

Introduction

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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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

Christ is the King! (arranged by Nancy Raabe, 2007 Augsburg Fortress)

Blessed Assurance (arranged by Jeff Bennett, 1995 Lillenas Publishing)

Call to Worship (based on Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25, written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the [Worship Connection](#) page of the Ministry Matters website. Visit there for other great suggestions for worship on November 6, 2011.)

PR We are pulled in many directions.

C **Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.**

PR This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

C **This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.**

PR Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

C **Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

PR Blessed be 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.

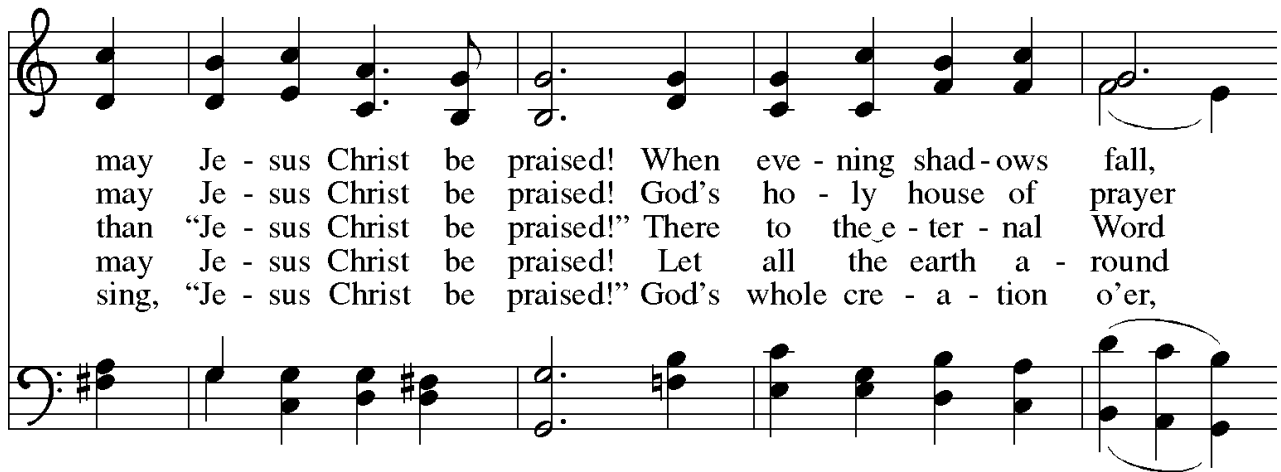
PR Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

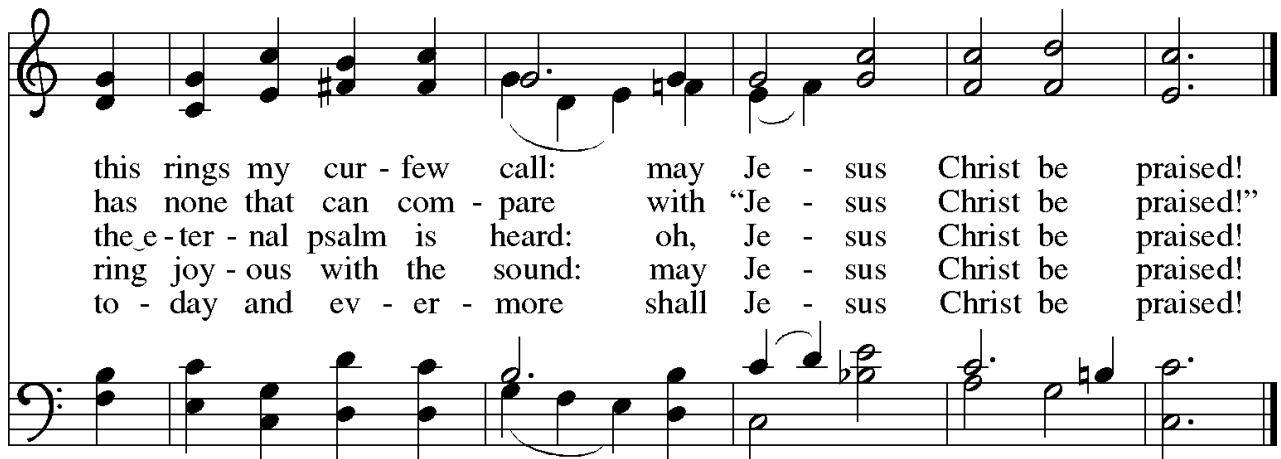
Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 853: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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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 Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:15-22 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and rescues them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD rescues them from them all.

²⁰**He keeps all their bones;
not one of them will be broken.**

²¹Evil brings death to the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

²²**The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

L A reading from the book of Ephesians.

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L The word of the Lord.

