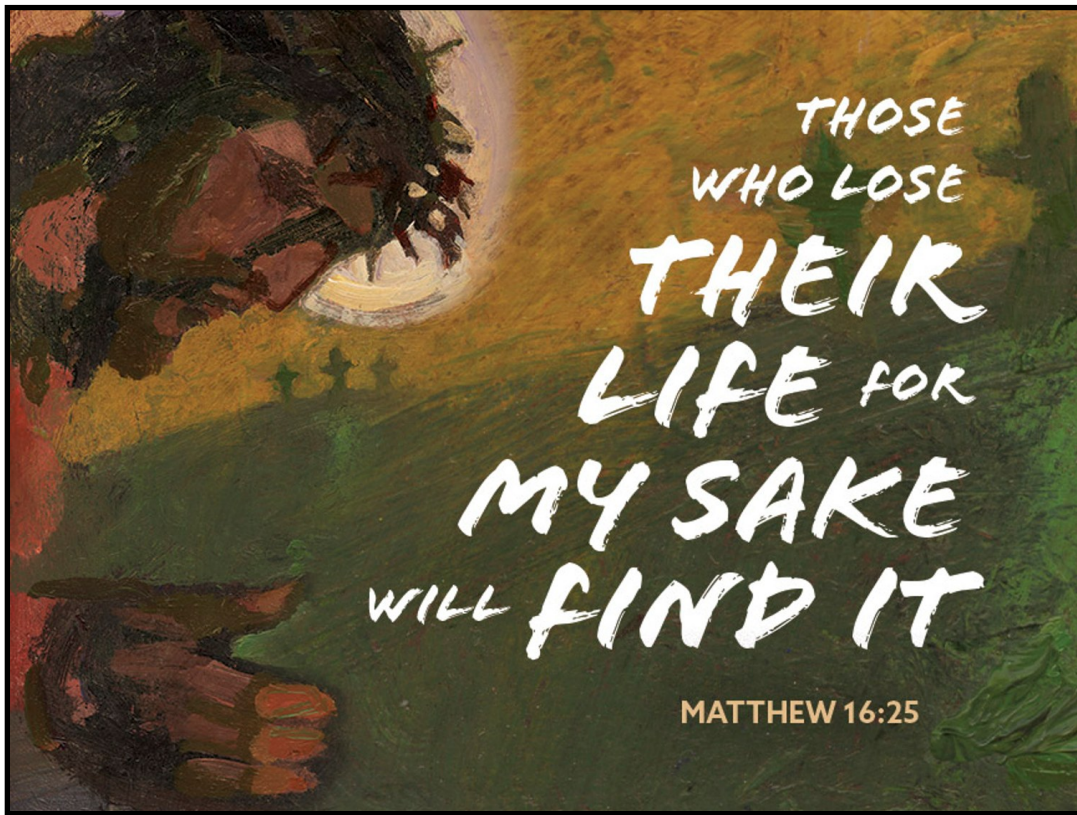




Introduction

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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August 30, 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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (setting by Nancy M. Raabe, 2025 Augsburg Fortress; setting by Valerie A. Floeter, 2017 Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand.

Call to Worship (lectionarylitergies.blogspot.com)

- PR Gathered as God's people,
we come to worship together:
- C **singing praises to the One who loves us,
opening our hearts to the One who calls us.**
- PR Called to be followers of Jesus,
we come to share our lives together:
- C **to celebrate the joys of our hearts,
to mingle our tears with God's.**
- PR Challenged to become partners with the Spirit,
we will seek peace and hope:
- C **offering our food to our enemies,
giving a drink of water to those
who have drained our souls.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

C **Amen.**

PR Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PR 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.**

PR 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 879: *For the Beauty of the Earth*



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Greeting

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

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

PR O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26:1-8 (Read responsively by whole verse.)

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

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

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes¹ of our hearts,* so that we may know the hope to which¹ God has called us.

