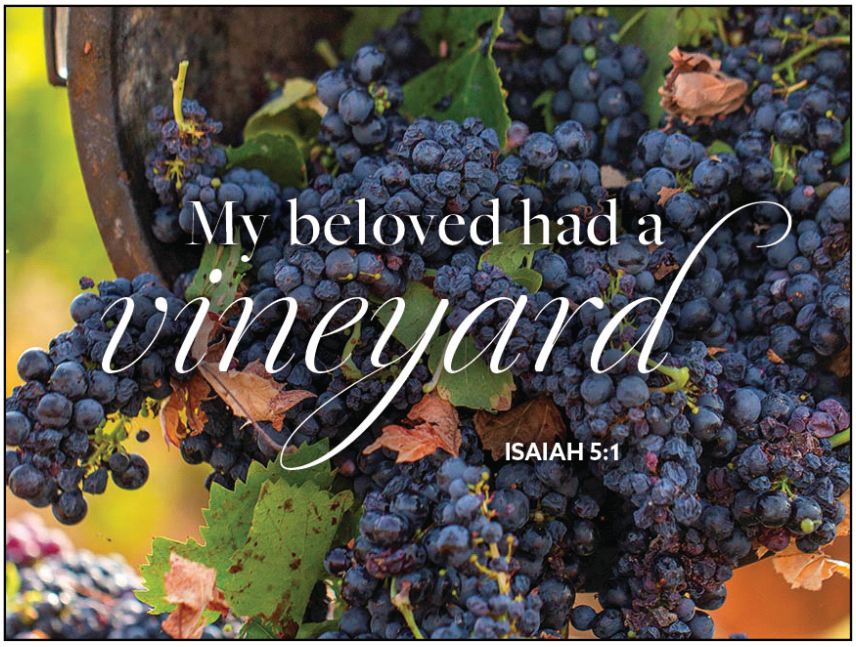


Introduction

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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October 4, 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

Jesus Loves Me (setting by J. Wayne Kerr; 1999 Concordia Publishing House)
O God, Who Gives Us Life (setting by John Schwandt; 2023 Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand.

Call to Worship (lectionarylitergies.blogspot.com)

PR From north and south,
from east and west, we come:
C **God's people called to the Table**
where simple grace nourishes us.

PR From down the street to across town,
from single households to apartment dwellers:
C **God's people are called to community,**
where we live and serve one another.

PR From every class, every race, every status;
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:
C **God's people are called to witness to God's hope,**
to offer peace to a shattered world.

