

Be doers of the **WORD**

JAMES 1:22



Introduction

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

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September 1, 2024, 9:00 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

Four Chorale Miniatures on For the Beauty of the Earth (setting by Michael Burkhardt, 1991 MorningStar Music Publishers)

Call to Worship (written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the Ministry Matters website.)

PR Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

C **Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**

PR Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

C **Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.**

PR Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

C **Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. 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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

PR Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PR Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

PR God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

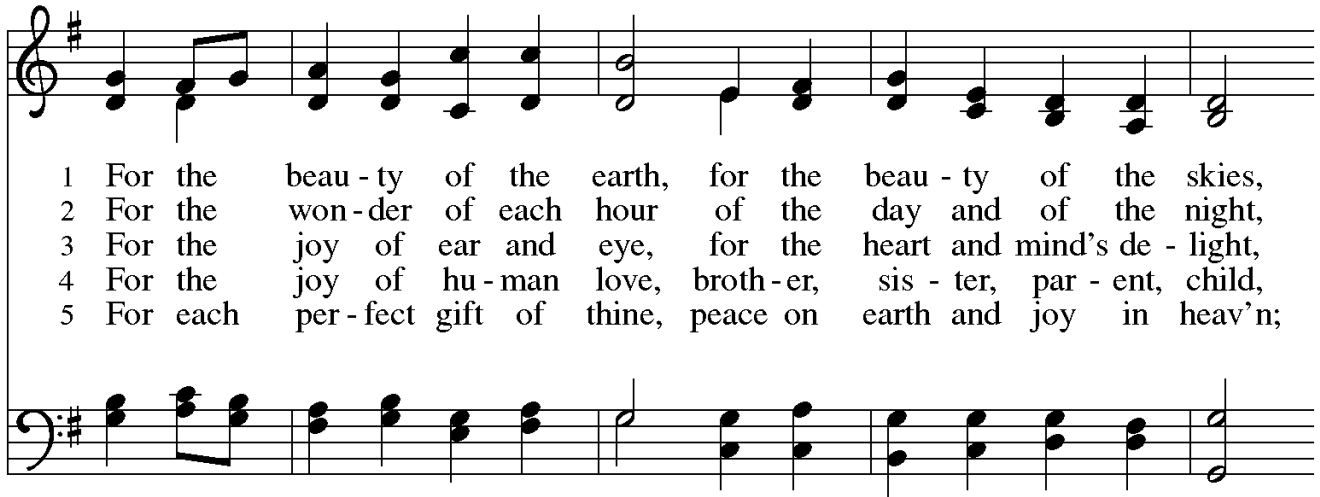
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,

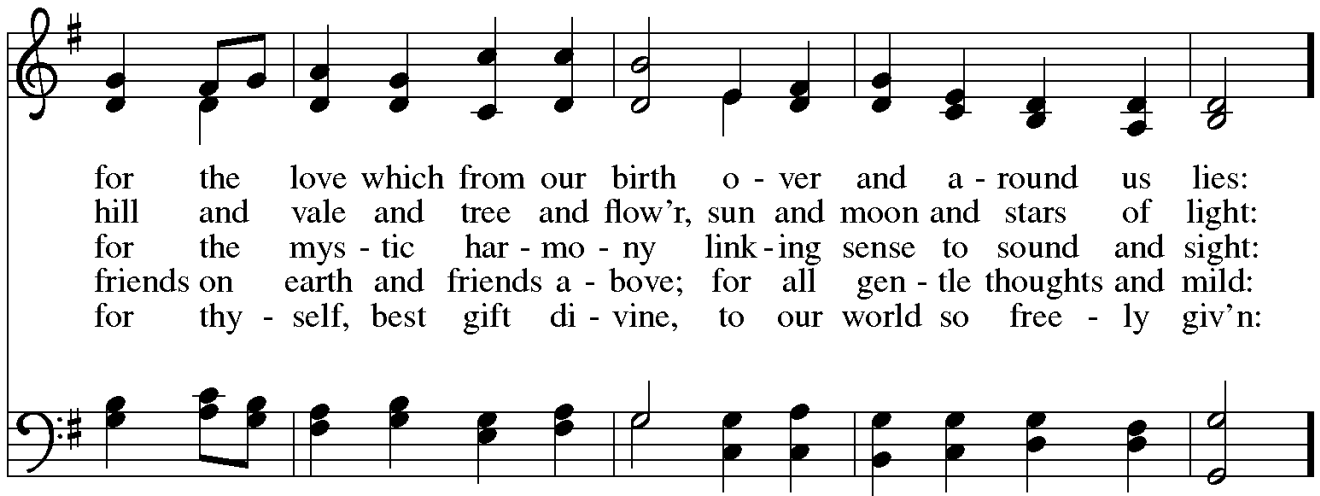
your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 879: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

