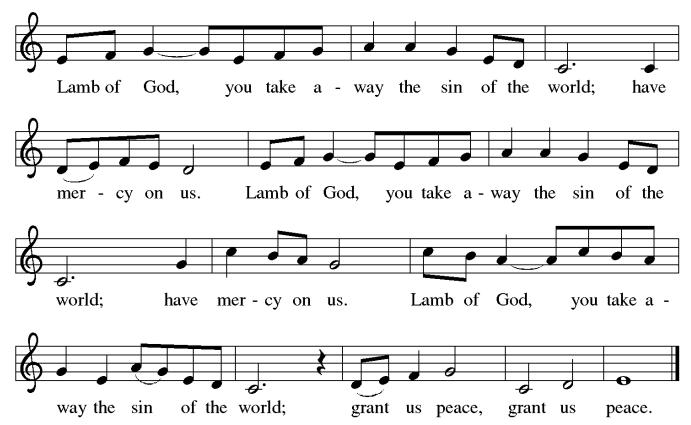
Invitation to Communion

PR The table set by Jesus is open to all, and in resurrection Christ is present in this simple food and festive drink. Jesus welcomes friends and strangers to this feast, where the grace of God's love and goodness meet us wherever we are. Here we are welcomed, affirmed, and celebrated with the gifts of God, for us, the people of God.

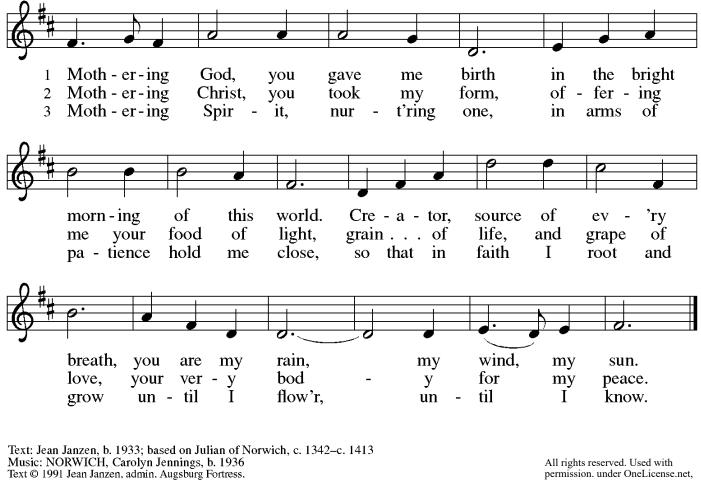
Distribution

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

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 735: Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



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Stand

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

Prayer after Communion

- Jesus, Bread of life, А we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- С Amen.

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 413: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



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Blessing

- PRThe blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
나 be upon you now and forever.
- C Amen.

Dismissal

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician), Mark Hermodson (Cantor), Reuben Peterson (Assisting Minister), Bob Nielsen (Lector), Marcia Daehler (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Steve Belter (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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

Pastor Kristin is available for campus ministry-related care and support. Please contact her at: 262-758-1235 or by email: pastor@plm.org

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.

Dates OSLC is Closed in 2024:

May 27: Memorial Day July 4: Fourth of July September 2: Labor Day November 28 and 29: Thanksgiving December 24 and 25: Christmas December 31 and January 1 (2025): New Years

Hosts Invited for Fellowship Hour

We all love to gather after church for coffee and fellowship! We are looking for volunteers to make coffee for the fellowship hour. If you would like to bring a snack that would be much appreciated but not necessary. There is a hard copy sign up in the fellowship hall.

Centering Prayer Group

Join us every Monday morning for Centering Prayer online via zoom from 9:00 - 9:30 am. The zoom link will be sent out on Fridays with the worship zoom link. (No Centering Prayer on May 27th.)

Luncheon Lectio 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.

Adult Forum

May 26th- Celebration of Michaela Thompson's Affirmation of Baptism June 2nd- Godly Play Presentation by Carol Grady and Missy Schroeder (last Adult Forum until fall)

We are so grateful for all the fantastic speakers this past year. We will have one last special Adult Forum.