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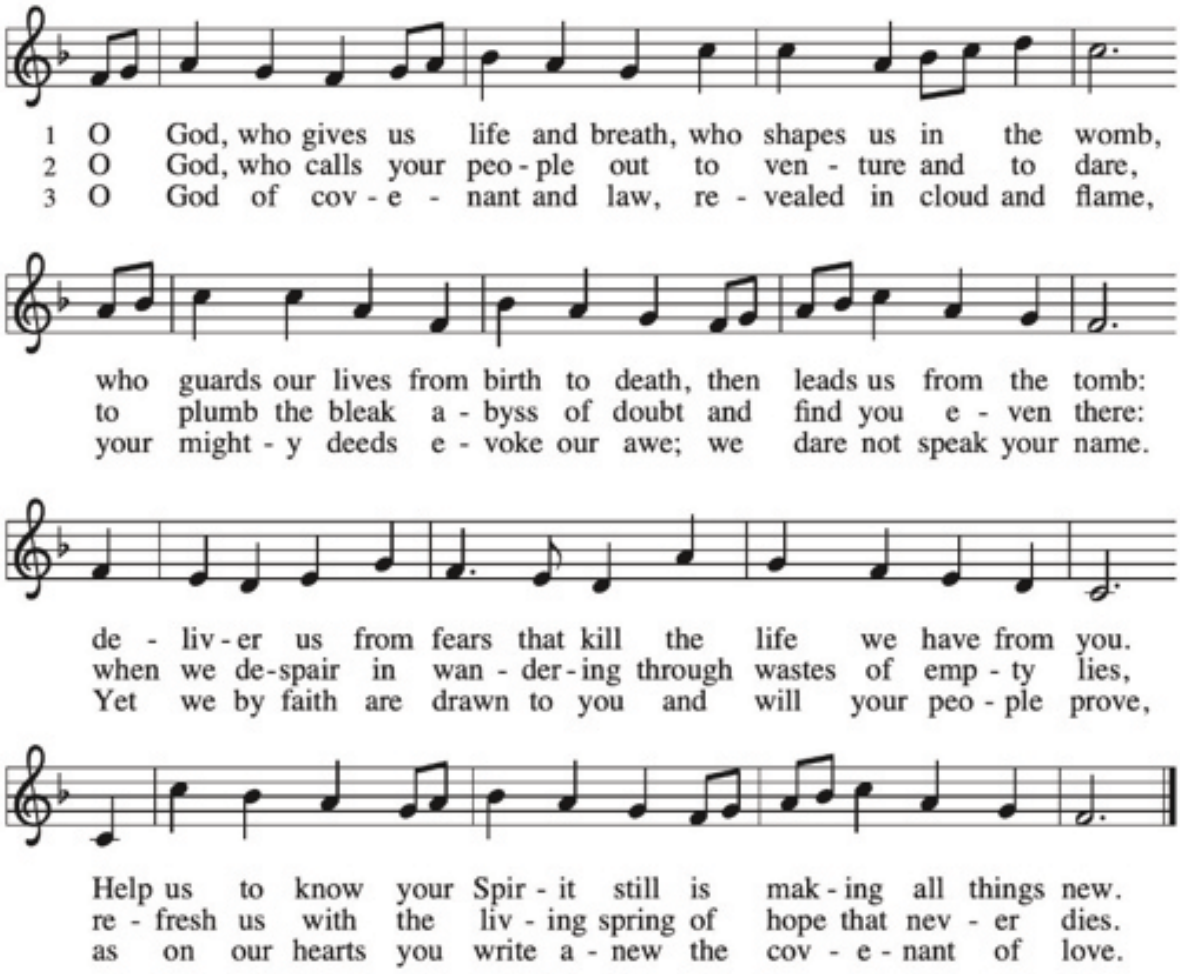
PR Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

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 1086: *O God, Who Gives Us Life*



