



Introduction

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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February 22, 2026, 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

Variations on *Holy Manna* (Dana Abbring- clarinet) (arr. by Anne Krentz Organ; tune by W. Walker; 2023 Anne Krentz Organ)

Please stand.

Invocation

RB We gather in the name of God,
who created us,
who was born to be with us,
who guides us still.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

RB God knows our hearts,
the guilt we carry, the heartache that keeps us awake, the burdens we bear.
God knows that “happy are they who are forgiven,”
and so we confess in confidence of God’s forgiveness.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

RB Good and gracious God,
C **We have sinned**
and fallen short of the good you desire for us
and for all creation.
We have seen the earth as resources to extract
and forgotten to marvel at its beauty.
We have doubted your ability to provide
and hoarded more than we need.
We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable,
and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders,

**we remained where we were and clung to control.
 Forgive our sin and our selfishness.
 Draw us out of ourselves,
 more deeply into your love,
 and more fully into a world in need.**

RB God knows our sin before we do
 and meets every confession with abundant grace.
 In Christ we are alive and completely forgiven.
 God's goodness has the final word.
 May this gift renew our faith
 and lighten our load
 so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ACS, hymn 1065: *Can You Feel the Seasons Turning?*



1 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing, winds and waves grown
 2 Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing— lynx and ot - ter,
 3 Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Storm clouds gath - er



wild and strange? Can you feel cre - a - tion groan - ing,
 wolf and whale? Can you hear the Spir - it sigh - ing
 in the skies. All a - round us signs of warn - ing



fear - ful of the com - ing change: ice - caps melt - ing,
 as her chil - dren grieve and fail? Na - ture's poor, the
 bid us o - pen fright - ened eyes. Called by God to



o - ceans ris - ing, homes and hab - i - ta - tions lost?
 first to suf - fer, pay the price of hu - man greed.
 serve as stew - ards till earth's gar - den greens and thrives,



Can you feel the sea - sons turn - ing? Can you count the bit - ter cost?
 Can you hear the crea - tures cry - ing, beg - ging us to stop and heed?
 can we learn in time to lis - ten? Can we turn and change our lives?

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 Music: LLANSANNAN, Welsh melody
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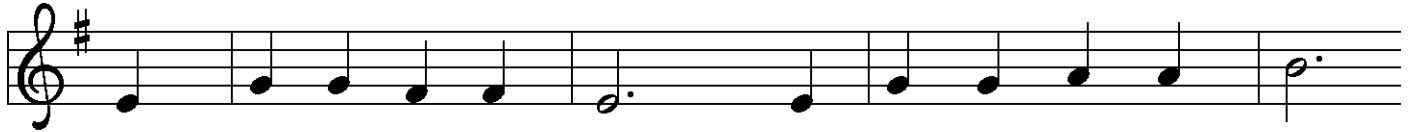
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Greeting

RP 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.**

Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

RP Creator, you made a magnificent cosmos and crafted us human beings as part of it.
Draw us into a fuller relationship with the water, air, creatures, and plants you made as
our kindred. Where we have done harm, empower us to repair, that we live in harmony
with one another, all creation, and you.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you

touch it, or you shall die.’ ”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die,⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 (Read responsively by whole verse.)

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

L A reading from the book of Romans.

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L The word of the Lord.

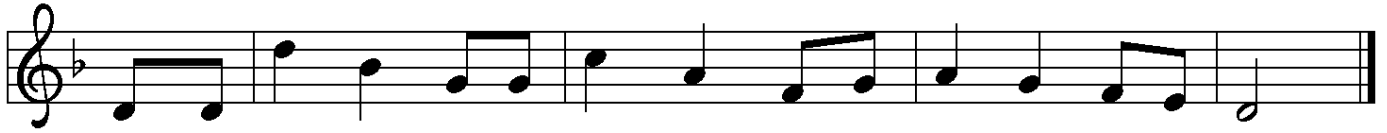
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

RB The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

RB The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Rev. Peter Bunder

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 771: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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PK **Nicene Creed**