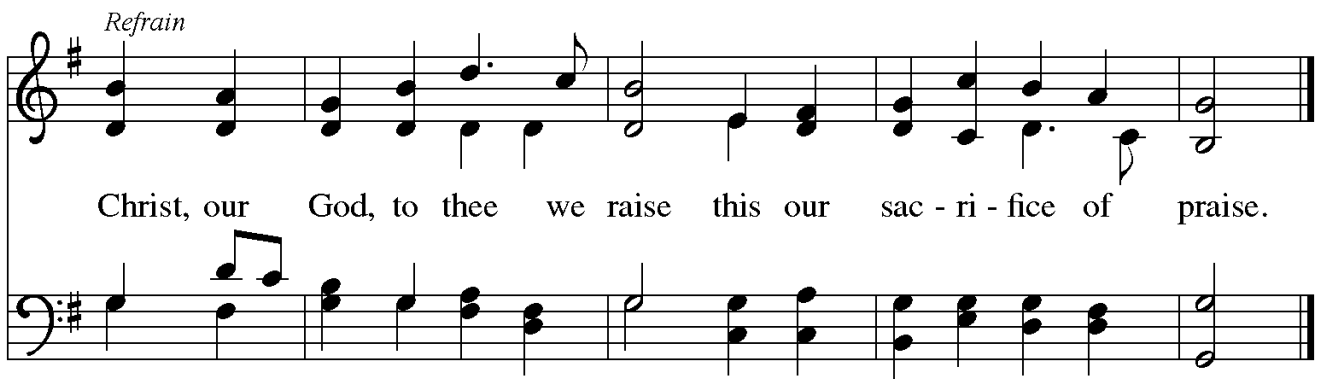


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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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 O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

² **Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right
and speak the truth from their heart;**

³ who do not slander with their tongue
and do no evil to their friends

nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

⁴ **in whose eyes the wicked are despised
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

⁵ who do not lend money at interest
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

L A reading from the book of James.

James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

God gave us birth by the | word of truth* so that we would become a kind of first fruits | of creation.

PR The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand:

¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day, ACS, hymn 992: *Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky*

1 Now that the day - light fills the sky,
 2 Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife;
 3 "All praise to you, cre - a - tor Lord!

we lift our hearts to God on high,
 from an - ger's din would shield our life;
 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Word!

that God, in all we do or say,
 from e - vil to sights you, O turn our eyes,
 All praise to you, Spir - it wise!"

would keep us free from harm to - day;
 and close our ears to van - i - ties.
 We sing as day - light fills the skies.

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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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*) God of every generation, give the church a sense of purpose and belonging. Sustain and build up leaders and lay people as we accompany one another in our life with Christ. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of creation, you named humans as co-creators with you. We pray for those threatened by the path of typhoon Shanshan in Japan and those experiencing difficult or extreme weather conditions, such as the Midwest, Hawaii, and Alaska. Where the earth cries out in pain, bring wholeness. Guide governments and industry, that environmental laws and practices seek to heal and not harm. Bring relief and justice to people and places suffering from climate catastrophe. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, we pray for local communities of every kind: rural and urban; established and new. We also pray for those experiencing warfare and escalating violence, especially in Gaza, Russia, and Ukraine. Lead those in authority to seek the good of all through their words and actions and to mentor others in honest and generous ways. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A Healing God, you draw near to all who are hurting. Be with all who desire relief from chronic and acute illness, cancer, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Strengthen health care workers, therapists, and caregivers. Tend to those who are close to our hearts especially Sally, Elly, John and Jeanette, Danny D., Zarema, Zera, and their family in Crimea, Zach, Lynn, Lawrence, Nathan and Haley, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, and Megan, and for those affected by the murder-suicide at Rice University. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A On this Labor Day weekend we remember and give thanks for all who have served and continue to serve in our nation's military and all who have fought for workers' rights around the world. Continue to improve working conditions and establish fair wages so that all people may thrive. 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 Comforting God, console us as we mourn our departed. We hold fast to the promise that death has been defeated by our Savior Jesus Christ. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

PR We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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 Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

PR The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

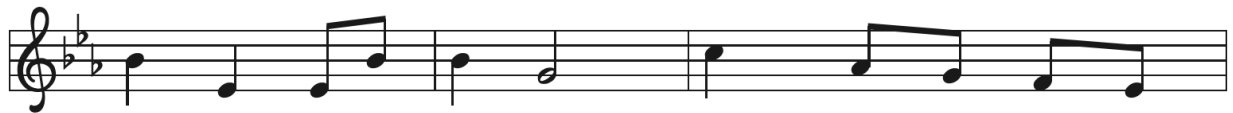
PR Lift up your hearts.