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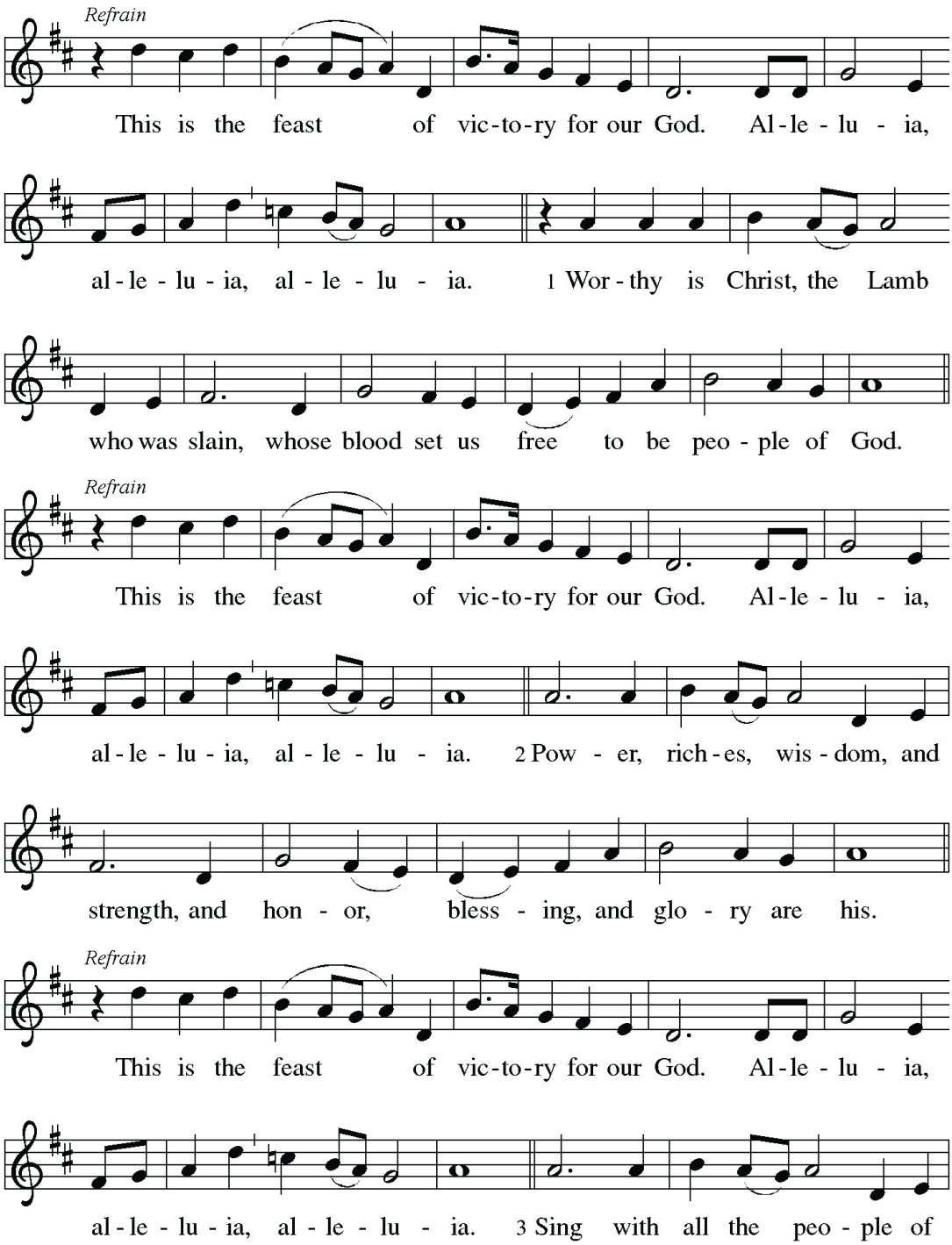
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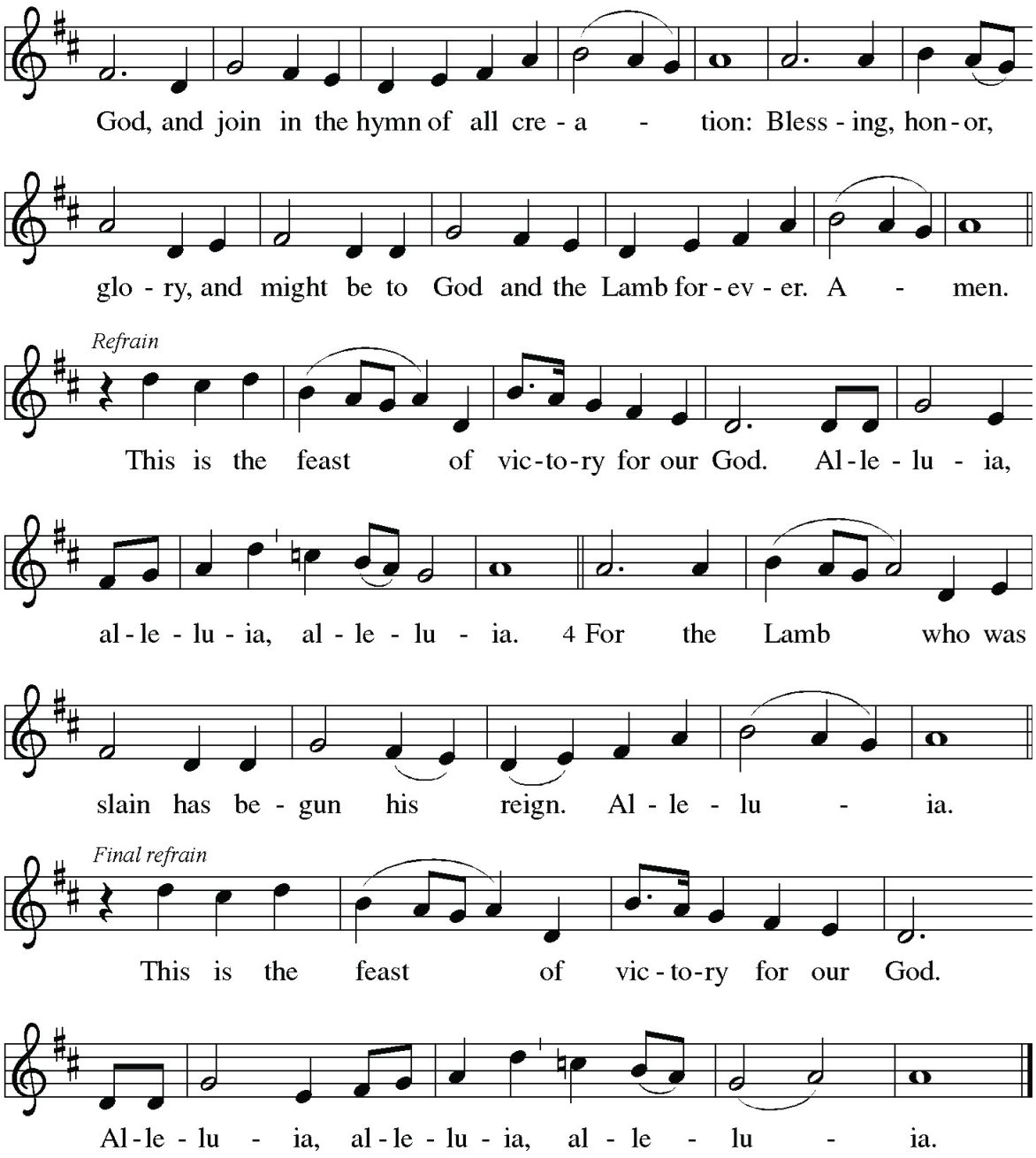
Greeting