C **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers

A God, our maker, healer, and friend,
You are all in for us and all creation. You have given us a beautiful universe to explore.
You have called each one of us by name. You never cease to offer life and forgiveness.
There is no detail of life in this world that has escaped you. We pray now, trusting in
your goodness and mercy. (*A brief time of silence.*) Creator, we pray for your wondrous
creation, of which we are one part. Thank you for the beauty of the Wabash River, and
for the changing Indiana skies that remind us of your steady presence in every season.
Help us to hear and act on the words of those who call for greater care of the natural
world. Lead us into relationships with the earth that reflect your care for all creatures,
and not only human desires.

C God of all,
Meet us here.

A We pray for nations and neighborhoods and all who lead them. We plead for mercy for
places experiencing violence, famine, and hardship especially Gaza, South Sudan,
Ukraine, Iran, and Venezuela. Bring lasting peace where there is war and cooperation
where there is competition. Give servant hearts to all who lead, that they listen to those
they serve and care for those who need protection most. Guide the leaders of West
Lafayette, Mayor Erin Easter, and the Tippecanoe County Commissioners.

C God of all,
Meet us here.

A We pray for those who don't have what they need to get by. Open our hands and our hearts to share what you have given to us with others. Feed those who are hungry, befriend those who are lonely, house those who need shelter, protect those who are unsafe, and bring justice for those who are oppressed. In our own community, we lift up those served by Food Finders Food Bank, and those who serve.

God of all,

C **Meet us here.**

A We pray for those you ask us to remember with our care. We pray for children in the West Lafayette and Lafayette school systems — that they may learn in safe classrooms with teachers equipped and supported to guide them. We pray for Purdue University students navigating stress, transition, and discernment of vocation. We pray for those who live alone, for widows and widowers, and for elders in care facilities throughout our county. We lift up immigrants and international students who now call Greater Lafayette home, that they may experience welcome, dignity, and belonging. Help us be the kind of neighbors who embody Christ's hospitality.

God of all,

C **Meet us here.**

A We pray for the church. You bless us richly through this community of the faithful. Bless our council, ministry teams, and all who serve behind the scenes. We give thanks for the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, Bishop Tim, and the Synod Staff. Renew us in the promises of baptism in this Lenten season and draw us into closer relationships with people of other faiths.

God of all,

C **Meet us here.**

A We pray for healing and wholeness. Thank you for all gifts of healing and recovery. We pray for all those known to us in need of healing and wholeness today, especially Dan S., Jacob S., Jake, Mary and Austin M., Jeff, Wayne E., Betty, Jamie J., Megan O., Jennifer, Mike, Fred G., Brittney, Sally, Sheila, Jean, Nathan and Haley, Renee and Sam R. Heal the sick, comfort those who mourn, and give strength to all who need it. God of all,

C **Meet us here.**

PK God of all, we pray, trusting in your abundant grace.

C **Amen.**

Peace

PK The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Meal

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

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



Offering

Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Donate" tab, this could be your opportunity.

Please Stand

Offering Prayer

- A Let us Pray, God who provides,
we return to you a portion of all that you have given us.
Bless and use these gifts,
our hands, our hearts, our ministry,
to care for the world you so love.
Now prepare us to receive you at this table
and again in the world beyond our doors.
In Jesus' name we pray.
- 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 We have to praise you,
we have to thank you, God,
because the whole universe is filled with your wonders.
On this very day
you overcome the powers of death and destruction forever,
and so, in thankfulness, we join the song of the angels:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n 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 Creator, you made a wondrous world and called it good.
 You planted a garden, and in it, you crafted your creatures,
 even our ancestors.
 When sin, pain, and death entered the world,
 you did not leave us
 but remained a lover and friend of humanity.
 You made outrageous and hope-filled promises
 to Abram and Sarai,
 you brought water from a rock
 when your people wandered in the wilderness,
 you saw the possibilities
 in least and lowly,
 and you knew that life could come
 even from dry old bones.

