



## *Introduction*

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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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**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior* (Arr. by Mark Sedio, 2003 Augsburg Fortress)  
*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (setting by Jerry van der Pol, 2017 Augsburg Fortress)

**Call to Worship** (posted on [Lectionary Liturgies](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/). <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>)

- PK What can we do to have life?  
C **We can seek God, who gives us life in every moment.**
- PK What can we do to serve justice in our world?  
C **We can set aside that which keeps us  
from following Jesus – wealth, pride, power, whatever.**
- PK What can we do to share the good news with others?  
C **We can open ourselves to the Spirit,  
so people can see God at work in us.**

## 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: ACS, hymn 1004: *Faith Begins By Letting Go*



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
- 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
- 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:  
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,  
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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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** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## *The Word*

**L** A reading from the book of Amos.

### **Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 90:12-17 (Read responsively by whole verse)**

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

<sup>13</sup> **Turn, O LORD! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!**

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> **Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us  
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants  
and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

L A reading from the book of Hebrews.

**Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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*



Blessed are the | poor in spirit,\* for theirs is the king- | dom of heaven.

RB The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

### **Mark 10:17-31**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

RB The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Rev. Peter Bunder**



Hymn of the Day, ACS, hymn 1036: *Commonwealth Is God's Commandment*



- 1 Com - mon - wealth is God's com - mand - ment; com - mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that not one mite with - holds,
- 3 Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the Ho - ly One who calls,



Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel - come an - gels un - a - ware.  
stretch out arms to friends and strang - ers: God has sheep of man - y folds.  
bid - ding all to work to - geth - er, bridg - ing lives and breach - ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



*Shan - ti, pax, sha - lom, mas - la - ha:* com - mon good is ho - ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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(This hymn's refrain includes words meaning peace from other religious traditions. Shanti (Sanskrit) is pronounced "shahn-tee" and is used in Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Pax (Latin) is pronounced "pahks." Shalom (Hebrew) is pronounced "shuh-lohm" and means peace, wholeness. Maslaha (Arabic) is pronounced "muhs-lah-hah" and means reconciliation.)

**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** Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. (*A brief silence.*) Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely especially Mary W. and family, 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. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,  
**C** **hear 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. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

PK Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **Peace**

PK The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### **Blessing of the School Kits & Quilts**

PK A reading from Acts, chapter 2: <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

We often acknowledge the gifts and offerings of our community in an abstract way – especially in this digital age when we can give money at the click of a button, set to repeat without a second thought. Today we get to acknowledge, celebrate, and bless these tangible gifts, an offering to our neighbors across the globe. Today we say thank you to those in our community who crafted these quilts and school kits. We say thank you for the gift of time that went into creating, sorting, preparing these quilts and school kits so they can be sent out. We say thank you for the gifts of fabric and thread, notebooks and pens and rulers and scissors, all the basics a student needs for a school year. Let's place our hands, or stretch out our arms, or hold in our hearts and our minds, as we offer our prayers and our blessing on these items and send them out from our community.

God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C **Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.**

PK God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, and sewing machines that were used to produce these quilts. We give you thanks for the items collected for these school kits. May our gifts of love, through quilts and school kits, bring comfort and hope to all who receive them.

**C Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.**

PK God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, we give thanks for the hands that collected and sorted materials for school kits, we give thanks for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

**C Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.**

PK God, we ask you to guide and protect the staff and partners at Lutheran World Relief. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

**C Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.**

PK God, we ask you to inspire us again to work for justice, peace, and reconciliation on behalf of those who are uprooted: by violence, war, and danger; by natural disasters wreaking havoc on homes; by systems that prevent our neighbors from receiving education and healthcare.

**C Jesus, help us respond as disciples of hope with our neighbors.**

PK God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

**C Amen.**

PK Recognizing God's abundant hope, let's go and be a sign of hope to our neighbors near and far: offering hands to hold, sweet scents of justice, and a feast of God's goodness. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## *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 644: *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue*



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my  
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er  
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions  
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are  
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -  
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now  
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.  
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.  
 see: then we will see love face to face.  
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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 Music: O WALY WALY, English traditional  
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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 678: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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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

#### **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**

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.

#### **Choir**

The choir is scheduled to sing a few times for 9:00AM worship this fall. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact Julie Huetteman at [juliehuetteman@gmail.com](mailto:juliehuetteman@gmail.com).

## **Adult Forum**

**October 13th (TODAY)**- 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**- Pastor Randy will share with us about his trip to Ghana

**Breaking Bread, 5pm Sundays** in the OSLC Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening worship service that begins around the dinner table and concludes with a liturgy of evening prayer. Breaking Bread is an experiential dinner-church worship centered on communion and community. *Gluten-free and dairy-free food will be available.*

## **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](mailto:donklady3@gmail.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](mailto:jonelkretzs@gmail.com) or 765-474-3861.

