

Whoever
welcomes
one such child
in my name
welcomes me

MARK 9:37



Introduction

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

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September 22, 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

Thy Holy Wings (Arr. by Mark Sedio, 1997 Augsburg Fortress)
Lord of All Hopefulness (setting by Joel Raney, 2006 Hope Publishing)

Call to Worship (inspired by James 3:13- 4:8, posted on **Literature & Liturgy**. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>)

- PK Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?
C **We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**
- PK Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?
C **We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**
- PK Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?
C **We long to live lives of holiness and light.**
- PK God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.
Come near, people of God!
C **Let us worship in wisdom and truth**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

PK Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

PK 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.

PK 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 526: *God Is Here!*

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Greeting

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

C **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

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

PK O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹ Save me, O God, by your name,
and vindicate me by your might.

² **Hear my prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³ For the insolent have risen against me;
the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them. *Selah*

⁴ **But surely, God is my helper;**
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

⁵ He will repay my enemies for their evil.
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

⁶ **With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;**
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷ For he has delivered me from every trouble,
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

L A reading from the book of James.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

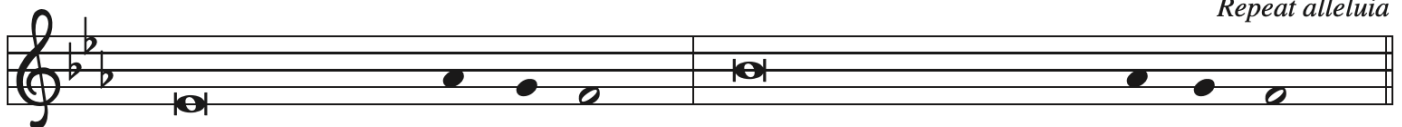
L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



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



Repeat alleluia

God has called us through the proclamation of^l the good news,* that we may obtain the glory of our Lord^l Jesus Christ.

PK The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

PK The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Kristin Rice

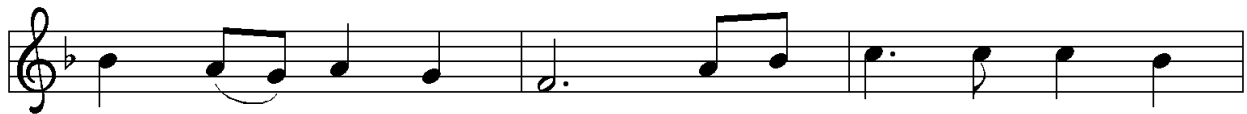
Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 641: *All Are Welcome*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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.*) Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. We pray for Shanghai and all in the path of Typhoon Bebinca and for those affected by the Houston pipeline explosion. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations, especially in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Syria, Sudan, Myanmar, and all areas of conflict. We pray for the safety of political leaders amidst threats of violence. We ask your Spirit to guide us in healing divisions in our country and local communities, so that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer especially Carl & Sara B. and family, Dru, Sally, 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 Haitian community of Springfield, OH; for Wittenberg University and all schools and institutions under threat. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

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 worshiping online and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played.

Offering

Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (Ted Heise is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option. His email address is theise@panix.com)



Stand

Offering Prayer

A 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.**

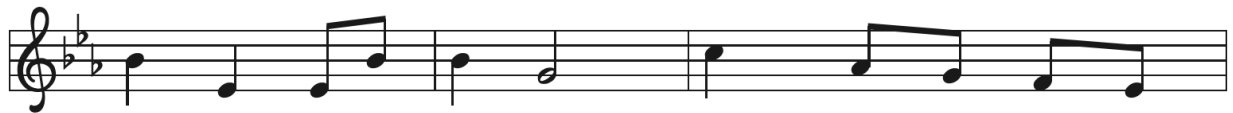
PR Lift up your hearts.

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

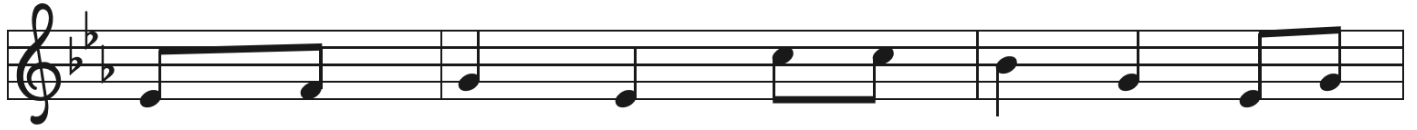


mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: ACS, hymn 966: *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

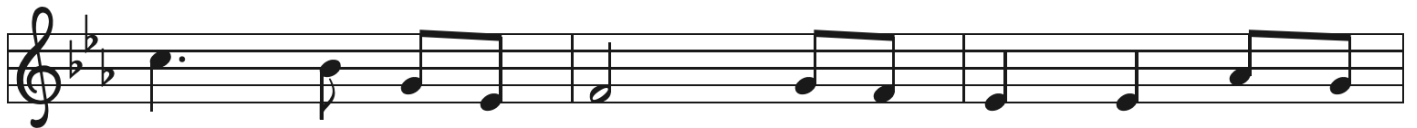


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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 765: *Lord of All Hopefulness*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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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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:

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

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 22nd (TODAY)- 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.)