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





Prayer of the Day

PR Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 5:1-7

1 I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
2 He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.
4 What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
6 I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his cherished garden;
he expected justice but saw bloodshed;
righteousness but heard a cry!

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:7-15 (Read responsively by whole verse.)

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
8 **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and planted it.
9 You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.
10 **The mountains were covered by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
11 You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.
12 **Why have you broken down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
14 **Turn now, O God of hosts,**
look down from heaven;
15 behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

L A second reading from the book of Philippians.

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul writes: 4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
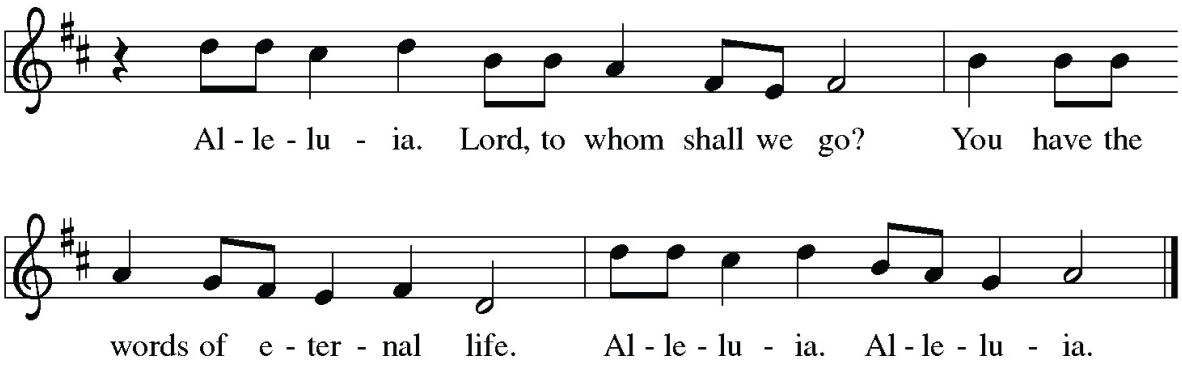
7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[12] Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I
press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. [13] Brothers and
sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold
of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press
on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



PR The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said: [33] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a
vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then
he leased it to tenants and went away. [34] When the harvest time had come, he sent
his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. [35] But the tenants seized his slaves
and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. [36] Again he sent other slaves, more
than the first, and they treated them in the same way. [37] Then he sent his son to
them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' [38] But when the tenants saw the son, they
said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'
[39] So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. [40] Now when
the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" [41] They said to
him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to
other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

[42] Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

[43] "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and
given to a people that produces its fruits. [44] The one who falls on this stone will be
broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

[45] When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that
he was speaking about them. [46] They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the
crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

