

## Introduction

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

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August 11, 2024, 10:00 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**

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts (setting by Anne Quigley, 1992 Anne Quigley, admin. OCP Publications)

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler (text by Sylvia G. Dunstan, music by William P. Rowan, Text: 1991 GIA Publications, Inc., Music: 1993 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (setting by Greg Bottomley, 2009 Augsburg Fortress)

Call to Worship (written by Thom M. Shuman, from "Lectionary Liturgies" blog for Pentecost 12/Trinity 11/Proper 14/Ordinary 19B)

- PK You are the One for whom we search, O God,
- C and we worship you because you have found us.
- PK You are the hope for which we yearn, O Christ,
- C and so we follow you to serve at your side.
- PK You are the peace which can calm us, Holy Spirit,
- C and so we open our brokenness so you might fill us.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

PK Blessed be the holy Trinity, 中 one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

PK Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PK 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.

PK 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 461: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



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### Greeting

PK The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## C And also with you.

## **Hymn of Praise**



### Prayer of the Day

- PK Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

Sit

## The Word

L A reading from the book of 1 Kings.

## 1 Kings 19:4-8

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

## Psalm 34:1-8 (Read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup> Look to him, and be radiant, so your<sup>[a]</sup> faces shall never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup> This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

L A reading from the book of Ephesians.

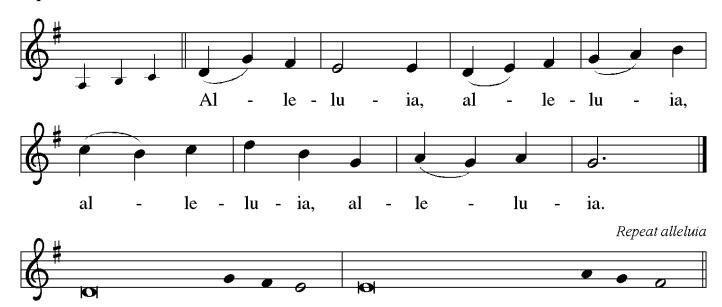
### **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Stand

### **Gospel Acclamation**



I am the living bread that came | down from heaven.\* Whoever eats this bread will | live forever.

PK The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

### John 6:35, 41-51

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

<sup>47</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

PK The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

### Children's Sermon: Blessing of the Backpacks

PR God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you. In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations.

There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring-of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become. God, our friend who is always with us,

be with us through it all.

Be with us as we ride the bus.

Be with us as we walk.

Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.

However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new.

For the grown-ups going back to school, With-Us God, be with them too.

Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow. God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands.

- C Loving God, hold us and our prayers.
- PR We say a special prayer for parents, as the start of a new school year is always another leap of faith. Wrap them with your reassuring love as they entrust their children and trust in you. When questions remain unanswered, and the realm of control is finite, bless them with peace and the promise you are right there with their child, whether heading to preschool or driving to college.
- C Loving God, hold us and our prayers.
- PR We also pray now for teachers, staff, and administrators. Bless these faithful servants with courage and confidence, knowing you are in their classroom with a steady hand on their shoulder. Give them peace, patience, and balance in the pressures they face, and bravery to build structures and systems which justly serve all your children. Give them delight in the young ones before them, and recognition of the sweet ways children are also teachers.
- C Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

Sermon Pastor Kristin Rice

Stand

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 618: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



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Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## PR Apostles' Creed

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 Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (*A brief silence*.) Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, and remembering Clare of San Damiano, who was known for her powerful prayer, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill especially Elly, John and Jeanette, Danny D., Zarema, Zera, and their family in Crimea, Zach, Lynn, Lawrence, Nathan and Haley, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, and Megan. 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 We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- PR We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
- C Amen.

#### **Peace**

PR The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

## The Meal

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

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



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## **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.

