



Introduction

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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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

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee (setting by Cindy Berry; 1989 Pilot Point Music)
Jesus Loves Me (setting by Michael Fischer; 2000 Lillenas Publishing Company)

Please stand.

Blessing of the School Kits

PR God of wonder and creation, you fill the world with curiosity, wisdom,
and the joy of learning. Today we bring before you these school kits,
prepared with loving hands and generous hearts.

C Bless these gifts and those who will receive them.

PR We give you thanks for notebooks and pencils, crayons and rulers, scissors
and all the supplies gathered here—ordinary things that can become tools
for learning, creativity, discovery, and hope.

C We give thanks for the gifts you provide.

PR We give you thanks for all who donated supplies, packed bags, shared
laughter and stories, and worked together to prepare these kits.

C We give thanks for the joy of serving together.

PR We pray especially for the children and young people who will receive
these kits. Bless their learning and their dreams. Bless their teachers,
families, and communities. Where poverty, disaster, displacement, or
conflict makes education difficult, open pathways of possibility and hope.

C Bless all who learn, teach, and grow.

PR We give thanks for the ministry of Lutheran World Relief and for partners around the world who will carry these kits from our hands into the hands of our neighbors. Remind us that across languages, cultures, borders, and miles, we belong to one human family.

C **Make us partners in your love.**

PR Gracious God, bless these school kits and all who will receive them. May each pencil write a new possibility, each notebook hold new ideas, and each kit become a small sign of your abundant love. And bless us, too, that we may continue to see our neighbors near and far, and joyfully use what you have given us for the sake of the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us to love and serve our neighbor.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

PR Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C **Amen.**

PR Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

PR Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

PR Hear this good news:
 We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
 in whom there is no condemnation,
 but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
 Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ACS, hymn 977: *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to
 that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,
 some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and
 vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es
 all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

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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

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.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

Prayer of the Day

PR Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (Read responsively by whole verse.)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

L A second reading from the book of Philippians.

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



PR The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 522: *As We Gather at Your Table*



1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

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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.**

Prayers

- A** Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (A brief silence.) Holy God, you gather people of every nation and tradition into your abundant love. Strengthen your church in its witness to the gospel. Bless the work of the World Council of Churches and all who build relationships across religious differences. Where fear divides, teach us reconciliation; where hatred takes root, inspire compassion and peace. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A** God of creation, you lead us beside still waters and renew the face of the earth. Protect our forests, rivers, oceans, and all living things. Be near to those affected by flooding in Nepal and Spain, severe storms, and other natural disasters. Strengthen relief workers and communities rebuilding their lives. Give us wisdom and courage to care for your creation amid the growing challenges of climate change. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**

- A God of peace, we pray for all whose lives are torn apart by war and violence, especially in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan, Iran, Syria, Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Myanmar. As we remember the violence of October 7, 2023, and the suffering that has followed, comfort all who grieve and protect those who live in fear. Guide leaders toward justice, reconciliation, and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of justice and compassion, guide our nation and all nations through elections and times of political transition. Give wisdom and integrity to lawmakers, judges, and all entrusted with authority. Protect immigrants, refugees, victims of violence and trafficking, and all who are vulnerable to injustice. Help us seek the common good and honor the dignity of every person. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of abundance, you prepare a table where there is enough for all. Remember those struggling to afford food, housing, medicine, and other necessities. Bless food banks, community ministries, and all who serve their neighbors. Inspire generosity and compassion so that no one is forgotten or left without hope. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A God of healing, you promise to wipe away every tear. We give thanks for the gifts of curiosity, discovery, and scientific research, and for all whose work brings healing and hope. Bless healthcare workers, researchers, and those responding to the spread of disease throughout the world. Surround with your compassion all who are sick, grieving, lonely, anxious, or in need of your care, especially Vera W., Helmut W., the family of Anne Welsh, Mark E., David S., Sandy M., Tim S., Shelly D., Mary W., Lea M., Mary Jo B., Ishraq's family, Sara F., Joe, Edna and Ron H., Jane C., Mary Ann, Anna, Jim B., Carol W., Jake, Dan S., Claudia S., Betty, Jamie J., Megan O., Jennifer, Mike, Fred G., Sally, Jean, Nathan, Haley, Renee, and Sam R. Give strength to caregivers and companionship to all who feel alone. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of welcome and new beginnings, we give thanks for your Spirit at work among OSLC and Purdue Lutheran Ministry. As we begin a new season of discernment with Relèven, guide our listening, learning, and imagining. Give us courage without rushing, patience without fear, and grace when we disagree. Help us open our doors, our hearts, and our lives so that this place and our ministries may become an even greater blessing to our neighbors and community. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving all who have died and now rest in your eternal care. Comfort those who grieve and strengthen us in the promise that nothing, not even death, can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