October 6th- No Adult Forum-Servant Sunday Congregation is invited to help assemble LWR School kits

October 13th- Rev. Karl Biermann-Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation Indiana, Kentucky, and Southern Ohio

October 20th- OSLC Congregational Values Exercise led by Missy Schroeder (This is a part of OSLC's Listening Together discernment process.)

October 27th- TBD

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.

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 second meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th and we will be reading and discussing “Shelterwood” by Lisa Wingate. If you have any questions or need the Zoom link, email Sandra Vana at donklady3@gmail.com.

Hearts and Crafts

Hearts and Crafts will begin again on Thursday, October 17th, at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. We plan to meet monthly- we will have a small make-and-take project (easy Halloween decoration) 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

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Quilters Group

Holy Trinity Quilters meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 9:00 a.m. They welcome anyone interested in joining a local quilting group. For more information, contact Nell Kretzschmar at jonelkretzs@gmail.com or 765-474-3861.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

We need folks to fill the bags on October 6 after the morning service.

The blessing of quilts and kits will be on October 13.

We need folks to box quilts and kits.

We need folks to load the truck, van, or whatever vehicle is used.

We need someone to take the kits and quilts to Fort Wayne (8am to noon) or Valparaiso (2-5pm) on Saturday, October 19.

You can feel free to contact Sandra Vana (donklady3@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer for the above activities.



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Purdue students,
connect with PLM

Spring Break trip to Guatemala with PLM and OSLC.

Contact Pastor Kristin (pastor@plm.org) or Pastor Randy (randy@osluth.org) for more information or to request an application. This trip is open for all Purdue students, OSLC, and community members.

Commit to this experience by completing an application, a scanned copy of your current passport, and a \$100 non-refundable fee by October 31.



March 15-22, 2025

The PLM Board has committed to supporting every Purdue student who wants to participate, regardless of financial need. Please reach out to Pastor Kristin

Wednesday Dinners, 6pm at the PLM House is a low-key gathering for the PLM student community. Join us to recharge and connect with friends.

Please sign-up to provide a home-cooked meal by scanning the QR code.

Or sponsor a dinner by visiting plm.org/givenow

PLM Wednesday Dinners



Listening Together- OSLC Discernment Process

You are invited to participate in our Adult Forum on **September 22nd (TODAY) and 29th**. We will explore and experience Christian Spiritual practices that help us listen to God individually and as a community. Our discernment process begins with prayer, centering ourselves, and attuning to the Spirit of God. Missy Schroeder will facilitate these experiential learning sessions. Come, and let's listen and pray together.

Working Mom's Group

You are invited to join us for OSLC's Working Mom's Group on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 -11:00 am. Our next meeting is on Saturday, October 5, at Java House, 4729 Meijer Ct., Lafayette, IN 47905. This casual group meets to support one another as moms and women working outside the home. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or 260-402-4477.

Blessing of Pets

October 4th is St. Francis of Assisi's feast day. He is the patron saint of animals and the environment. Following his example to bless and honor all of God's creatures, we will hold a pet blessing during the children's sermon on Sunday, October 6th. During this time, we will display your pet's pictures on the screens in the sanctuary and online and offer them a blessing. **Please send your pet's photo and name to Missy at missy@osluth.org by September 30th so we can get them ready to view by October 6th.** Any children who would like to bring their stuffed animals to receive a blessing are more than welcome to do so!

Exploration Acres Outing- October 12th from 3:30 to 6:30- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please RSVP here, Exploration Acres Sign-UP, or scan the QR code to the right so that we will have enough food for everyone. Please join us for a fun afternoon exploring, playing, and enjoying God's creation at Exploration Acres. OSLC has rented fire pit #7 and will provide hot dogs, chips, carrots, apple sauce, bottled water, and smores! Getting into Exploration Acres is \$12/adult and \$9/ child. Five and under are free. Please bring chairs to sit around the campfire. We will meet at the admission building at 3:30, then head to our fire pit. Here is the link



Listening Together Discernment Process: Congregational Values Exercise

On **October 20th**, during the Adult Forum, you are invited to join us for a **Congregational Values Exercise** led by Missy Schroeder. This will be an engaging and participatory activity for everyone involved. As we listen to God through prayer, we are also called to listen deeply to the stories and values that shape our congregation. This exercise is an important part of our discernment process. It provides an opportunity to reflect inward and honestly explore who we are as a faith community. Your participation is vital as we move forward together.

Candy & volunteers needed for WL Fall Festival on October 25th

OSLC will be participating in the West Lafayette Fall Festival on Friday, October 25th at the Wellness Center. **We need donations of Halloween candy to give out to the 2000+ kids and others who attend (please place donated candy in the basket in the Narthex).** We also need a couple volunteers to help pass out the candy that evening. Talk to Scott Vana (scottv1162@gmail.com) if you can help.

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*