



Introduction

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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August 23, 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

Give Me Jesus (arr. by Anne Krentz Organ; 2018 Augsburg Fortress)
We All Are One in Mission (setting by John Carter; 2016 Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand.

Call to Worship (lectionarylitergies.blogspot.com)

PK In a time of bitterness and pain,
C **God raised up Moses,**
and changed the lives of a people.

PK From the shadow of death,
C **God raised up Jesus,**
and changed the lives of all people.

PK In every time, and in every place,
C **God raises up witnesses,**
people whose lives are changed forever.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

PK Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

PK Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PK 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.

PK 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 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



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

PK O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138 (Read responsively by whole verse.)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

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

Romans 12:1-8

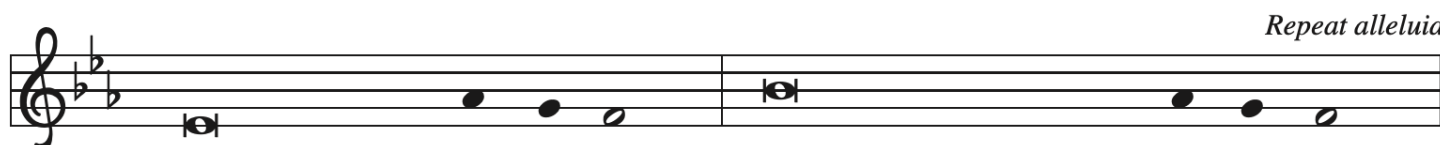
- ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.
- ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



