

### *Introduction*

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

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*May 3, 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**

*Making Their Way* (arr. by Wayne L. Wold, 2008 Augsburg Fortress)

*O Jesus, I Have Promised* (arr. by Robert Buckley Farlee (Inro. 1, Acc. 2) and Karen E. Black (Intro. 2, Acc. 1), 2023 Augsburg Fortress)

*Please stand in body or spirit as we begin with a Thanksgiving for Baptism, and please face the font.*

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

PK Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

PK Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

PK Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

PK Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.  
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.  
Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

PK Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

PK Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
 Break down barriers that divide us.  
 Fill us with the breath of peace.  
 Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

PK Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
 and for making us a new creation.  
 We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
 now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Ministers may share small splashes of water from the font, all are invited to make the sign of the cross as a remembrance of Baptism.*

**Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 645: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation***



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

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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

*Refrain*



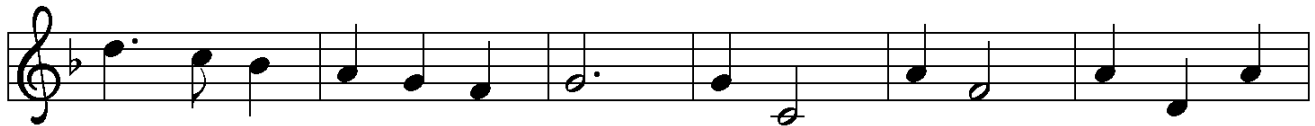
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



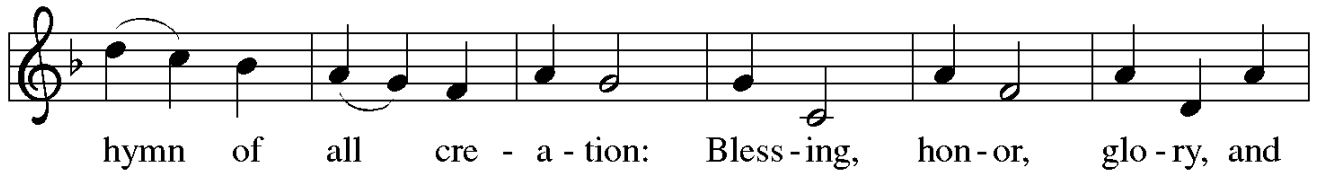
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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

### Prayer of the Day

PK Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Acts.

### **Acts 7:55-60**

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** (Read responsively by whole verse.)

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

L A reading from the book of 1 Peter.

### **1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation: ACS, hymn 933: *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*** (vs. 1 before reading of Gospel & vs. 2 after reading of Gospel)



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622  
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PK The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 14:1-14**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

PK The Gospel of our Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sing Gospel Acclamation verse 2.*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Kristin Rice**

*Please stand.*

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 758: *You Are the Way*



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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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.**

## **Installation of Congregational Council**

*The assembly is seated. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

PK Before we officially install the new OSLC council as they begin their year of service, it is with joy and gratitude that we first give thanks for the service and leadership of the members whose terms of service are concluded. Let's share a sign of thanks to Bob Nielsen, Ainsley Hargus, and Ron Bahr.

*Applause is appropriate here*

PK At the congregational meeting in January, we elected new members to serve for the next three years. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. It is in baptism that we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these kindred will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

PK A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

PK The following people are now serving as your congregational council: Jack Johnson, Laurie Snyder, and Kathy Grogan.

Beloveds, you have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

*The presiding minister addresses those being installed.*

PK On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Jack Johnson, Laurie Snyder, and Kathy Grogan

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

**Installed Response      I will, and I ask God to help me.**

*The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

PK People of God, I ask you:  
Will you support these, your elected leaders,  
and will you share in the mutual ministry  
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

PK I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation.  
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,  
that you may be faithful servants of Christ.  
Amen.

## **Prayers**

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. (*A brief silence.*) God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. We pray for the wellbeing of our planet as we celebrate Earth week, and for human hearts, minds and wills to work for its health. We pray for the healing, resilience, and rebuilding in Midwestern communities recovering from tornadoes, and for all living in areas facing wildfires and wildfire risk. Embolden us to protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. We pray for peace and reconciliation among nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, South Sudan, Ukraine, Venezuela, and the United States. We pray for an end to gun violence, and for the victims of gun violence, especially in the communities of Shreveport, Louisiana and Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as well as tourists visiting the Teotihuacan site near Mexico City. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick, we pray especially for the family of Jeff Doidge, the family of Wayne Ewbank, the family of Don Munson, Ron H., Ann N., Jace C., Mary Ann, Anna, Jim B., Carol W., Joy, Karen S., Dan S., Jeff, Betty, Jamie J., Megan O., Jennifer, Mike, Fred G., Brittney, Sally, Sheila, Jean, Nathan, Haley, Renee and Sam R. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A God of beloved community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. We pray for Christian unity as we celebrate the season Easter, and for an end to interreligious conflict and religious persecution. Make your presence known among our kindred beyond this time of worship. Merciful God,  
**C receive our prayer.**

A God of new beginnings, we thank you for the presence of your Holy Spirit as we have prayed, listened, and discerned together. As we step forward from this season of wondering into a season of action, make us willing to be all in for the future you are unfolding among us. You are calling us to serve our neighbors and to imagine how this place we steward might become a greater blessing for our community. Give us courage for the adventure ahead. When the path feels uncertain, remind us that you are always doing a new thing—and that the One who calls us forward will also provide the way.

C Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

A God of every season, we give you thanks for the students of PLM . We rejoice that they are part of this community, even as we prepare to bid them farewell for a time. Keep them safe as they travel, work, and play. Accompany them through any hardships or challenges they may face. Remind them that the care of this community and the strong love of Jesus Christ go with them. Bless them with joy, hope, and boundless love, that they may share the love of Christ wherever they go, until we meet again. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

PK God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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 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 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 Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,

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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
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 Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

PK O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

PK Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

PK With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
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** God's grace overflows into us through this meal and broken bread and festive drink. No one is turned away from this table because God's love welcomes and receives all of us. Come, for all is ready, and there is a place for you here.

**Distribution**

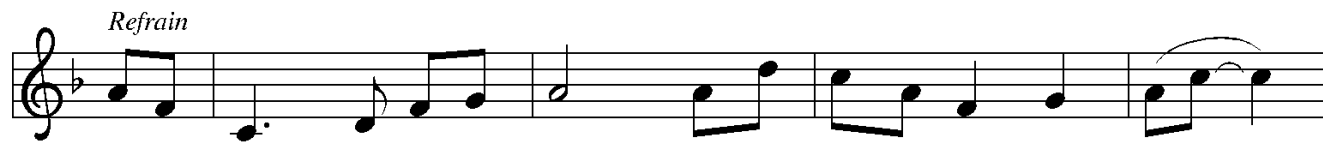
*There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.*

**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.

## Communion Hymn: ELW (red), 477: *I Received the Living God*

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



*Refrain*

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

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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,  
Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.

C **Amen.**

## Blessing of the Graduates

PK Let us pray.  
Holy God, with joy we celebrate Emily Aurelio, Doyin Famuyiwa, and Abby Titus and praise you for guiding them to this milestone of their undergraduate commencement. We also celebrate with Sue and Dave Aufderheide at their granddaughter Audrey's high school graduation. You have sustained them through times of challenge and growth. During this season of transition, to new places, jobs, and further education, help them remember the promises of baptism: that you are with them always, and that they are beloved. As they have been a gift to us, we send them now to be a blessing to the world, through Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

PK You have been a blessing to us. We now bless you.

**C In this season of change, God is with you.  
May the peace of Christ and the love of God  
go with you always. Amen.**

PK Beloveds, go out into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold to what is good;  
return no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak;  
help the suffering;  
honor all people;  
love and serve our God,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

PK Let us pray. All-wise and loving God, we give thanks for your gifts to us: for creating us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us in baptism as your people. Look with love on these graduates and bless them as they complete this season of their studies. By your Spirit, help them to use their gifts for your glory and for the good of all people. In your lovingkindness, guide them in their journey. We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## The Sending

### An Invitation

#### Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 546: *To Be Your Presence*



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
love ex - pressed,  
church, re - jice,

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Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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### Blessing

PK God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

### Dismissal

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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**Worship Assistants Today:** Julie Huetteman (Musician), Dick Rahdert (Assisting Minister), Bob Nielsen (Lector), Herm Snyder (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Matt Ohland (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

**While Pastor Randy is on sabbatical, until July 13, Pastor Kristin is available for all pastoral care for the OSLC community and PLM students. Please contact her at: 262-758-1235 or by email: [pastor@plm.org](mailto:pastor@plm.org).**

**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](mailto: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:

Trinity – Lebanon, IN – Rev. Joshua Penumaka  
Trinity – Richmond, IN – Rev. Dan Forehand, Pastor of Record  
Trinity – Terre Haute, IN – Rev. Laura Applegate  
Trinity – Union City, IN – Rev. Cliff Nunn  
Trinity – Valparaiso, IN – Rev. Timothy Leitzke

Grace Unlimited – Butler University – Rev. Peter Grey

Rev. Lyle McKee – Retired – Bloomington, IN  
Deacon Rodelyn McPherson – Retired – Muncie, IN  
Rev. Amy Lindeman Allen – Christian Theological Seminary – Indianapolis, IN  
Rev/ Thomas McShannock – Retired – W. Lafayette, IN  
Rev. Robert Meckley – Retired – Fountain City, IN

Bishop Ben Quanbeck and the Montana Synod

## 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.