



Introduction

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

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November 30, 2025, 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

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (arr. by Robert Buckley Farlee, 2023 Augsburg Fortress)
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (arr. by David Cherwien, 1991 Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

PR At every beginning there is a yearning
for the one who is coming.

O Emmanuel,

C Wake us up to your love.

PR We gather together to expect the unexpected
and imagine the unimaginable.

O Emmanuel,

C Wake us up to your love.

PR We wait for the day
when God will recycle tanks into tractors
and transform minefields into soccer fields.

O Emmanuel,

C Wake us up to your love.

PR We stay awake by telling stories
that offer a glimmer of a future
and agitate dormant hope within us.

O Emmanuel,

C Wake us up to your love.

PR Jesus, we welcome your presence now
with the lighting of this candle,
whose flame brings warmth to winter
and fills this place with the glow of hope.

C Amen.

(Lighting the first candle)



Hymn during the Lighting: ELW (red), hymn 253: *He Came Down* (verse 1)



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;
hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

PR Blessed be the holy Trinity, \ddagger one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

C Amen.

PR Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

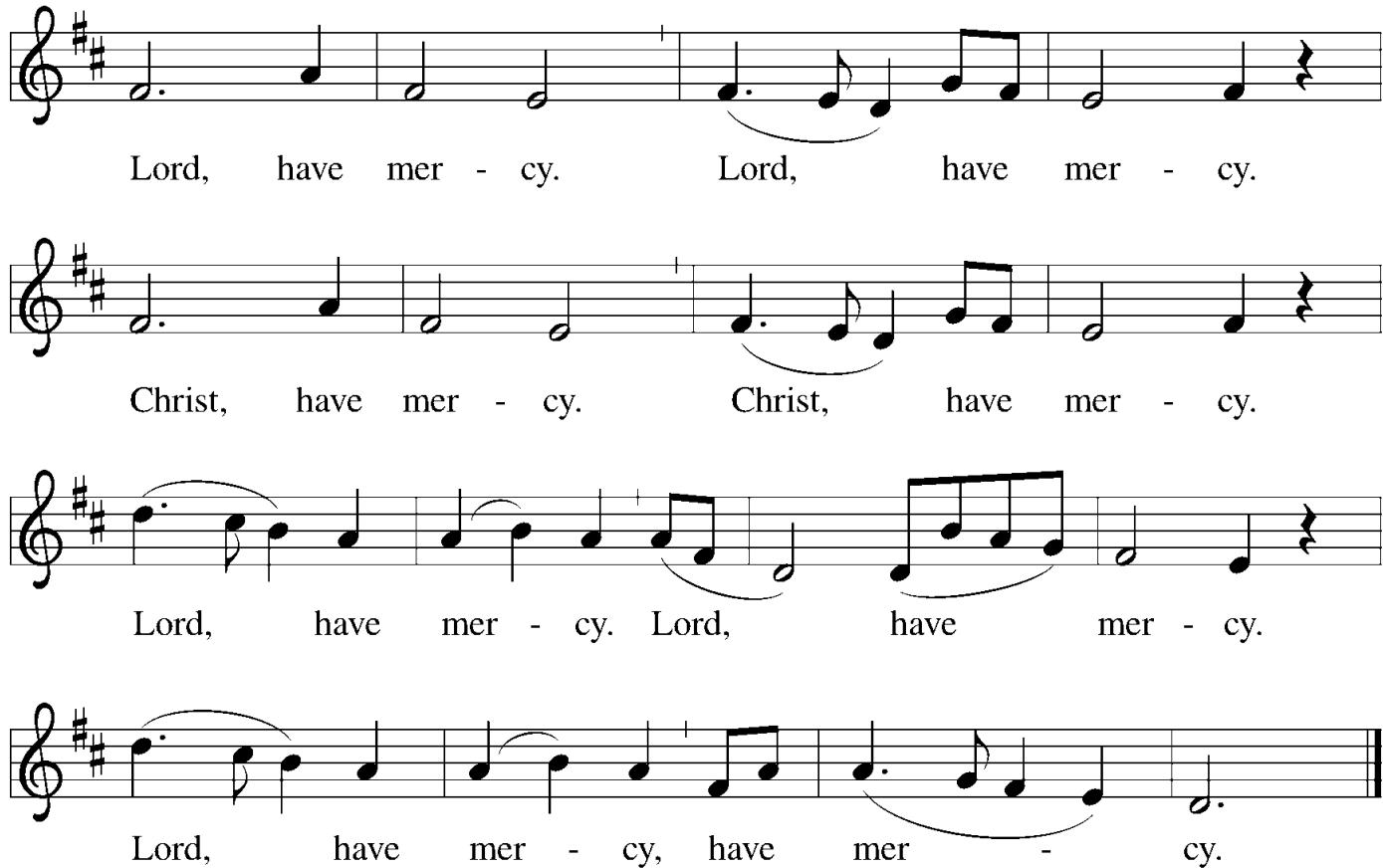
PR Long-expected God,
**C we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.**

PR God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

† You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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Greeting

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

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

PR Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

² **Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

⁴ **To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

⁵ For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls

and security within your towers.”