PK Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift before you these prayers, those we have spoken aloud, and those that remain within our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Let us pray,
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

PK The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

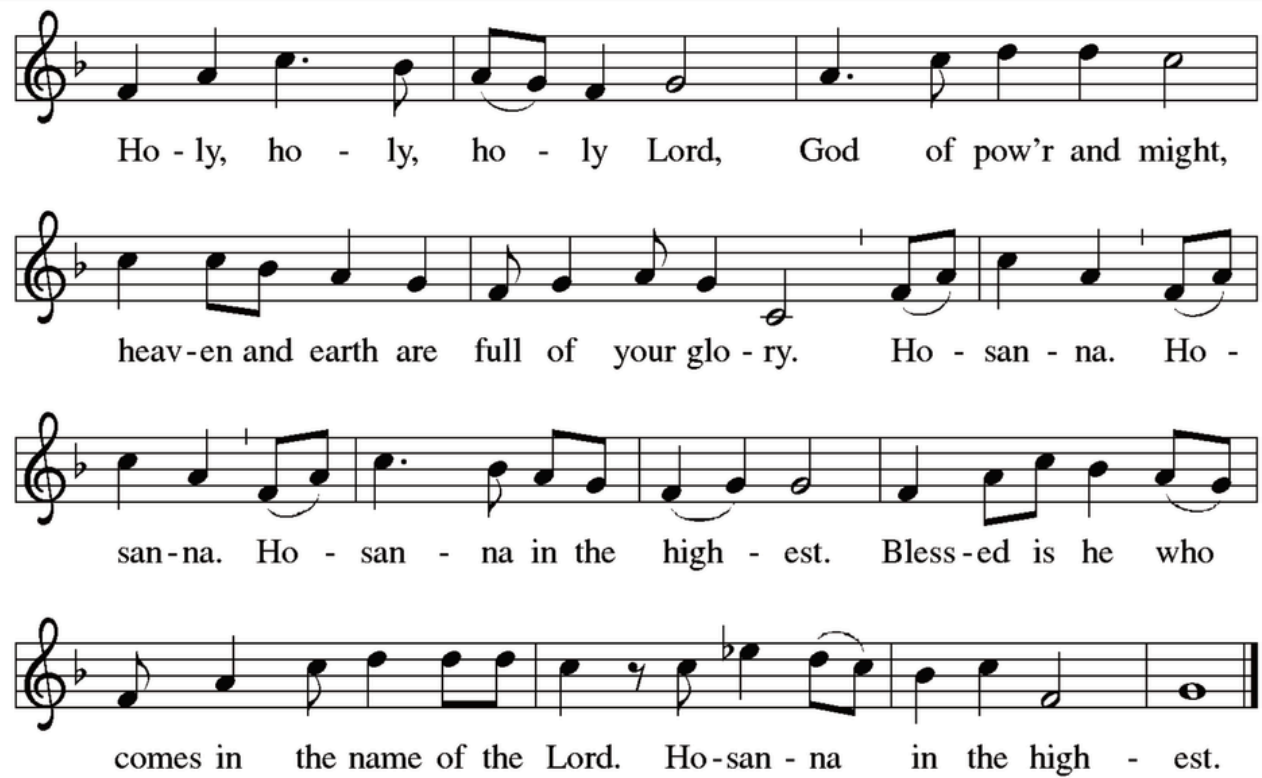
PK Lift up your hearts.