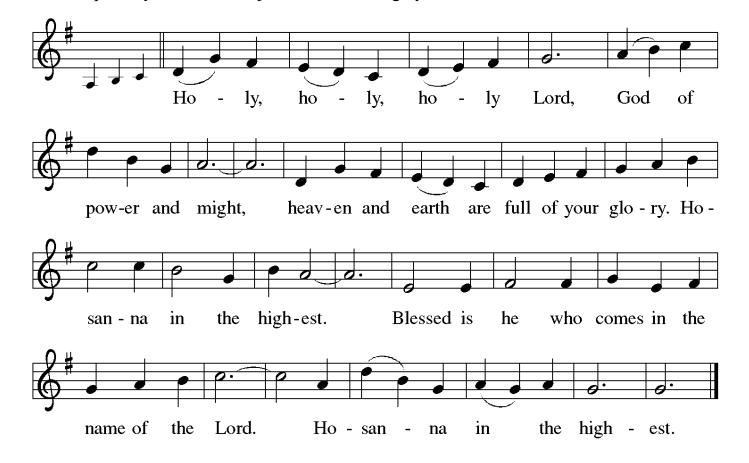
PR Lift up your hearts.

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, 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:



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

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.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (duet by Kathy and Ted Heise) (Arr. by Lloyd Larson, 20015 Hope Publishing)

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- 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 Jesus, Bread of life,
  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.
- C Amen.

## The Sending

#### An Invitation

## Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 525: You Are Holy



<sup>\*</sup> May be sung in canon.

### **Blessing**

- PR The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, 

  → 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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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:**

September 2: Labor Day

November 28 and 29: Thanksgiving

December 24 and 25: Christmas

December 31 and January 1 (2025): New Years

## **Worship Schedule**

Starting August 18th is when the worship shifts to Sunday Morning at 9am and Sunday Evening "Break Bread" at 5pm.

## **Breaking Bread**

A special note that Breaking Bread on August 25 will be a potluck and there's a sign-up sheet (in Narthex) so we can be sure to have enough of the main dish, as well if they will bring a side dish or dessert.

### **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.

### **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.

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

Women, Wine (or whatever your preferred beverage) & Feminine Spirituality You are invited to join us on Sunday, August 25th, 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 Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation by Alice Connor.</u> (You can click the link to purchase the book from Amazon.) We will discuss Chapter 5– Asherah: So God Had a Wife, Maybe? Probably. You do not need to read the previous chapters to be able to participate. Space is limited at the winery; please contact Missy at <u>missy@osluth.org</u> or 260-402-4477 to let me know if you plan to attend.

#### **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

OSLC's Faith Formation and Social Justice teams will again join together to collect items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Last year, we assembled and sent 90 school kits to children worldwide. The need is even greater this year. As we enter July, school supplies will begin to go on sale. This is the perfect time to buy these much-needed items for our school kits. Place items in the designated space near the office in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support to this worthy cause.

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser



PLM and OSLC are teaming up to share a table at OUTFest on August 17. Sign up for a 2-hour shift to 'person' the table and help us celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community as a sign of God's abundant love for every person.

Questions? Email Pastor Kristin (pastor@plm.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.) The parking proceeds go to our youth gathering event fund and PLM. The next youth gathering is in July 2027. PLM is taking the October 18th game. OSLC must fill the slots for the rest of the home games. Please click on the link or scan the QR code to the Sign Up Genius to find a date for when you can help. I will have a paper copy on the table near the office door. The first three games listed have times; the November game's time is TBD. I will update the Sign Up Genius as soon as I know the time. Thank You! Purdue Football Parking Sign-Up



### **PLM Wednesday Dinners**

Wednesday Dinners at the PLM House begin August 21, at 6pm. All Purdue students are invited to come for a cook-out as we welcome one another to campus for the semester. If you'd like to provide a home-cooked meal or sponsor a Wednesday dinner, please sign up by visiting <a href="mailto:plm.org/givenow">plm.org/givenow</a> or scanning this QR code (right): Talk to Pastor Kristin (<a href="mailto:pastor@plm.org">pastor@plm.org</a>) for more information.



