



## *Introduction*

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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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**

*Variations on Oh, for a Thousand Tongues* (setting by Robert A. Hobby, 2000 MorningStar Music Publishers)

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

PR Jesus brought healing love to all people.

C **They talked and marveled about his miracles.**

PR But they really didn't understand him.

C **They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.**

PR Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

C **Lord Jesus, keep our minds and our spirits open to your life-changing words.**  
**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.

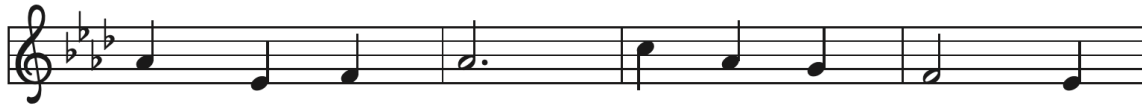
By grace you have been saved.

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

your sins are forgiven.

C **Amen.**

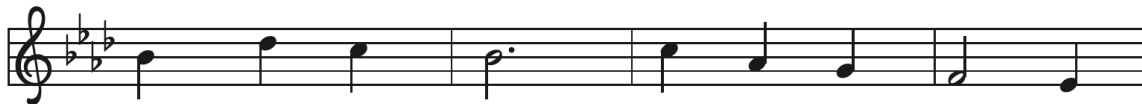
**Gathering Hymn: ACS, hymn 1000: *God's Work, Our Hands***



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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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 Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C Amen.

*Sit*

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

### Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 146 (Read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD!**

L A reading from the book of James.

**James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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*

Rejoice in the <sup>1</sup>Lord always;\* again I will <sup>1</sup>say, Rejoice.

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

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

### **Mark 7:24-37**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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 1043: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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**PK 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.*) Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. We pray for those in Los Angeles affected by mudslides and all those affected by natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. We pray for the family of Hersh Goldberg Polin and all those who mourn those lost to terror and violence. We lift to you those injured or affected by the shootings at the West Indian Day Parade in NYC and in Winder, Georgia. We pray for an end to gun violence. Bring peace among peoples especially in Ukraine and Gaza and bring about the end of all such conflicts and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to Sally, Elly, John and Jeanette, Danny D., Zarema, Zera, and their family in Crimea, Zach, Lynn, Lawrence, Nathan and Haley, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, Megan, as well as people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great**

A Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. 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 We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

PK 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**

PK 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](mailto: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

PK The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

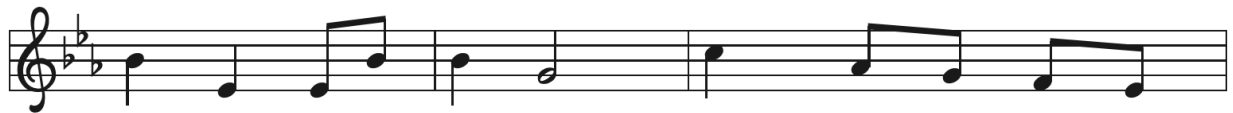
PK Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

PK Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PK 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.

PK 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

PK 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*

PK 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**

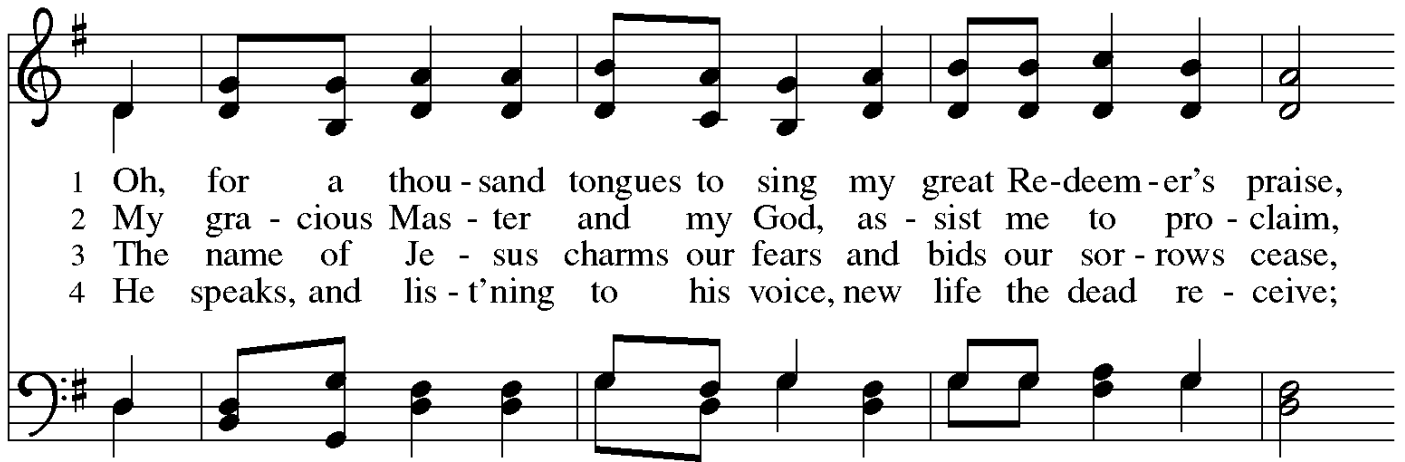
A Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