On **June 2nd**, the Faith Formation team will host a fun and experiential Adult Forum on Godly Play. Godly Play is a Sunday School curriculum that grew out of Montessori education. It invites children into the story and creates a space to explore how it relates to their lives. The Faith Formation team has been researching the option for our Sunday School. Carol Grady and Missy Schroeder will host a Godly Play session for the congregation to experience and open the space for questions and reflections. We invite you to come and play with us! This will be our last Adult Forum for the year.

The Adult Forum will begin again in the fall. Until then, if you know someone or an entity who you think would be interested in sharing with us, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mark Hermodson or Missy Schroeder (<u>missy@osluth.org</u>)

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

You are invited to join us on Sunday, **June 2nd**, from 2:00-4:00 pm at Wildcat Creek Winery for Women, Wine, and Feminine Spirituality. (You do not need to be 21 to go to the winery; they sell soft drinks and wine.) We will discuss the <u>Book Fierce Women of the Bible and Their</u> <u>Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation by Alice Connor. (You can</u> <u>click the link to purchase the book from Amazon.)</u> We will discuss Chapter 3- Ruth: Who Are You Responsible For? You do not need to read the previous chapters to be able to participate. We will be discussing Space is limited at the winery, please get in touch with Missy at <u>missy@osluth.org</u> or 260-402-4477 to let me know if you plan to attend.

Working Mom's Group

You are invited to join us for OSLC's Working Mom's Group on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 -11:00. Our next meeting is on Saturday, June 1st at Java House located at 4729 Meijer Ct, Lafayette, IN 47905. This casual group meets to support one another as moms and women working outside the home. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Missy Schroeder at <u>missy@osluth.org</u> or 260-402-4477.

Fun, Food & Games

You are invited to join us for Fun, Food & Games on Saturday, June 1st from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC. Bring your favorite game to play and a snack to share. OSLC will provide pizza and drinks. Please sign up by clicking the <u>OSLC Fun, Food & Games</u> link or sign up in the Narthex on the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Missy at <u>missy@osluth.org</u> or 260-402-4477.

Church Picnic

All are welcome to join us on June 23rd at Columbian Park at 11:30am. (We will have worship at OSLC and invite people to come after worship.) We will be gathering in the Yellow Shelter #3. In honor of our 65th church anniversary, we will have a special prayer service in recognition of our years of ministry before we eat. Carl Behnke is preparing the main meat dish. We are asking that you please bring a dish to share. There is a signup sheet outside the office to let us know how many in your group plan to attend and what you are bringing, or you can click on the link to use the Signup Genius. <u>Church Picnic Sign up</u>

Please let us know by June 16th so we can plan accordingly. This event is a great opportunity to invite friends and or neighbors to a fun OSLC activity!

Aviator's Baseball Game Outing

Join us on July 21st at 3:00 p.m. for a fun afternoon of fellowship and baseball. We have reserved seating at Loeb Stadium in section 108. Tickets are \$8.00 a piece. OSLC will provide a \$5.00 food voucher with each ticket purchased. Make checks out to OSLC, and in the memo line, write Aviators Baseball. You can place your checks in the offering plate or give them to Erin in the office. Because the seats are reserved, an RSVP is required. Please RSVP by May 31st to guarantee a spot with your OSLC family. You can scan the QR code, click this link, <u>Aviators Baseball Outing</u>, or sign up on the sheet outside the office. Please let Missy know if you have any questions at <u>missy@osluth.org</u> or at 260-402-4477.



Scan to RSVP

Save the Date!

Prophet's Town State Park Outing

On August 11th, you are invited to join us for a fun afternoon at Prophet's Town State Park. We will caravan from the church after the service. 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 of our group getting into the aquatic center. If you have any questions, please contact Missy at <u>missy@osluth.org</u> or 260-402-4477.

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 redesigned 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