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,
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:



PK Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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 of 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

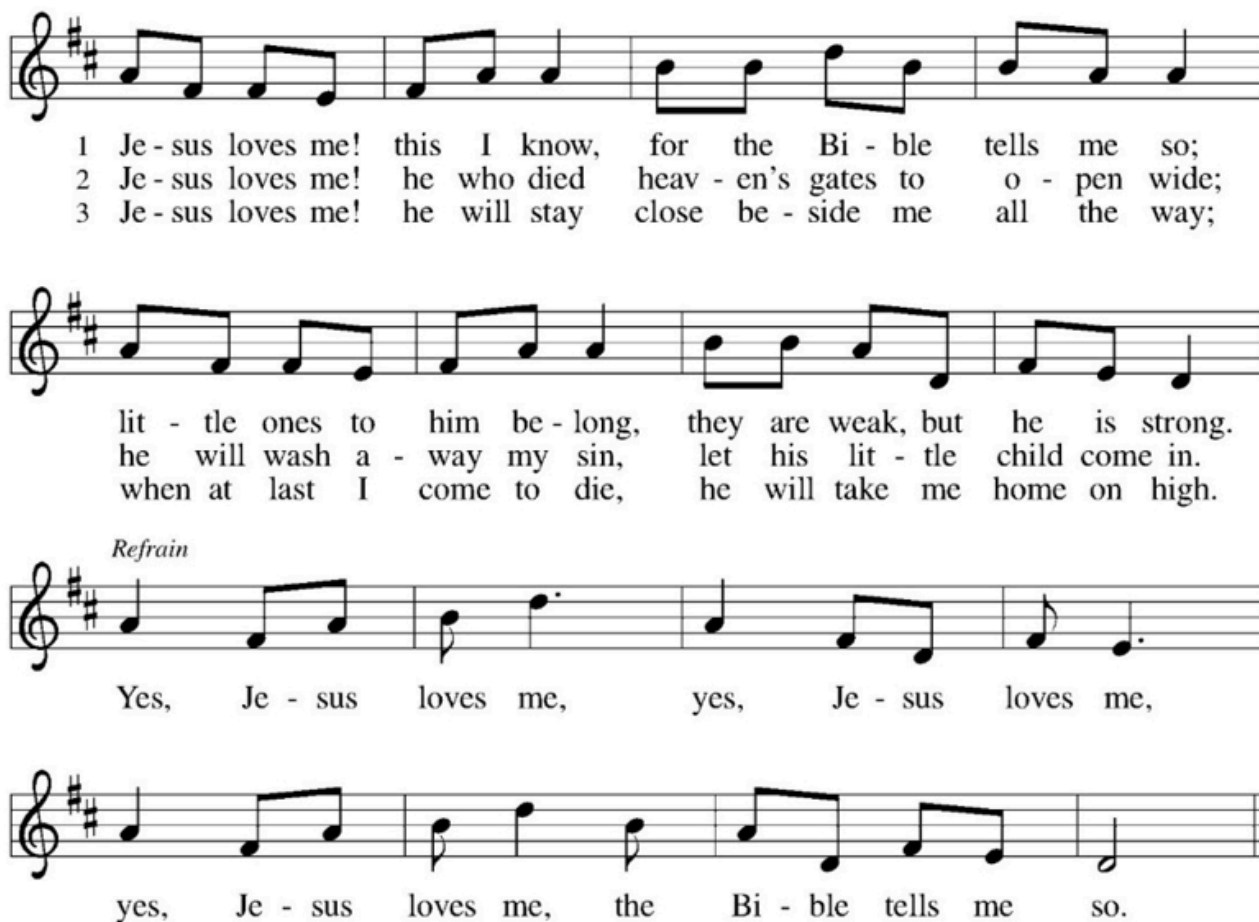
There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

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), hymn 595: *Jesus Loves Me!*



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;
lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.
Refrain
Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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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 forever.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray,
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 547: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,
the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave,
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,
the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve,
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing
to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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Blessing

PK The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

PK The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PK The God of grace
⌘ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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? 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:

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Bishop Greg Busboom, and Central/ Southern Illinois Synod staff

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.