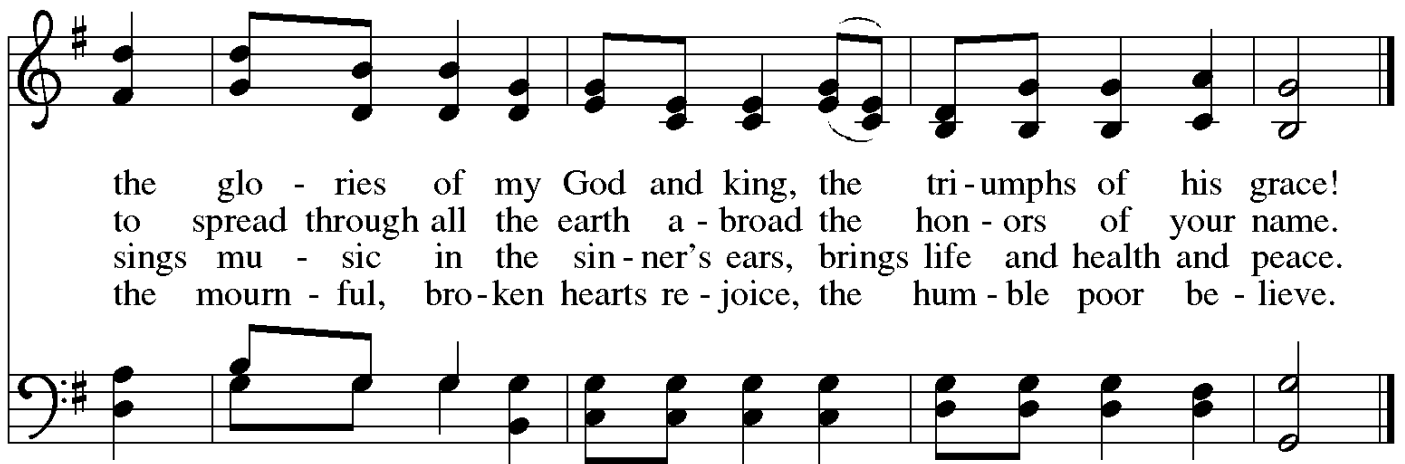
## The Sending

### An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 886: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
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## **Blessing**

PK 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

### **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.

**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](mailto:shelleyldb@hotmail.com)

## **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](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477.

## **Sunday School & Confirmation- Begins today, 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](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477.

## **Adult Forum**

**September 8th (Today)-** 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.)

## **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](mailto: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](http://plm.org/givenow) or scanning this QR code (right): Talk to Pastor Kristin ([pastor@plm.org](mailto:pastor@plm.org)) for more information.



### **Hearts and Crafts**

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

### **Women's Retreat– Wisdom, Prayer & Our Bodies**

September 21st, from 9:00 am- 3:30 pm at Ross Hills Camp  
Join us for a day 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](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477. To sign up, click the [Women's Retreat Sign Up](#) link, scan the QR Code, or sign up in the Narthex.



### **Mission Guatemala, Spring Break 2025 (March 15-22, 2025)**

PLM and OSLC are organizing a spring break trip with Mission Guatemala (visit [www.missionguatemala.com](http://www.missionguatemala.com) to learn more about the organization). This experience is open to current Purdue students, alum, and anyone in the community interested in doing something new and meeting beautiful people. Many OSLC members have participated in these trips in the past, and we're excited to continue the partnership. There are two opportunities to learn more about the March 2025 trip and engage in conversation about the value of mission, the theology of accompaniment, and why global mission matters. The first is today, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in conjunction with the evening worship service Breaking Bread at OSLC in the Fellowship Hall. The second information and conversation session will be on Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm, at PLM following Wednesday Dinner. Please talk to Pastor Randy or Pastor Kristin for additional information.

# Hunger Hike 2024

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

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.qgiv.com/event/hungerhike/team/968325/>

[hungerhike.org](http://hungerhike.org) | [info@hungerhike.org](mailto: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!

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

You are invited to join us on Sunday, September 15th, from 2:00-4:00 pm at Wildcat Creek Winery for Women, Wine (or whatever your preferred beverage) & 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 6, Eve: Mother of all Living. You do not need to read the previous chapters to be able to participate. Space is limited at the winery; please contact Missy at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477 to let me know if you plan to attend.



## **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 for [Exploration Acres](#), and if you have any questions, please get in touch with me at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477



## **Food Pantry Open House**

[Lafayette Urban Ministry](#) is excited to invite YOU to a special event on **Monday, September 9, at noon**. LUM is hosting an [Open House](#) at the **LUM Protein Food Pantry** to celebrate our new Monday afternoon hours—now open from 1 to 4 p.m. every Monday, in addition to Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. This is all about making sure you have even more access to the food you need, especially on those Mondays when other pantries are closed or have reduced hours.

**Wes Tillett**, LUM executive director, will be hosting the event, and there will be refreshments for everyone, a blessing from St. John's Rector Bradley Pace, and tours of the pantry before it officially opens at 1 p.m. And guess what? We'll be serving **Arni's famous pizza**, while it lasts!

There also will be several special guests dropping by, including **State Senator Ron Alting, State Representatives Chris Campbell & Sheila Klinker**, and **West Lafayette Mayor Erin Easter**, among others. But the best part? LUM wants YOU there to help us celebrate! This event is happening during **National Hunger Action Month**, and it's the perfect time to come together as a community and raise awareness about food insecurity and access. So, mark your calendar, bring your friends, and let's make this [Open House](#) a day to remember! See you there!

## **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)



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 126<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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*