

*I will
give you
rest*

MATTHEW 11:28



Introduction

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek

God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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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

Day by Day (arr. intro. by Rachel Trelstad Porter; acc. by David M. Cherwien; 2000 Augsburg Fortress)
Be Thou My Vision (setting by Greg Bottomley, 2013 Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand.

Call to Worship (lectionarylitergies.blogspot.com)

PL Come to our God, all who hunger for life:
C **for it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace**

PL Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:
C **for it is God who provides the rest we need.**

PL Come to our God, all who are weighed down:
C **for it is our God who carries our burdens with us.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

PL Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

PL Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PL Compassionate God,

C **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

PL Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

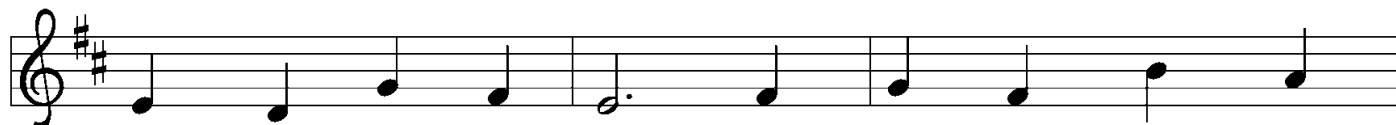
Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 620: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5)



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 my prophet, priest, and king,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
 how cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
 with every fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death!

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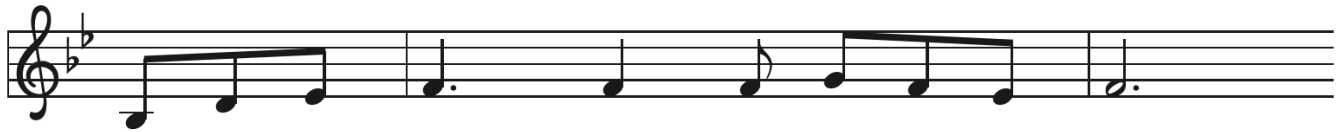
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Greeting

PL 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

PL You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Zechariah.

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-14 (Read responsively by whole verse.)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

L A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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.

Repeat alleluia



Blessed are you, Lord of^l heav'n and earth;* you have revealed these^l things to infants.

PL The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying: ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

PL The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Libby Manning

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 790: *Day by Day*



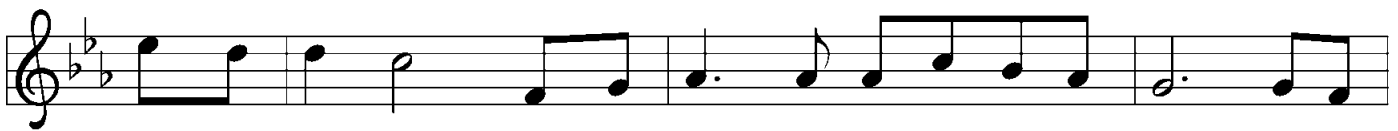
1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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PL 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 Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. (*A brief silence.*) God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
A God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. We pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, Mali, South Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar, and Venezuela. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

A God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need especially Kathy H., Lea L., Mary Jo B., Jay P., Charlotte E., Ishraq's family, Sara F., Joe, Ron H., Ann N., Jane C., Mary Ann, Anna, Jim B., Carol W., Joy, Dan S., Betty, Jamie J., Megan O., Jennifer, Mike, Fred G., Sally, Jean, Nathan, Haley, Renee and Sam R. We pray all to have access to affordable housing, healthcare, groceries, and other basic needs. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. We pray for the communities impacted by gun violence in Niger; the Philippines; and Montreal, Canada. God of grace,

C **hear 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.

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

PL Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Peace

PL 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 Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

PL The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

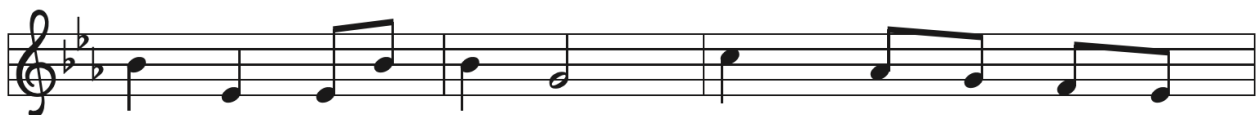
PL Lift up your hearts.

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

PL Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PL It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

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

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

PL O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
 Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
 the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
 Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
 The earth is full of your glory.

C **The earth is full of your glory.**

PL O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
 In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
 Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
 Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
 Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
 The earth is full of your glory.

C **The earth is full of your glory.**

PL We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
 so filled with your love for this earth.

On 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
 The earth is full of your glory.

C **The earth is full of your glory.**

PL O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.

C The earth is full of your glory.

PL Amen, and Amen.

C Amen, and Amen.

PL **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

PL 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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: ELW (red), 512: *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Please stand.

PL The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray,
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen.

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 765: *Lord of All Hopefulness*



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Blessing

PL Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C Amen.

Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C Thanks be to God.

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Worship Assistants Today: Julie Huetteman (Musician), Mark Hermodson (Cantor), Reuben Peterson (Assisting Minister), Bob Nielsen (Lector), Vera Weiser (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Jesse Grogan (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

Today we welcome Pastor Libby Manning, as our guest preacher. She serves as director of the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program hosted by Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and as consultant to the national Early Career Initiative of Lilly Endowment Inc. She holds a bachelor's degree from Davidson College and an M.Div. from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and is ordained in Word and Sacrament ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are grateful for Pastor Libby Manning's leadership this morning.

While Pastor Randy is on sabbatical, until July 13, and Pastor Kristin is on an 8 day immersion and two day travel on either side, Pastor Marc Cohen of Holy Trinity is available for all pastoral care emergencies for the OSLC community. Please contact him at: 765-447-4205 or by email: pastor@htlcweb.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.

Joys and Concerns can be submitted by filling out the cards which can be found in the narthex or in the pew attendance pads, contacting Erin Thompson in the OSLC office (765-743- 2931) or at erin@osluth.org. You can also contact any of the Care Team: Sue Aufderheide (ska@purdue.edu), Sherri Guido (dr.guido@comcast.net) or Vera Weiser (weiser.vera@gmail.com). We will run the concern for two weeks under **Concerns** and then move it to on-going prayer list until further notice. The **Joys** will also be run for two weeks.

PRAYERS

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

Epiphany – Ft. Wayne, IN – Rev. Richard Hartman

Faith – Avon, IN – Rev. Doug Givan

Faith – Ft. Wayne, IN – Rev. David Williamson, Pastor of Record

Faith – Goshen, IN – Rev. Jessica King

Faith – Jeffersonville, IN – Rev. Claire Ackleow

Grace Unlimited – Butler University – Indianapolis, IN – Rev. Peter Grey

Rev. Christine Schrey – Retired – Hebron, IN

Rev. Steven Schwier – Retired – Granger, IN

Rev. Priscilla Geerdes – Assistant to the Bishop for Transition Ministry – Indianapolis, IN

Rev. Alice Smith – Retired – Columbia City, IN

Rev. Stan Sneeringer – Retired – Ft. Wayne, IN

Bishop William Tesch and the Northwestern Minnesota 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.