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

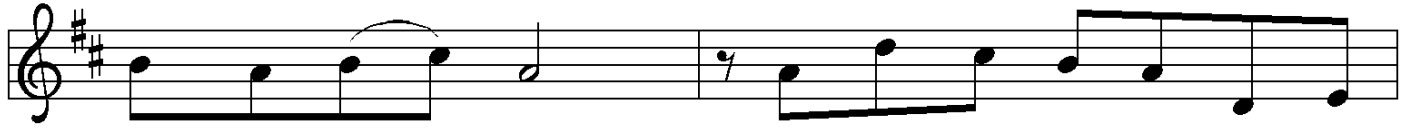


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 497: *Strengthen for Service, Lord*



1 Streng - then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.

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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 Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 583: *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord.



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



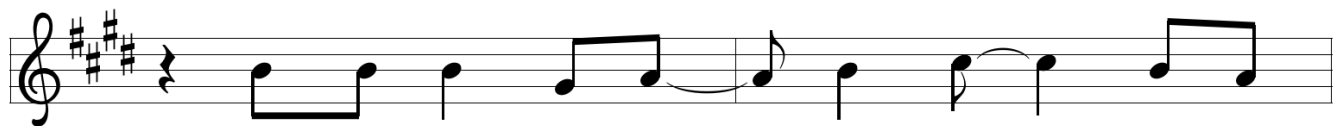
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu_a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos*
de lo santo puedan ir,
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz,
se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo

3 *Que mis labios al hablar*
hablen sólo de tu amor;
que mis bienes dedicar
yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté*
consagrado a tu loor;
que mi mente y su poder
sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo

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Blessing

PR God all mighty,
 God most merciful
 † bless you, keep you,
 and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician), Russ Hillberry (Cantor), Mike Dana (Assisting Minister), Reuben Peterson (Lector), Marcia Daehler (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Matt Ohland (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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

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

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

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

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

Dates OSLC is Closed in 2024:

September 2: Labor Day

November 28 and 29: Thanksgiving

December 24 and 25: Christmas

December 31 and January 1 (2025): New Years

Nursery is Available

OSLC has a nursery for children from infants through 5 years old in our lower level staffed with a paid nursery attendant, Crystal. Crystal is a Purdue Student majoring in Elementary Education and has completed the Red Cross Adult, Child, and Infant First Aid and CPR course. Crystal will welcome your child(ren) during our 9:00 am service and Faith Formation hour. For more information or questions, contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or 260-402-4477.

Sunday School- Begins on September 8th

Sunday School is from 10:15 am to 11:15 am. We have classes for children ages 2-5 in the Nursery with Crystal. We offer Godly Play for our elementary school-age children in grades K-5 and confirmation classes for 6th -8- 8th children. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a coffee hour around 10:00 am. The children will be welcomed to the Godly Play Worship Center (the Sunday School room) and Nursery at 10:15. If you have any questions or want more information, contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or 260-402-4477.

Adult Forum

September 8th- Servant Sunday (All ministry teams are invited to meet during the adult Forum time for their monthly meetings.)

September 15th- Ministry Fair—Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to explore all the different ministries OSLC offers and learn how you can be part of the amazing ministry happening at OSLC.

September 22nd- Christian Spiritual Practice Experiential Learning time with Missy Schroeder (This is part of OSLC's discernment process.)

September 29th- Christian Spiritual Practice Experiential Learning time with Missy Schroeder (This is a part of OSLC's discernment process.)

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.

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
- blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

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](#)



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, September 3rd. Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon– by emailing me at randy@osluth.org or giving me a call @ 260-402-4476, so we know how many tables/ much space to reserve.

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 to explore our relationships with our bodies, 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.



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 began 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 (right): 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

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 are two opportunities to learn more about the trip: at OSLC, September 8, 5pm Breaking Bread, "God's Work, Our Hands" and at PLM, September 18 at 7pm, following PLM Wednesday Dinner.

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

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!

Hunger Hike donations to Team OSLC now total \$624!



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

hungerhike.org | info@hungerhike.org



Ministry Team Open House - Sunday, Sept. 15th

As we approach our annual fall stewardship campaign, we will once again be inviting all members of OSLC to pledge their financial support for the coming year. This year, we're also placing a special emphasis on encouraging members to volunteer their time and talents by joining one of our many ministry teams. To give everyone a better understanding of the vital work these teams do, your Church Council has organized a special **Ministry Team Open House** during the Adult Forum hour on **Sunday, Sept. 15th**. Each ministry team chair or representative will present a brief 2-3 minute "elevator speech" to highlight their team's contributions to the life of our congregation. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the different ways you can get involved and make a meaningful impact in the life of OSLC. Plus, there will be a bit of friendly competition to see which team can attract the most new members! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative and inspiring event. We look forward to seeing you there!



Your prayers and presence are requested on
Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 2:00 pm

for the

Holy Eucharist

with the

Rite of Installation

of the fourth bishop of the Indiana Kentucky Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Reverend Timothy Mark Graham

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church
10500 126th Street, Fishers, Indiana

A reception will follow the service.

*ELCA pastors and deacons and clergy of other traditions
are invited to vest and should arrive at 1:00 pm.*

The color of the day is red.

RSVP by September 15 to wendy@thepianos.com

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*