PK The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

PK The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

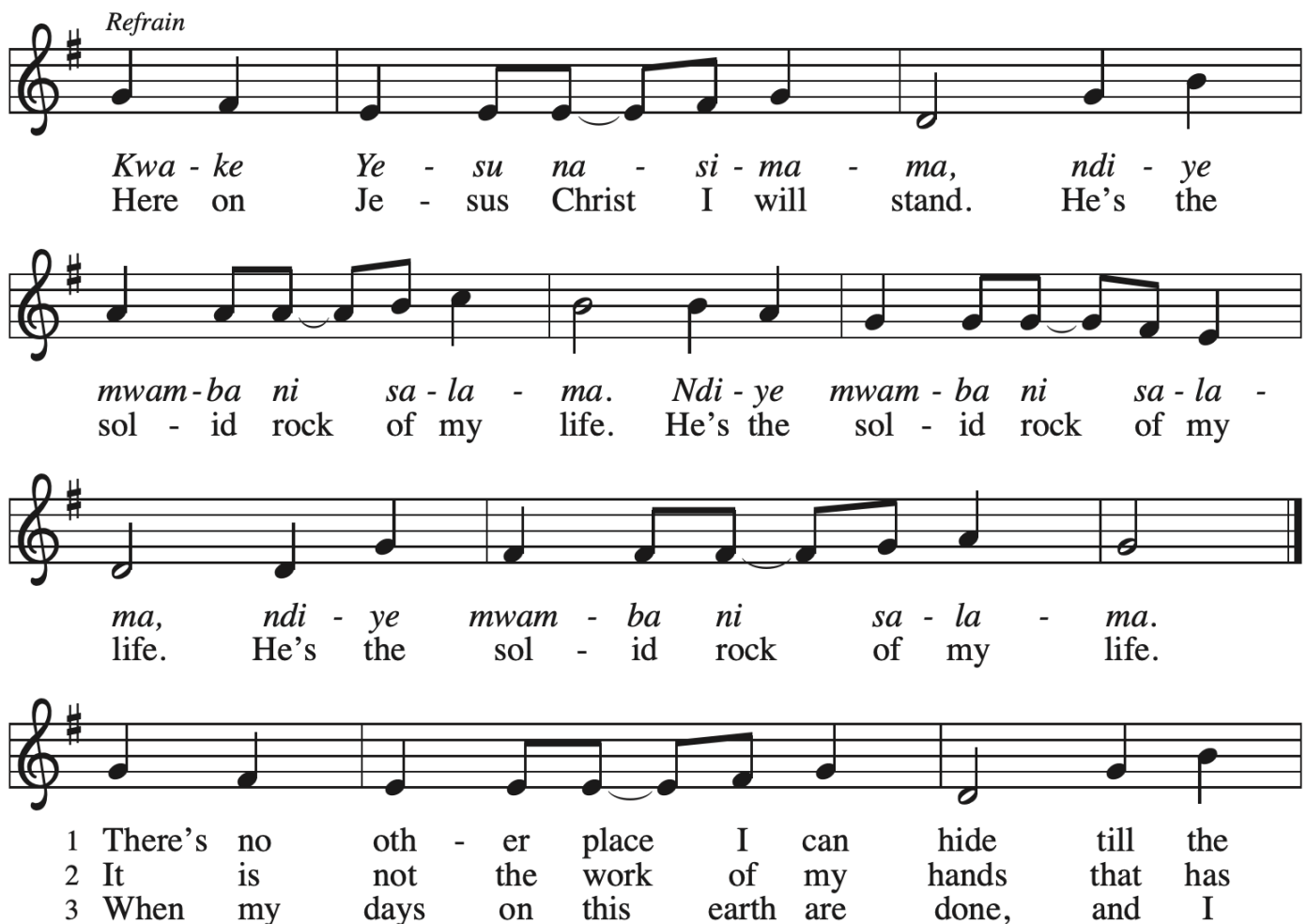
Sermon

Pastor Kristin Rice

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day: ACS, hymn 1024: *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

Refrain



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is the refrain, which is repeated. The second and third staves continue the melody. The fourth staff contains three verses of the hymn.

Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
2 It is not the work of my hands that has
3 When my days on this earth are done, and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y



flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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PR 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 With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. (*A brief silence.*) A God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen your church throughout the world. Bless bishops, pastors, deacons, missionaries, teachers, and all the baptized who proclaim your grace. Where the church has become fearful, give us courage. Where we have become too comfortable, stir us to action. Where division threatens the body of Christ, teach us again to listen, forgive, and love. Help Our Saviour to be a place where your love is made known, all people are honored, and there is room for everyone. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

A Creator God, you spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness, the Wabash River flowing through our community, and all creatures great and small reveal your glory. We pray especially for communities across Indiana recovering from recent storms and historic flooding. Be with those whose homes, farms, businesses, and livelihoods have been damaged, and strengthen first responders, volunteers, neighbors, and all who help with recovery. Teach us to care for this earth not simply as a resource to use, but as the beautiful creation you have entrusted to us. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of the nations, you desire justice and peace for all your children. We pray for people living beneath the shadow of war and violence. We remember the people of Ukraine and Russia as attacks continue and civilians suffer. We pray for Palestinians and Israelis, for the people of Gaza who long for food, safety, healing, and a lasting peace, and for all throughout the Middle East caught in violence and uncertainty. We remember the people of Sudan and all places of conflict that disappear too quickly from our headlines but never from your sight. Protect civilians, sustain those providing humanitarian aid, comfort those who mourn, and give leaders the courage to choose diplomacy over destruction, justice over vengeance, and peace over war. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God who hears the cries of your children, draw near to all who are struggling today: those living with addiction or mental illness; those who are lonely or afraid; those facing housing or food insecurity; those who are incarcerated; those waiting for a diagnosis or treatment; caregivers who are weary; and all who wonder what tomorrow will bring. Surround them with people who will listen, accompany, and care. We pray especially for Edna H., Tim S., Shelly D., Mary W., Lea M., Mary Jo B., Ishraq's family, Sara F., Joe, Ron H., Jane C., Mary Ann, Anna, Jim B., Carol W., Jake, Dan S., Betty, Jamie J., Megan O., Jennifer, Mike, Fred G., Sally, Jean, Nathan, Haley, Renee and Sam R. And for those we name now, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts. (*A brief silence.*) Hold them all in your healing and compassionate embrace. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of wisdom and discovery, as another academic year begins, we give thanks for the students, faculty, staff, and families of Purdue University and the schools throughout our community. We pray especially for students arriving in West Lafayette for the first time and for those returning to continue their studies. For those who are excited, those who are overwhelmed, and those who are already wondering whether they belong, surround them with communities of welcome and friendship. Bless Purdue Lutheran Ministry and all campus ministries as they offer hospitality, accompaniment, and a place to ask questions of faith and life. Help us at Our Saviour remember the gift and responsibility of being neighbors to this campus. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of many gifts, you draw together people of different generations, experiences, abilities, perspectives, and passions and call us one body in Christ. We give thanks for the gifts within this congregation—for those who worship and sing, teach and learn, cook and clean, visit and pray, lead and serve, repair and organize, welcome strangers and care for neighbors. Help us recognize gifts we have overlooked and invite one another more deeply into the work you have given us to do. When we disagree, give us patience. When relationships are strained, give us humility. And in all things, keep Christ at the center of our life together. 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, wondered, and discerned together about the future of Our Saviour and Purdue Lutheran Ministry. As we move from wondering toward action, make us willing to be all in for the future you are unfolding among us. You have entrusted this place to us—not simply for ourselves, but so that it might become an even greater blessing for our neighbors and community. Give wisdom to our Property Development Team, our Council, Purdue Lutheran Ministry, and all who will help us discern the possibilities before us. Give us courage to ask difficult questions, patience to listen to one another, and faith to follow where you lead. When the path feels uncertain, remind us that the future of this ministry does not rest solely upon us. You are already at work. Help us trust that the One who calls us forward will also provide the way. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