#### **Hearts and Crafts**

Hearts and Crafts will begin again on Tuesday, September 10th, at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will start with easy card making, and you can bring a craft to work on. We plan to meet monthly- we will have a small make-and-take project and then time to work on our own crafts. (May alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays.) For more information, contact Holly Black at hmwb26@aol.com

### Women's Retreat-Wisdom, Prayer & Our Bodies

September 21st, from 9:00 am- 3:30 pm at Ross Hills Camp Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, conversation, lunch, a gentle yoga session, and time in nature. Spiritual Directors Missy Schroeder and Suzanne Clemenz, along with Gentle Yoga Instructor Linda Kelly, will guide the retreat. The attendance fee is \$35.00, payable by check to OSLC. For more information, contact Missy at <a href="missy@osluth.org">missy@osluth.org</a> or 260-402-4477. To sign up, click the <a href="Women's Retreat Sign Up">Women's Retreat Sign Up</a> link, scan the QR Code, or sign up in the Narthex.

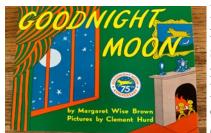


#### **Book Club**

Holly Black and Sandra Vana will host a virtual Book Club this fall. The Book Club will read three books and will meet via Zoom. The first meeting is September 19th at 7:00 p.m. At our September meeting, we will set the October and November dates. The September book is "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah. To get the Zoom link, email Sandra Vana at <a href="donklady3@gmail.com">donklady3@gmail.com</a>.

### Godly Play Invitation-

This Fall, we are experimenting with a new Sunday School method called Godly Play. Many of you experienced Godly Play in June when Carol and Missy held a Godly Play session during the Adult Forum. We witnessed how the kids engaged with the story and the materials. Play-based storytelling is a powerful way of passing on our faith stories to the children at OSLC. We have been working to pull the stories together this summer and prepare the room for Godly Play this Fall. Please take a moment to read this heartfelt message from Carol and consider if you would be interested.



I love everything about storytelling. I love the stories and the messages. I love the familiarity and comfort of sharing time and space with important people. I love that the essence of those moments stays with me forever as part of my very being. When Meghan was little, a precious, awe-inspiring life truth was born deep in me. I discovered the power and the joy of storytelling in the experience of rocking a new baby in a quiet, cozy room and reading

treasured stories like "Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown. Meghan was snuggled in warm blankets made by women of her family who gifted her with these reminders of her heritage and the legacy of ancestors who came before her. As she cuddled her Winnie the Pooh bear, the rhythm of the rocking chair and the rhythm of the words in the book soothed my baby and my soul. Repeatedly reading those loved stories built a bridge that spans time and space. Sometimes, we end our calls with the phrase, "Goodnight, moon!" Storytelling is powerful and is our lifeline to those who came before us and still influence us. I am so excited about participating in Godly Play because it takes me right back to my own family stories. I am ready to try my hand at sharing the stories of God and God's people with the youth of OSLC.

Here it comes! A shameless plug for more storytellers to participate in this experience! If you love telling children stories, or if your children are grown and flown and you realize you miss those times, too, please consider joining us as little or as often as you might like in telling the stories of God's people to our children. Thanks for your consideration!

## Carol Grady

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If this sparks interest, wonder, or excitement, please get in touch with Carol (cgrady8@comcast.net) or Missy(missy@osluth.org). Carol and I will hold Godly Play-based training for those interested in being storytellers on **August 18th and August 25th after the 9:00 am worship** service in our newly updated Sunday School Room. We will walk you through everything you will need to be a storyteller. We hope to have 3-5 storytellers so people have an opportunity to participate, but it is only an occasional Sunday commitment. We have all the stories planned out for the 2024/2025 year, so you will know the story you are telling well in advance and become familiar with it.

We also need door greeters/ helpers in the classroom. This person is the second adult in the classroom and helps prepare the children to get ready and enter the classroom. They also help them with their exploration (play) and art time. We recommend attending one of the training dates if you want to be a door greeter.

## **International Friendship Program needs hosts for 60 more students**

Purdue's International Friendship Program (IFP) offers a friendly, welcoming environment to new international students by matching them with local individuals, couples and families. Right now they still have 60 IFP students in need of hosts. To learn more about IFP and what's involved with being a host, visit <a href="https://www.purdue.edu/ippu/iss/student/">https://www.purdue.edu/ippu/iss/student/</a> programming/ifp/hosts.html

#### **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