

## *Introduction*

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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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**

*Children of the Heavenly Father* (setting by Kenneth T. Kosche, 2003 Birnamwood Publications)

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* (setting by Michael Hassell, 1998 Augsburg Fortress)

**Call to Worship** (*Thank God at all times for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph. 5:20 (Phillips), written by Thom Shuman, and posted on [Lectionary Liturgies](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/). <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/> )*

PR Give thanks to God!

C **We thank God for joy, for laughter,  
for abundant blessings of every kind.**

PR Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

C **We thank God, when we can and as we can,  
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

PR Give thanks to God  
at all times and for everything  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **We thank God that, in Christ,  
our joys as well as our pain,  
our losses as well as our laughter,  
are in God's heart and hands.**

## 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?**

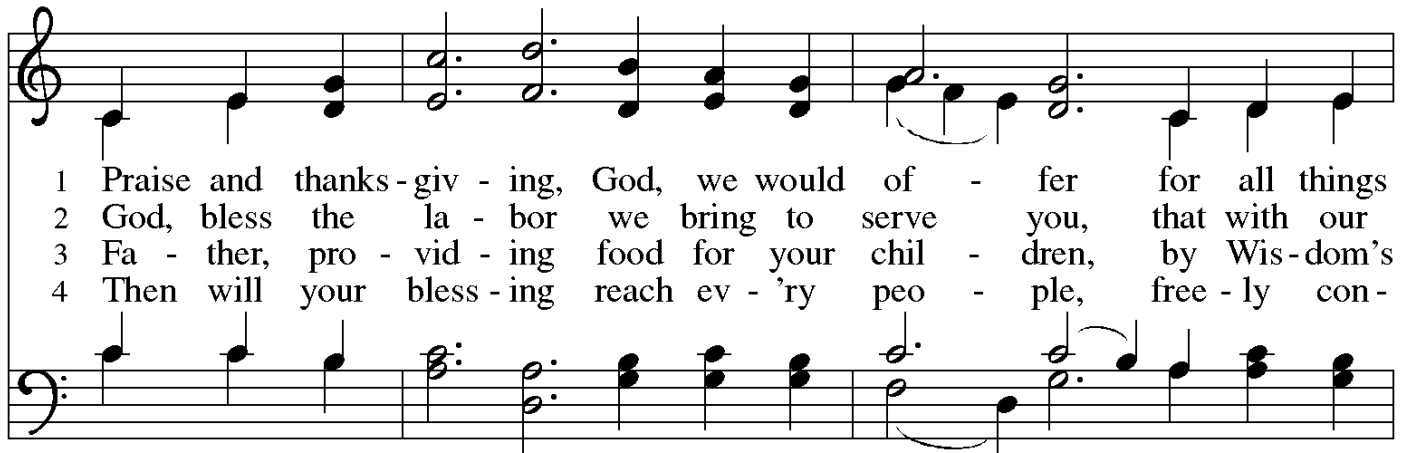
**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**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.**

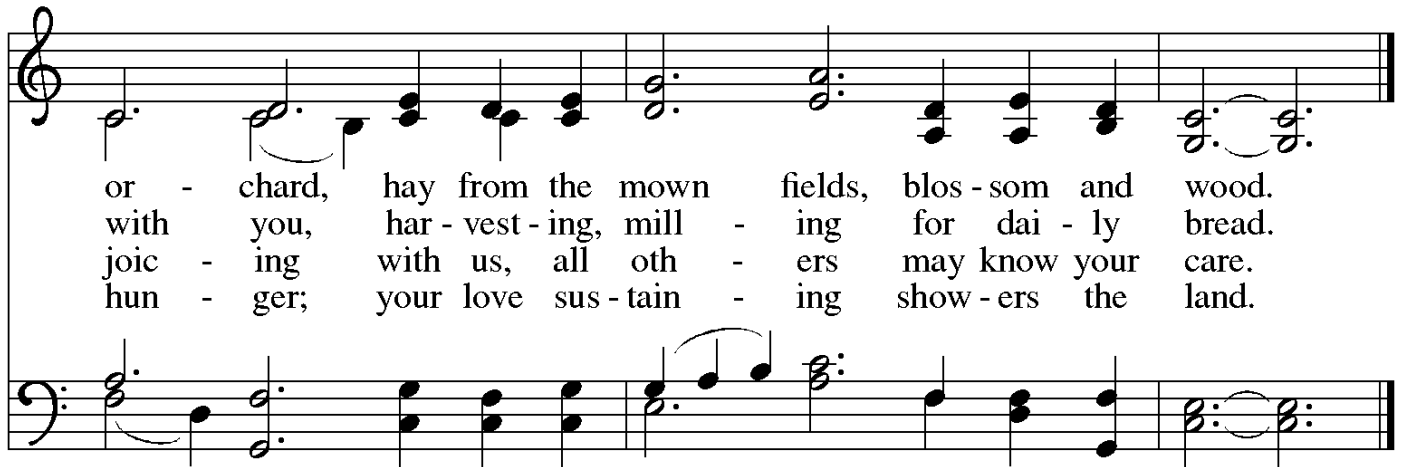
Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 689: *Praise and Thanksgiving*



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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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



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

PR Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Sit*

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Proverbs.