⁸ **For the sake of my relatives and friends**

I will say, “Peace be within you.”

⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

I will seek your good.

L A reading from the book of Romans.

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



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

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

PR The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples,³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day, ACS, hymn 949: *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

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PK Apostles' Creed

**C 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 In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation. (*A brief silence.*) God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. We pray for the victims of flooding in Vietnam and for all affected by the volcanic eruptions in Indonesia and Ethiopia. For winter storms across the United States and for safety for travelers. We pray for those affected by tornadoes and severe weather in Texas. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. We pray for an end to war and conflict, and for places of political unrest or contention, especially Gaza, South Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing especially Megan O., Jennifer, Mike, Fred G., John, Brittny, Mary G., Tim, Lorie, Lisa, Brent, Dru, Sally, Nathan and Haley, Sheila, Jean, and those affected by HIV and AIDS as we remember World AIDS Day. We pray for the abducted students and staff in Nigeria. For the de-escalation in areas facing immigration raids. We pray for the health, safety, and provision for all migrants. For families, friends, and neighbors gathering for the holiday. Surround all with care and consolation. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A We thank you for your presence through the Holy Spirit as we have discerned our way forward. Help us now to move ahead with our findings. You have called us to provide for our community and explore the development of our property. God, give us the courage for this adventure, knowing that you are doing a new thing and you will provide a way. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints especially to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

PK Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C Amen.

Peace

PK The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

The Meal

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

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

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.



Please stand.

Offering Prayer

A Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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 - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PK Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

C Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

PK With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

PK Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

PK All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PK The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Please be seated.

Distribution

There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

Lamb of God



Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man
O Lamb . . . of God, you take . . . a - way . . . the sin of the
syn - nin, ar-mah-da mei - tā, ar-mah-da mei - tā. (Repeat)
world; . . . have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man syn - nin,
O Lamb of God, you take . . . a - way . . . the sin of the world; . . .

an - na meil - le rau - ha - si ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
grant us vi - sion, grant us jus - tice, grant us your own true peace.

Communion Hymn: ACS, hymn 902: *Come Now, O God*

1 Come now, O God, when our love is for-sak-en.
 2 Come, when we squan-der the free-dom you gave us.
 3 Come, put an end to our self-serv-ing mad-ness.

Come, when our bed-rock of faith has been shak-en.
 Come, break the sys-tems of sin that en-slave us.
 Come, while the world is en-shroud-ed in sad-ness.

Come, when our deep-est of hopes are mis-tak-en.
 Come, though we won-der if you can still save us.
 Come, turn the tears of our mourn-ing to glad-ness.

Come, Em-man-u-el.

Come, Em-man-u-el.

Text: David BJORLIN, b. 1984

Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune

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Please 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

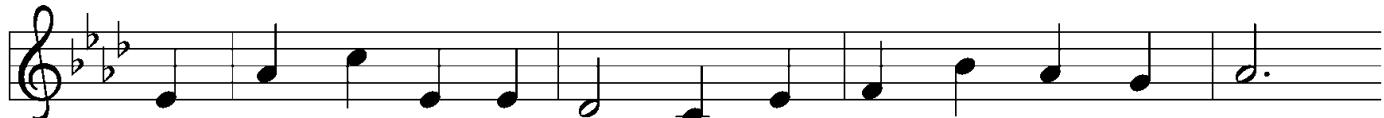
A God our host,
 at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
 Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
 welcome the stranger,
 and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

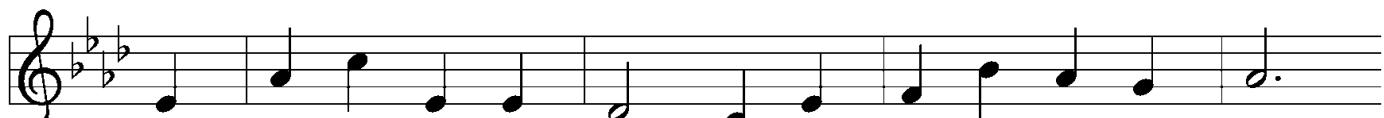
The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 244: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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Blessing

PK May God who comes among us,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Keep awake.
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 2025:

December 24 & 25: Christmas

December 31, 2025 & January 1, 2026: New Years

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 Mission, Vision, and Values (February 10, 2025)

Mission Statement:

Embraced by God's Love to:

- Honor all people
- Share Christ's compassion
- Serve the world

Vision:

Make Christ's love known to all:

- Meet people where they are
- Accompany and encourage one another along the way
- Nurture our roots and foster new growth

Values:

Empathy: Understanding and addressing the needs of others

Growth: Encouraging the development of faith, love, and compassion

Generosity: Giving of time, talents, and assets to care for the community and the world

Belonging: Nurturing a community where all are honored and celebrated

Tradition: Rooted in the Christian faith as members of the ELCA

Caring: managing resources with purpose and integrity.