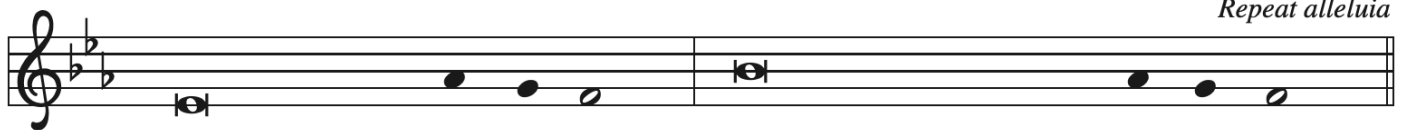
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom | shall we go?* You have the words of e- | ternal life.

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

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

John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This 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.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

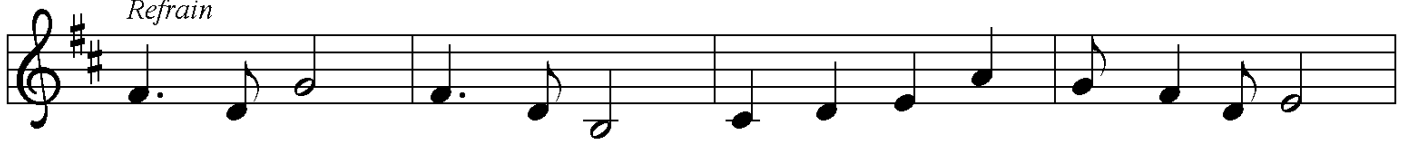
Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 492: *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

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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.*) Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Guide all government leaders to be advocates 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 Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, ELCA advocacy, and local climate justice advocates. We ask you to protect those in the path of Hurricane Ernesto, the northeastern United States in the midst of record flooding, and those experiencing extreme heat throughout different regions. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Sustain all who serve on juries in their deliberations. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts 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. We pray for the care, safety, and well-being of women and girls around the world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

A God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. 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 God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. 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.**

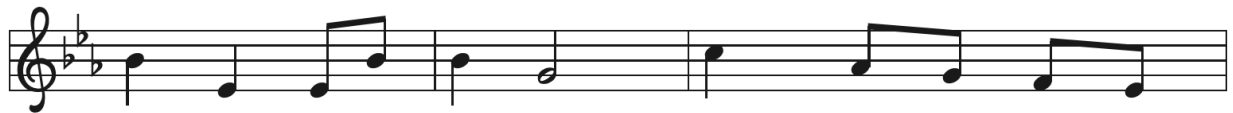
PR Lift up your hearts.

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: ACS, hymn 967: *This Is Christ's Body*

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.

bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

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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

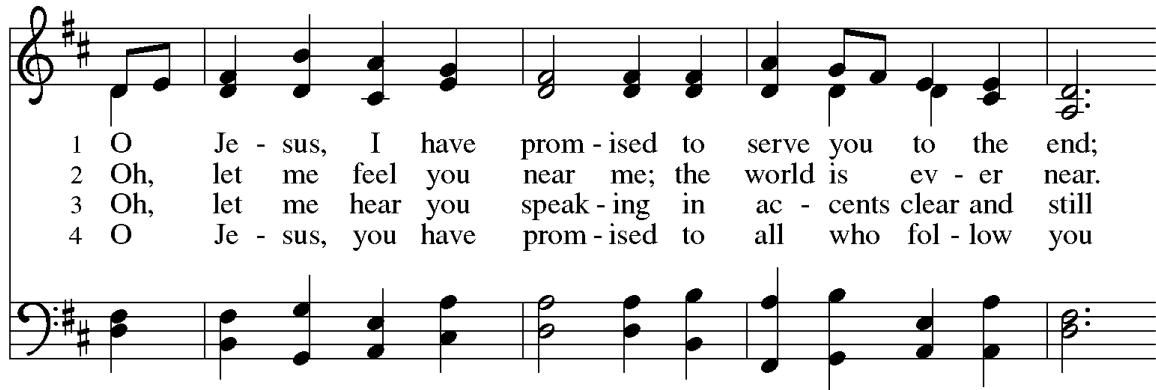
A Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

An Invitation

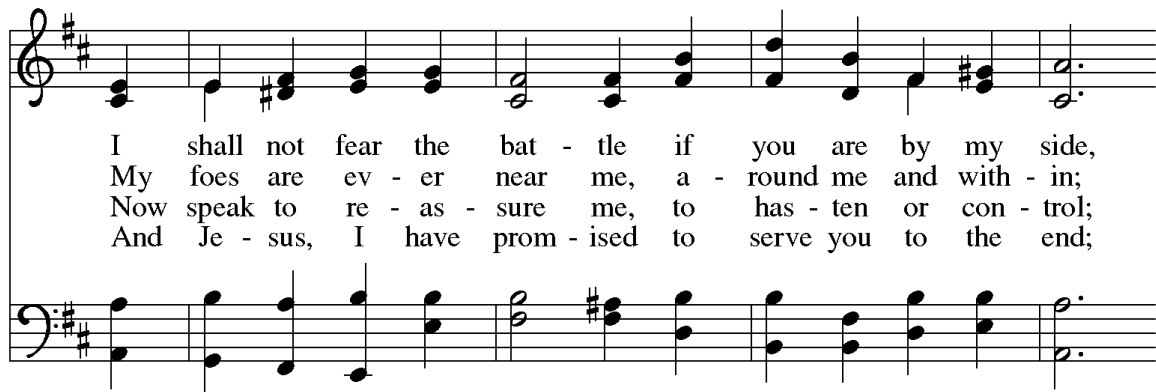
Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 810: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*