### Proverbs 9:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
<sup>4</sup> “You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup> “Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup> Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 34:9-14 (Read responsively by whole verse)

- <sup>9</sup> O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.  
<sup>10</sup> **The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**  
<sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.  
<sup>12</sup> **Which of you desires life  
and covets many days to enjoy good?**  
<sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
<sup>14</sup> **Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.**

L A reading from the book of Ephesians.

### Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup> Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L The word of the Lord.

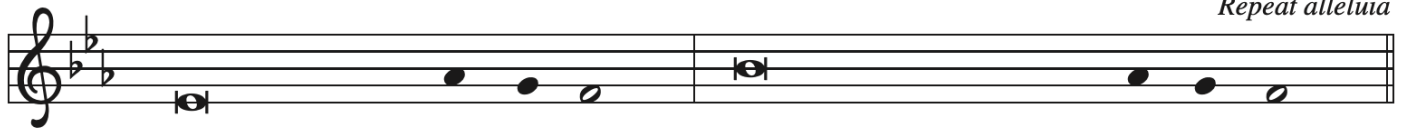
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



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

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

### John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] <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.”

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

### Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

# *Holy Baptism*

## **Presentation**

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:*

PR God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

### **Sponsors of Sophia will present her:**

**S We present Sophia Sheila Nielsen for baptism.**

*The presiding minister addresses parents:*

PR Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Sophia Sheila Nielsen baptized into Christ?

**Carly & Eric I do.**

PR As you bring Sophia to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
Bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Sophia grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Carly & Eric I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

PR Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Sophia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Kristy & Aaron (Sponsors): I do.**



*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

PR People of God, do you promise to support Sophia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C **We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **The Profession of Faith**

*Please Stand.*

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may 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?

C **I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

PR 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.**

## Thanksgiving at the Font

*Please be seated.*

*Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

PR The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PR Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PR Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Baptism

*The presiding minister baptizes Sophia. Water is poured on Sophia's head, as the presiding minister says:*

PR Sophia Sheila Nielsen, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

*Water is poured on Sophia's head a second time:*

PR and of the Son,

*Water is poured on Sophia's head a third time:*

PR and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

PR Let us pray.

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

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

PR Sustain Sophia with 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 **Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

PR Sophia, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle will be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child).*

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

PR Let us welcome the newly baptized.

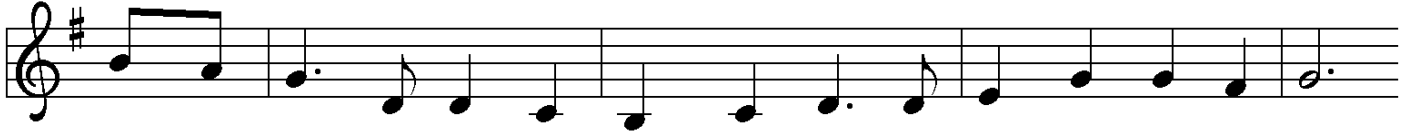
C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Stand*

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 732: *Borning Cry*



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## 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.*) Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. We also pray for; protection for all in the path of Tropical Storm Ernesto, for those affected by wildfires in Greece, and for safety following the earthquake felt in Los Angeles, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages, safe working conditions, and to provide peace as countries prepare for government elections. We pray for those caught in the midst of warfare and conflict, especially in Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Haiti, Russia, Ukraine, Burkina Faso, Sudan, and South Sudan. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- A Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort 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 Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. 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 O God, source of all goodness: may your blessing be upon the campus communities of Purdue and Ivy Tech as the new academic year begins. May these campuses be lively places of possibility, new discovery and curiosity, and the pursuit of wisdom. For all who teach, all who learn, and all who provide support and resources, may they all trust in you to be the source of love, hope, and promise. Bring your peace to anxious hearts, and help us all hold on to you when the journey feels overwhelming, that we do not embark on these pursuits alone. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**

A Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. 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 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**)



### *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,  
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  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
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**

**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



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.

Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 781: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system covers the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next four lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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 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 543: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

## **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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**Worship Assistants Today:** Beth Dana, Sara Behnke (Musicians), Scott Vana (Cantor), Mark Hermodson (Assisting Minister), Clara Gearhart (Lector), Wes & Calvin Gearhart (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Matt Ohland (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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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](mailto: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

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 [Book Fierce Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation by Alice Connor](#). (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 [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) 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

## **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 [plm.org/givenow](http://plm.org/givenow) or scanning this QR code (below): Talk to Pastor Kristin ([pastor@plm.org](mailto:pastor@plm.org)) 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](mailto: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 [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477. To sign up, click the [Women's Retreat Sign Up](#) 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 [donklady3@gmail.com](mailto:donklady3@gmail.com).

### **Pints with a Pastor**

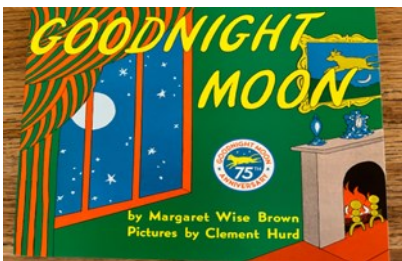
Pints with a Pastor will meet at Nine Irish Brothers (119 Howard Ave., West Lafayette, IN 47906) at 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 20th. Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon– by emailing me at [randy@osluth.org](mailto:randy@osluth.org) or giving me a call @ 260-402-4476, so we know how many tables/much space to reserve.

### **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 <https://www.purdue.edu/ippu/iss/student/programming/ifp/hosts.html>

## 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.

## 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*