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

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

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”

²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 798: *Will You Come and Follow Me*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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 For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry may be anchored in the love of Christ. When fear, division, or uncertainty tempt us to turn inward, give us courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Bless the ministry of Our Saviour Lutheran Church and Purdue Lutheran Ministry. Sustain Pr. Randy, Pr. Kristin Rice, and all who proclaim your grace, welcome the stranger, seek justice, and make Christ's love known in word and deed. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows upon the earth may thrive. Bring relief to communities recovering from storms and flooding here in Indiana and throughout the world, and to places threatened by drought, wildfire, extreme heat, and other disasters. Comfort those who have lost homes, livelihoods, and loved ones. Give wisdom and endurance to first responders, relief workers, farmers, and all who care for the land and its people. Teach us to tend your creation with gratitude and responsibility. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A For the nations and all in authority, that they seek justice, mercy, and peace rather than power through violence. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, Sudan, and all places torn apart by war and unrest. Protect civilians, children, medical workers, journalists, peacemakers, and those providing humanitarian aid. Open pathways for food, medicine, and shelter to reach those in desperate need. Strengthen diplomats and all who labor for ceasefires, reconciliation, the release of captives, and a just and lasting peace. Turn the hearts of leaders away from vengeance and toward the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A For all those in need, that they may know your healing and care. Ensure that all your children have safe access to food, clean water, shelter, medical care, and communities where they may live without fear. Be especially near to those experiencing hunger, homelessness, addiction, loneliness, grief, or uncertainty about what tomorrow will bring. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit, especially Sandy M., 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. Surround them, their families, caregivers, and medical teams with your strength and peace. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A For this congregation and for Purdue Lutheran Ministry, that we remain strong in faith and united in Christ even when we do not always agree. Bless our Council, ministry teams, committees, study groups, staff, volunteers, and all who offer their gifts in service. Give us humility to listen before speaking, courage to have difficult conversations with grace, and wisdom to recognize your Spirit at work among us. Make OSLC and PLM places where all people know they are seen, valued, welcomed, and beloved. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A For Purdue University and the Greater Lafayette community as a new academic year begins. Bless students who are finding their way around campus, those far from home for the first time, and those wondering where they will belong. Be with international students and their families, faculty and staff, teachers and administrators, and all whose work supports learning and discovery. Bless Pr. Kristin Rice and the ministry of PLM as they welcome students into community. May our shared ministry offer a place of rest for the weary, food for the hungry, friendship for the lonely, questions for the curious, and grace for everyone who comes through our doors. 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 For the faithful departed, who now rest in the fullness of your promises. We give thanks for the saints who have shaped our faith, loved us, challenged us, and shown us something of your grace. Comfort all who grieve, and renew our hope in the promise that neither death nor life can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**

PR Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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:

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.