When at last the time was right,
 you were born to be with us in Jesus
 and joined us in the highs and lows of human existence.
 You met Nicodemus in his nighttime wondering,
 you welcomed the questions of the woman at the well,
 you witnessed the rejection of the man born blind,
 you wept at the grace of Lazarus,
 and you even went through death for us.

On the night of his betrayal and arrest,
knowing it was time to give all of himself,
Jesus took bread, 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.


And so we remind each other and the world:

C Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PK Pour out your Spirit on us, your gathered people,
and on this meal, your gifts of bread and cup.
Through a holy mystery,
let this become for us the body and blood of Christ.
Let it remind us of the unending feast
for which we are bound.
Let it strengthen us,
that we will become the body of Christ
for the world you so love.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Invitation to Communion

PK The table set by Jesus is open to all, and in resurrection Christ is present in this simple food and festive drink. Jesus welcomes friends and strangers to this feast, where the grace of God's love and goodness meet us wherever we are. Here we are welcomed, affirmed, and celebrated with the gifts of God, for us, the people of God.

Distribution

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

Lamb of God

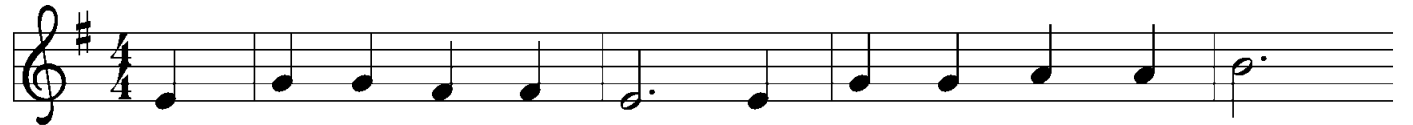


1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 599: *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.

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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 Let us pray,
God, you have revealed yourself to us again
in the holy mystery of bread and cup.
Strengthen us by your presence,
draw us closer to one another as the Body of Christ,
and send us to reveal you
in our all our words and ways.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 808: *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*



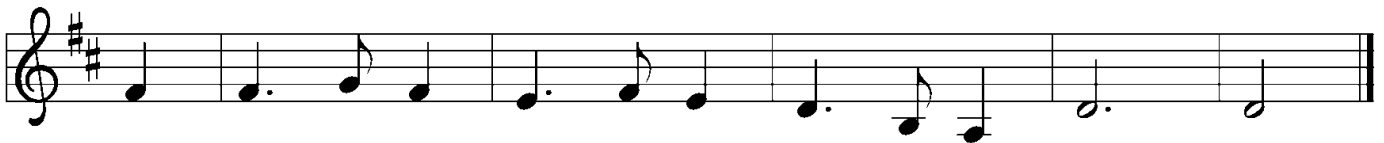
1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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Sending and Benediction

PK As you have met God in this place,
go now to meet God beyond this place.
As you have received the love of Jesus,
go now to give the love of Jesus.
As the Creator has been all in for you,
go now and be all in for the sake of the world.

Gracious God, Parent, Sibling, and Spirit,
bless you as you go.

C Amen.

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

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.

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, Anne. Anne is a Purdue Student working towards a Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology with a concentration in Sports Medicine. She has completed the Red Cross Adult, Child, and Infant First Aid and CPR course, and is AED certified. Anne will welcome your child (ren) during our 9:00 am service and Faith Formation hour. For more information or questions, contact Erin Thompson at erin@osluth.org or 715-304-7575.

PRAYERS

Along with the Indiana Kentucky Synod staff, we lift these faith communities and rostered leaders in our prayers:

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St. George – Edinburgh, IN – Matthew Pillar, SAM
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Rev. Joyce Gerwing-Grimm – Retired – Richmond, IN
Rev. Terri Peterson – Pastor-in-Charge – St. John Evangelist Episcopal Church – Elkhart, IN
Rev. Donna Glazier – Retired – Terre Haute, IN
Rev. Alan Goertermiller – Retired – Indianapolis, IN

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.