### **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](mailto:scottv1162@gmail.com)) if you can help.

### **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](mailto:hmwb26@aol.com)

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

You are invited to join us on Sunday, October 20th, from 2:00-4:00 pm for Women, Wine (or your preferred beverage) & Feminine. **This month, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC** and 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 be covering the chapter Hagar: Abraham's Other Woman. Please contact Missy at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477 if you plan to attend.

### **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, October 29th. Please RSVP by Tuesday at noon– by emailing me at [randy@osluth.org](mailto:randy@osluth.org) or giving me a call @ 260-402-4476, so we know how many tables/much space to reserve.

### **Listening Together: OSLC Discernment Process**

As we continue our discernment process, congregational participation is crucial as we pray, ground, listen, and explore together where God is leading us. We have two opportunities in October for you to join us.

### **Listening Together with the Book of Acts**

*Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm, starting October 13th via Zoom*

We will explore the early church's journey as they discerned their path forward after Christ's ascension. This is an opportunity to reflect on scripture and its relevance to our context. Each week, we'll read two chapters, and Missy Schroeder will facilitate the discussions.

Here are the dates and chapters we'll cover in October:

- October 13th, 7:00 pm – Chapters 1 & 2
- October 20th, 7:00 pm – Chapters 3 & 4
- October 27th, 7:00 pm – Chapters 5 & 6

The Zoom link will be sent out every Friday, along with the worship, centering prayer, and luncheon lectio Zoom links. It will also be listed on the church calendar on our website.

## Discovering OSLC Values

*Sunday, October 20th, during Adult Forum*

“Values” play a key role in shaping a congregation’s identity. Identifying these values helps a faith community find clarity and make intentional decisions together. When choices need to be made, values serve as a guide, reminding us of what matters most and where God might be leading us.

We invite you to join us as we explore OSLC’s current values together. Missy will facilitate an interactive storytelling exercise to help us identify the values we hold as a congregation. This valuable insight will guide our discernment process as we move forward together.



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Purdue students,  
connect with PLM

**Spring Break trip to Guatemala** deadline to sign-up and commit to the trip is coming up! Please email Pastor Kristin ([pastor@plm.org](mailto:pastor@plm.org)) for an application. Bring your completed application, \$100 non-refundable fee, and a scanned copy of your passport to either the OSLC or PLM office **by October 31!** For more info on the trip, visit [plm.org/springbreak25](http://plm.org/springbreak25)

**March 15-22, 2025** 

**Bag Lunch Theology, 10:36am** at the PLM House on Sunday mornings. A no-experience-necessary time set apart to talk faith, scripture, theology, come with curiosity, and grow in faith and spiritual formation.

**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](http://plm.org/givenow)

PLM Wednesday Dinners



The Stewardship Ministry Team recently distributed the information materials and pledge cards for the Fall Stewardship Campaign. As was noted by Pastor Randy in the October Evangel, "*Stewardship is a call to recognize everything we have as a gift from God and respond with gratitude. It's about more than just money—it's an invitation to use our time, talents, and treasure for the benefit of others and the glory of God.*" As you faithfully consider your financial offering pledge for 2025, please remember to review the yellow/gold sheet that was also in your Stewardship materials that describes the various ways you can also share your time and talents within our congregation. The Adult Forum session on September 15th, organized by the Church Council, showcased the work of OSLC's Ministry Teams to encourage volunteering. The yellow/gold sheet in the Stewardship materials details specific volunteer opportunities for each team, but it's important to note that each team also welcomes contributions from anyone who simply wants to be a member of a ministry team. While considering specific volunteer opportunities, we encourage you to also indicate your interest in becoming a member of a particular team(s) by circling their name(s) on the sheet. We will share your interest with the respective Ministry Team chairs.

.....Bob Nielsen, OSLC Council President

### **Family Promise**

OSLC will be providing meals for Family Promise on October 21 and November 18. If you would like to provide food for these meals, please contact Julie Huettelman, [juliehuettelman@gmail.com](mailto:juliehuettelman@gmail.com).

Donations for the families are always welcome ---

- non-perishable food
- toiletries - toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, bath soap (Dove), deodorant, combs, feminine hygiene products
- baby products - disposable diapers, wipes

Please place donations on the bench in the fellowship hall and Julie Huettelman will deliver them to the FP house.

Family Promise of Great Lafayette  
<https://www.familypromisegl.org/>

## 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*