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.**

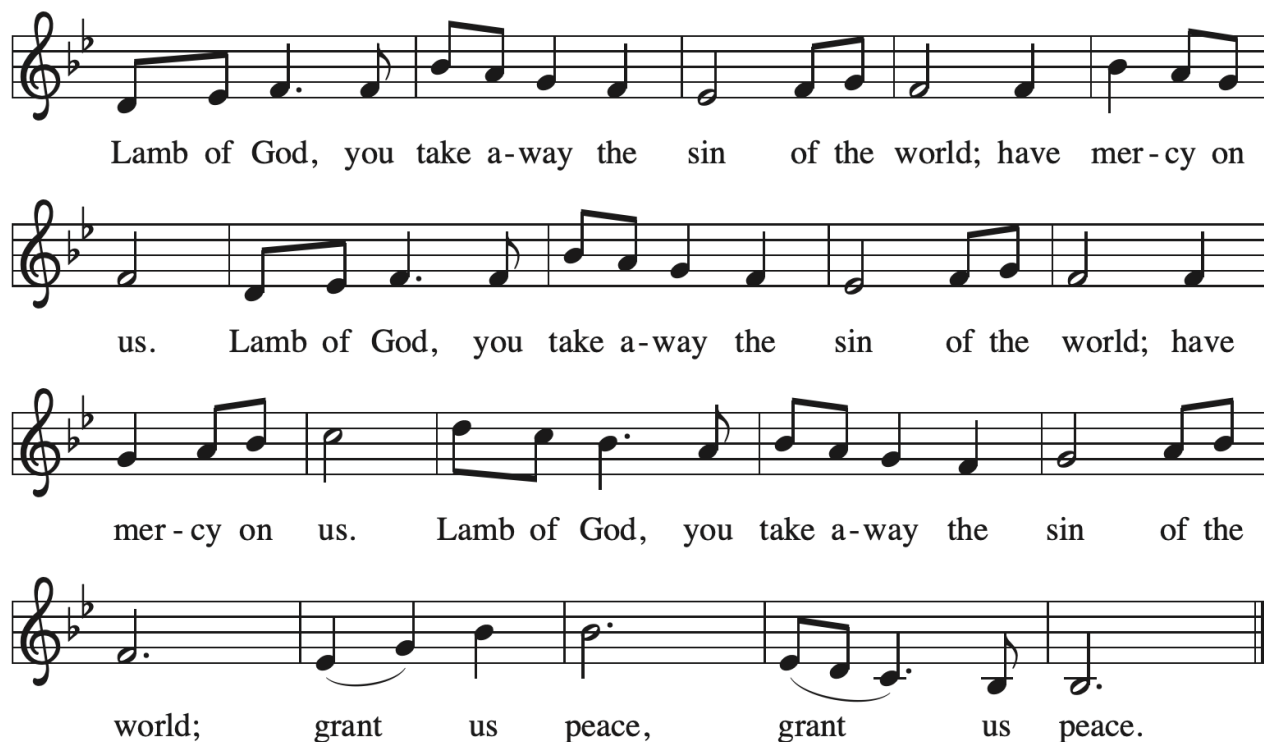
Invitation to Communion

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

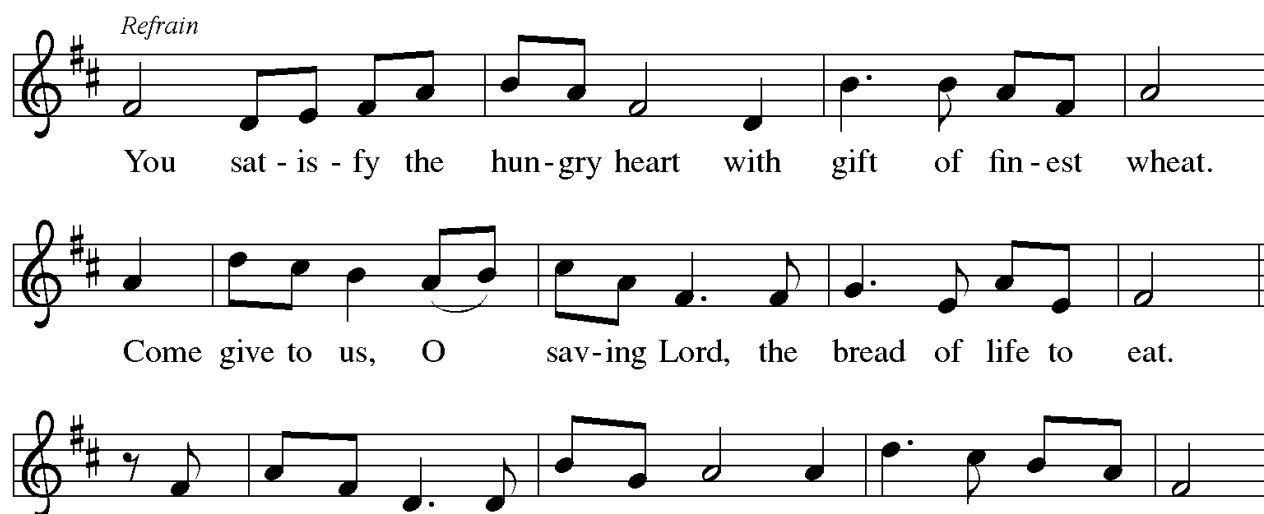
There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

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*



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,



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.