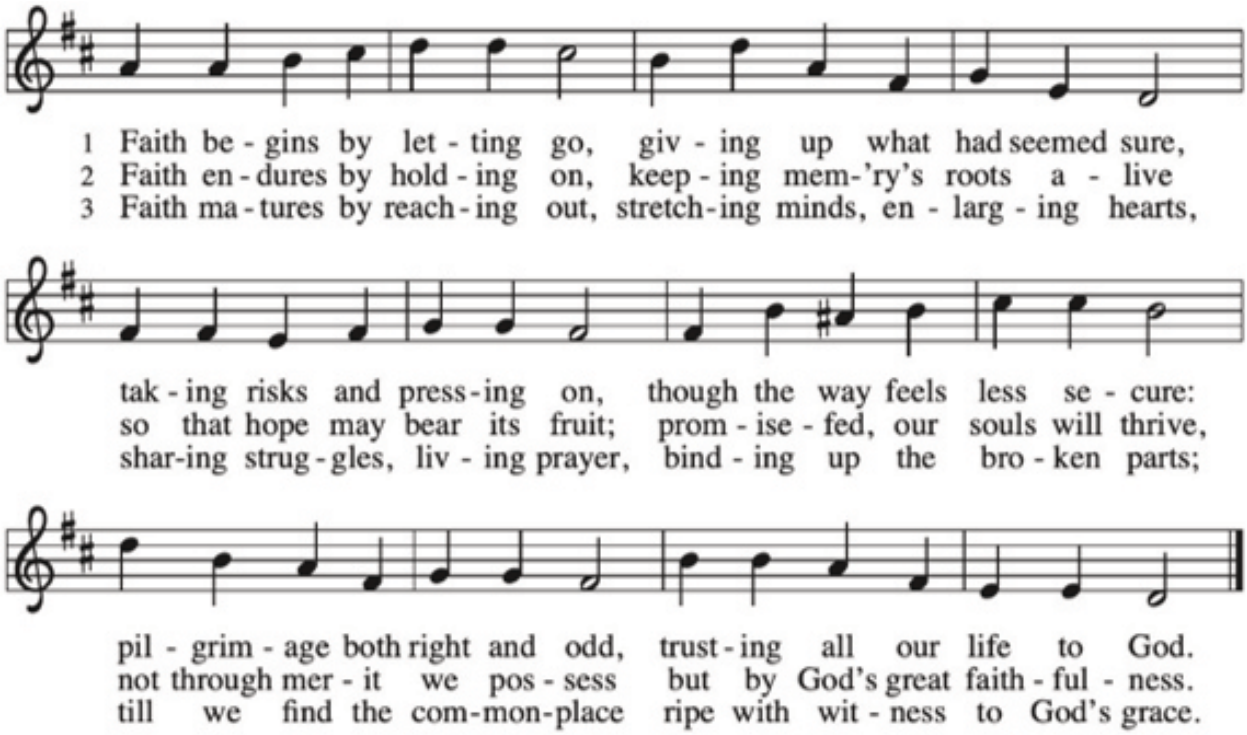
PR The Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon: Blessing of the Pets

Sermon **Pastor Randy Schroeder**

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day: ACS, hymn 1004: *Faith Begins By Letting Go*