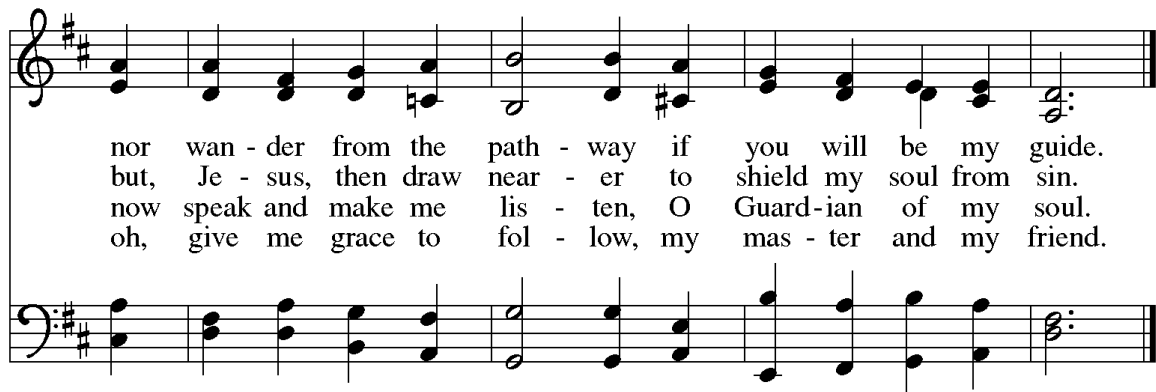
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

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: Julie Huetteman, Krista Gearhart (Musicians), Russ Hillberry (Cantor), Dick Rahdert (Assisting Minister), Missy Schroeder (Lector), Michaela, Zoe, & River Thompson (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Matt Ohland (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop. Wearers of hearing aids should turn their aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.

Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room: The kids' worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, storybook Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

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.

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

Women, Wine (or whatever your preferred beverage) & Feminine Spirituality You are invited to join us today, 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 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](#)



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.

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 or scanning this QR code (below): Talk to Pastor Kristin (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

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 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.



Hunger Hike 2024

Hunger Hike benefits the food security programs of Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank, and the St Tom's Haiti Ministry.

Between inflation and rising rents many of our neighbors are suffering. Join us and help Fight Hunger!

Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 pm – Riehle Plaza

Choice of a 1.5K OR 4.25 Walk

Costumed Characters, Clowns, DJ, Purdue Pete, Massages, Hotdogs and more!



To Donate to *Team Our Saviour Lutheran* use the QR Code or go to <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/hungerhike/team/968325/>

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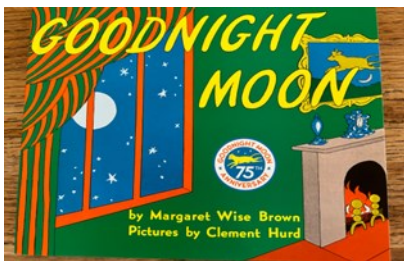


Mark your calendars for Mission Guatemala, Spring Break 2025 - PLM is organizing a spring break trip next year with Mission Guatemala, March 15-22, 2025. Mission Guatemala has been serving God and the people of the central highlands of Guatemala since 2010. Their focus is on health, education and nutrition. Our main goal is building relationships and accompanying our siblings in Guatemala, through cultural immersion, education, and working alongside the local leaders and communities. We will spend some of our time working through one or two small pieces of much bigger projects. Past groups have helped with creating playgrounds, building restrooms and handwash stations at schools, and many other community needs. We will also have opportunities to engage with the local communities and widen our own knowledge of what makes Guatemala unique and special. For more information, please visit www.missionguatemala.com. This trip will be a joint venture of PLM and OSLC, and will be open to current students and alum as well as anyone in the wider community interested in joining us. If you'd like to receive more information or are interested in coming along, please email Pastor Kristin (pastor@plm.org) or Pastor Randy (randy@osluth.org). There will be an informal interest session on September 8th after Breaking Bread at 5pm at OSLC and September 15th at PLM at 7pm.

2024 Annual Environment and Spirituality Summit (formerly known as the Green Team Summit) is scheduled for September 22nd-24th. If you are interested and want more information please use this link <https://aes-summit.org/> or contact Shelley Lowenburg-DeBoer shelleyldb@hotmail.com

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

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 today, **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*