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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

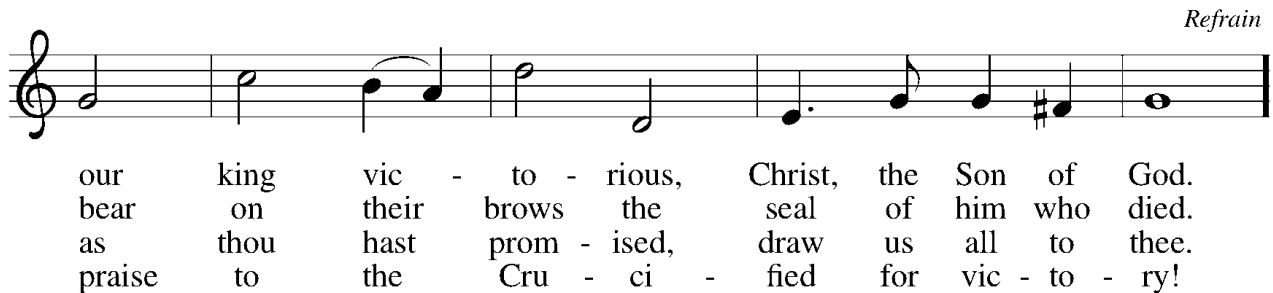
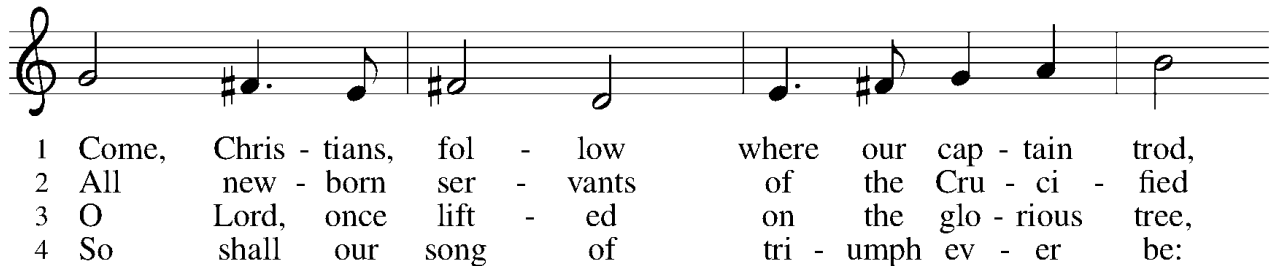
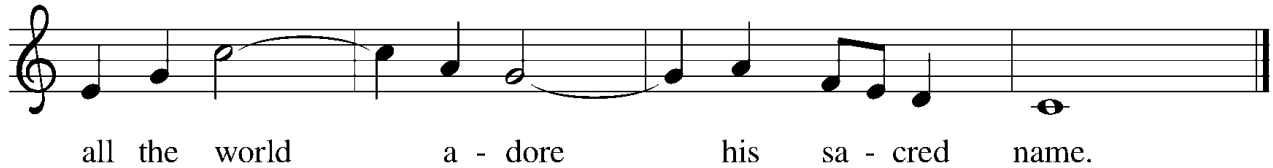
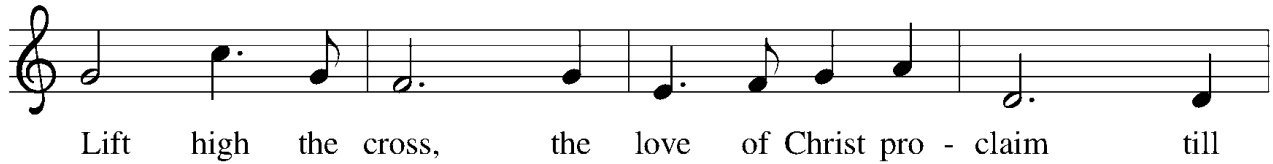
A Let us pray,
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and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

C **Amen.**

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 660: *Lift High the Cross*



Refrain

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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:

Mara Evangelical – Indianapolis, IN – Rev. Khai Cho
Marquardt – Monroeville, IN – Rev. Paul Row, Pastor of Record
Messiah – Brownsburg, IN – Rev. Roland Lindeman, Interim
Messiah – Ft. Wayne, IN – Rev. Brian Spahr, Deacon Eric Black
Mt. Pleasant – Kendallville, IN – Rev. John Roberts, Pastor of Record

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries – Angola, IN – Chris Walter, Director
Rev. Dwight Anderson – Retired – Ft. Wayne, IN

Deacon Ruth Baker – Retired – LaPorte, IN
April Lynch – Administrative Assistant to the Bishop– I-K Synod
Rev. Ronald Barnett – Retired – Valparaiso, IN
Rev. Herb Berry – Retired – McCordsville, IN

Bishop Becca Middeke-Conlin and the Arkansas-Oklahoma 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.