A God of resurrection, your steadfast love endures forever. We remember with thanksgiving all the saints who have gone before us, those whose faith shaped our faith and whose love continues to live within us. Comfort all who grieve, especially those for whom an empty chair or familiar memory still brings an ache. Strengthen us in the promise that neither death nor life nor anything in all creation can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus, until the day you gather us with all your saints at your eternal banquet. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

PR Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those too deep for words. We entrust them to you, confident not that we have prayed perfectly, but that you hear your children and hold this whole world in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

Peace

PR 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

- PR The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

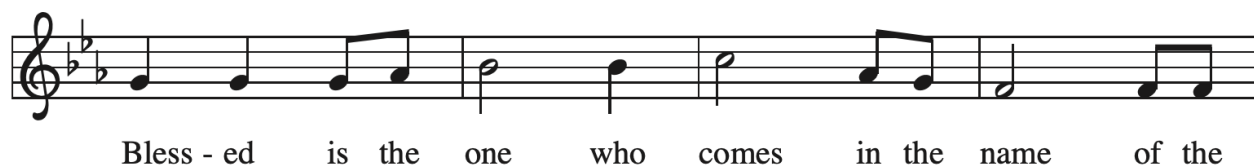
- PR Lift up your hearts.

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

- PR Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

- PR 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:





- PR 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.**
- PR 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.**
- PR 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.**

PR 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.**

PR Amen, and Amen.

C **Amen, and Amen.**

PR **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

PR 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), 484: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (vs. 4 & 5)

Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam-ly, Lord, we fol-low and re-joice.
that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

Please stand.

PR 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 576: *We All Are One in Mission*



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Blessing

PR 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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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.

Would you like to hear the Pastor, Assisting Minister, Lector, and announcements better? Our sanctuary is served both by a hearing loop and by Auracast. You can use our headphones or your hearing aids.

1. If you have hearing aids that support a telecoil, turn your hearing aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.
2. If you have hearing aids that support Auracast, turn on Auracast (probably on the smartphone connected to your aids) and select the stream labeled "OSLC Sanctuary".
3. If you want to use headphones, ask an usher for a pair of headphones.

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:

Hope – Columbia City, IN – Rev. Matthew Converse

Hope – Frankfort, KY – Rev. Mary Metzger, Pastor of Record

Immanuel – Plymouth, IN – Scott Drake and Amy Jackson, SAMs

King of Glory – Carmel, IN – Rev. Erik Allen

Lutheran Church of the Cross – Muncie, IN – Deacon Marilyn Smith, Interim

Valparaiso University Campus Ministry – Valparaiso, IN - Rev. Katherine Museus

Rev. Dennis Zimmerman – Retired – Alexandria, KY

Rev. Donald Abdon – Retired – Clayton, IN

Deacon Lake Lambert – President of Hanover College – Hanover, IN

Rev. Jane Aicher – Retired – Valparaiso, IN

Rev. Steve Albertin – Retired – Zionsville, IN

Bishop Donna Simon and the Central States 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.