

Let the  
little  
children  
come  
to me

MARK 10:14



### *Introduction*

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

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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**

*Prelude on Welsh Hymn Tune Rhosymedre* (setting by R. Vaughan Williams, 1920 Stainer and Bell Ltd.)

*Prelude on Hymn Tune Holy Manna* (setting by Joe Cox, 2020 Augsburg Fortress)

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 8, written by Bruce Prewer (adapted), and posted on the <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website.)

RB Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,  
inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
and blessed by God,

C **we come to worship one, holy God.**

RB O God, our own God,  
how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

C **Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.**  
**yet even children of dust can sing your praises.**

RB In the name of the Healer, the Provider and the Enabler  
let your gratitude and joy be made known.

C **O God, our own God,**  
**how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

C **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

RB 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.**

RB 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 1064: *Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom*



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice  
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.  
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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## Greeting

RB 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

RB Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Sit*

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Genesis.

### Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 8 (Read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup> **what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God<sup>[b]</sup>  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup> **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

L A reading from the book of Hebrews.

### Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?”

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

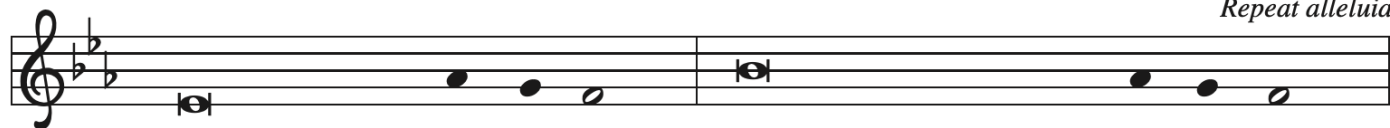
*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation



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

*Repeat alleluia*



If we love one another, God <sup>1</sup>lives in us\* and God's love is perfect- <sup>1</sup>ed in us.



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

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

### **Mark 10:2-16**

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

RB The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Children’s Sermon: Blessing of Pets**

**Missy Schroeder**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Peter Bunder**



# Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 640: *Our Father, by Whose Name*



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,  
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.  
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:  
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as  
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -  
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.  
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.  
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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**RB 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.*) God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. We lift to you communities devastated by hurricane and flooding, especially in Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Guide our nation to restore hope to those without shelter, food, or water. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Renewed efforts for peace at the anniversary of the current violence in the Middle East on October 7. We pray for peace in our world, especially in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Syria, Sudan, Myanmar, Lebanon, and all areas of conflict. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering 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. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

A Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. Bring a renewed commitment to compassion and the common good. 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. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet especially William Tyndale, translator and martyr, whom we commemorate today. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

RB 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**

RB 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

RB The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

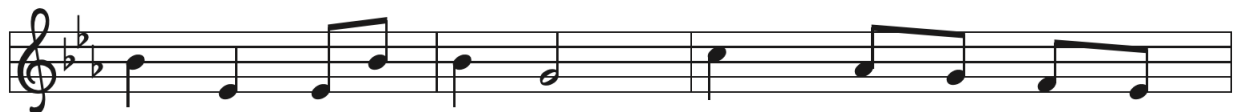
RB Lift up your hearts.

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

RB Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

RB 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



RB 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

RB 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*

RB 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.

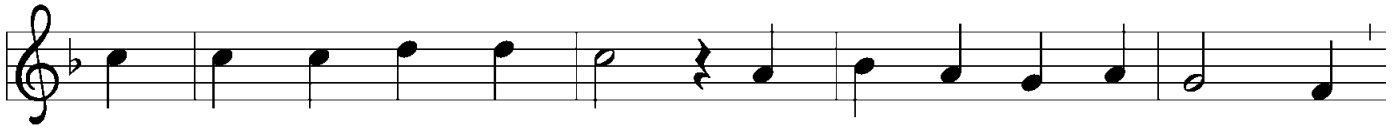
C **Amen.**



# The Sending

## An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 840: *Now Thank We All Our God*



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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## Blessing

RB 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 6th (TODAY)-** No Adult Forum-Servant Sunday Congregation is invited to help assemble LWR School kits

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

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

**October 27th-** Pastor Randy will share with us about his trip to Ghana

## **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.

## **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.

**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 in- to 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



## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

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



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Purdue students, connect with PLM

**Spring Break trip to Guatemala** with PLM and OSLC. Contact Pastor Kristin ([pastor@plm.org](mailto:pastor@plm.org)) or Pastor Randy ([randy@osluth.org](mailto:randy@osluth.org)) for more information or to request an application. This trip is open for all Purdue students, OSLC, and community members.

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



**March 15-22, 2025**

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

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

PLM Wednesday Dinners

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)







## 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*