



### *Introduction*

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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*October 20, 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**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You* (setting by Emily Maxson Porter, 2008 Augsburg Fortress)

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (setting by David Maxwell, 20013 Scripture in Song, admin. Integrity Music, Published under Augsburg Fortress)

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Mark 10:35-45, written by the Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, and posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>)

- PK We may come here for a glimpse of glory,  
C **But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”**
- PK The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.  
Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,  
C **And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”**
- PK Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people  
and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,  
C **But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”**
- PK Why are we here?  
C **To drink the cup of fullness of life;**  
**To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;**  
**To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

## 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 825: *You Servants of God*



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

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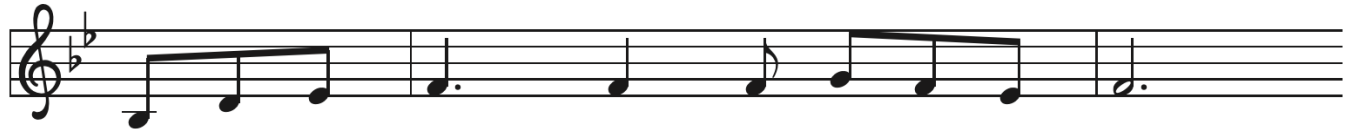
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**Greeting**

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 Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Sit*

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

### **Isaiah 53:4-12**

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 91:9-16 (Read responsively by whole verse)**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,

<sup>10</sup> **no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.**

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup> **Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life I will satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.**

L A reading from the book of Hebrews.

**Hebrews 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.



The Son of Man came not to be served<sup>1</sup> but to serve,\* and to give his life as a ran-<sup>1</sup> som for many.

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

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

### Mark 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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 659: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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PR **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers**

A Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. (*A brief silence.*) Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace especially Angela, 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. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. 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 Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

PR 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**

PR The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## *The Meal*

### **As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:**

For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshipping online and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played.

### **Offering**

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

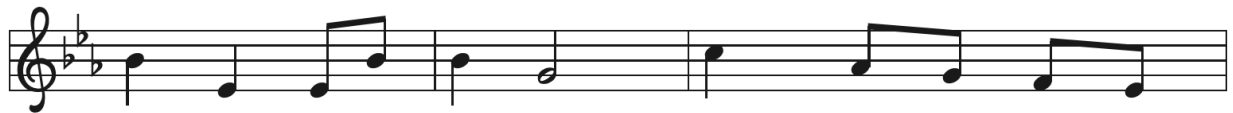
PR Lift up your hearts.

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



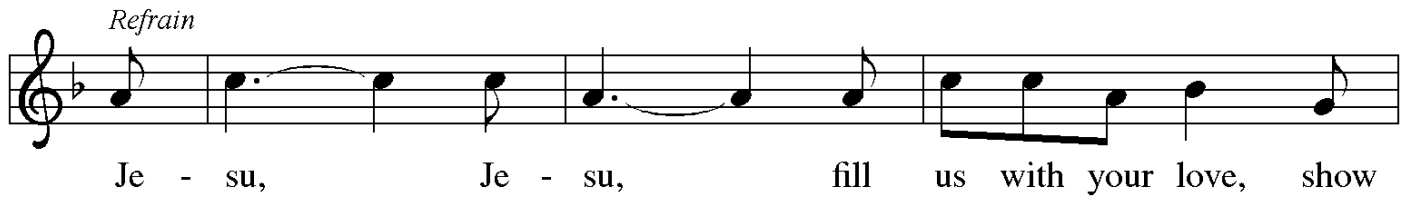
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 708: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

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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.**

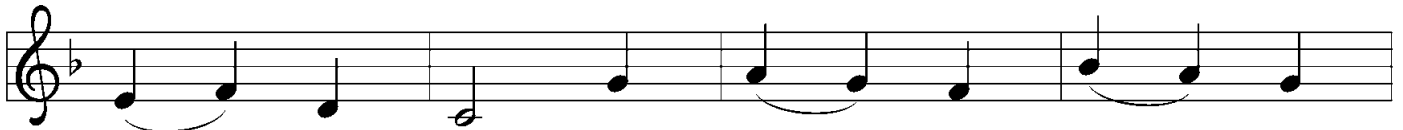
## The Sending

### An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 551: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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### Blessing

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

C Amen.

### Dismissal

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.



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**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 20th (TODAY)-** 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.

## **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 next meeting is November 19th at 7:00 p.m. The November book is "The Storyteller" by Jodi Picoult. To get 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, November 21st, at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. 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)

## **Working Mom's Group**

You are invited to OSLC's Working Mom's Group on November 9th, 2024, at [The Lobby by Greyhouse](#) from 9:30 to 11:00. This casual group supports one another as moms and women working outside the home. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Missy Schroeder at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477.

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

You are invited to join us **TODAY**, 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.

## **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](#)



## **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/>

## **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:

- **TODAY**, 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**

*TODAY, 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.

### **Reformation Hymn Festival**

Christ Lutheran Church, 3401 S. Dixon Road, Kokomo, is pleased to present a Reformation Hymn Festival on Friday evening, **October 25, 2024, at 7 PM**. If you like to sing great hymns of the faith, this is an event you will not want to miss! The guest organist is **Matthew Wachtman**, who serves as Director of Music and Worship at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Archbold, Ohio. Instrumentalists include **Trudy Whitford**, flute, **Keith Whitford**, trumpet, and **Dr. Brian McNulty**, percussion. The Choral Scholars and Parish Choir of Christ Lutheran Church will be leading the singing. This hymn festival will mark the second event of the 18<sup>th</sup> season of *Music at Christ*, a fine arts series offered to the church and the community. The hymn festival is offered at no charge and the public is invited. A reception will follow the festival.



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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) 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







## 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*