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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 and the world. *(A brief silence.)* God of every generation, renew your church and strengthen all who proclaim your grace. We give thanks for those who have sought to transform the church and society, especially Theodor Fliedner and Francis of Assisi. Bless Luther Seminary and all seminaries navigating seasons of change and reimagining. Inspire your church to meet a changing world with courage, humility, and hope. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all who dwell within it. Be with communities recovering from flooding in Ohio and with the people of Hawai‘i affected by Hurricane Nolo. Shelter all facing storms, floods, fires, and other disasters, and strengthen those who respond and help communities rebuild. Teach us to care faithfully for the creation you have entrusted to us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every tribe and nation, bring peace where violence and war have brought suffering. We pray especially for the people of Iran, Gaza, Ethiopia, Yemen, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, and Myanmar. Bring an end to genocide and protect refugees, displaced people, immigrants, and all who live in fear of violence. Guide the United Nations and all who work for reconciliation, justice, and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every life, we grieve the continuing toll of gun violence, especially recent violence in Ontario, Canada, and Durban, South Africa. Comfort those who mourn, heal those who have been wounded, and give courage and wisdom to communities seeking ways to prevent violence and protect their neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every comfort, draw near to all who are sick, grieving, lonely, anxious, or afraid. Make affordable and compassionate healthcare accessible to all who need it. Grant healing and relief especially to Vera W., Helmut W., 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. Surround them and those who care for them with your peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every truth, draw us nearer to you through your holy word. Bless our children, youth, confirmands, adult learners, teachers, and all who help us grow in faith. Bless the campusses of Purdue University and Ivy Tech, and the ministries that support and encourage students in vocational and academic pursuits. Give us curiosity to keep learning and faith generous enough to welcome questions. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of new beginnings, thank you for your Spirit at work among OSLC and PLM as our discernment about this place moves into a new season. Bless our partnership with Relèven and all who will help us listen, learn, and imagine. Give us courage without rushing, patience without fear, and generosity with one another. Help us listen well, disagree with grace, and trust that you are already ahead of us, making this place a greater blessing for our neighbors and community. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We remember with thanksgiving all the saints who have gone before us and now rest in you. Comfort all who grieve, and keep us in the promise that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

PK Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in 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

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.

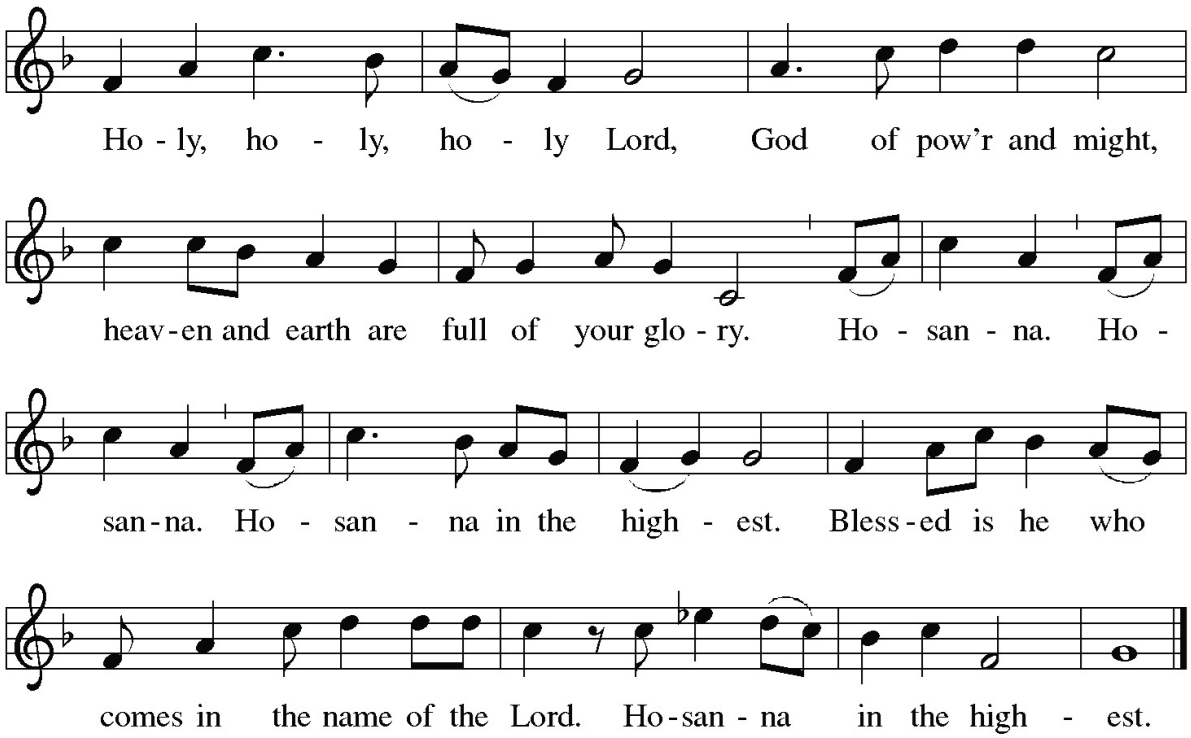
PK Lift up your hearts.

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.

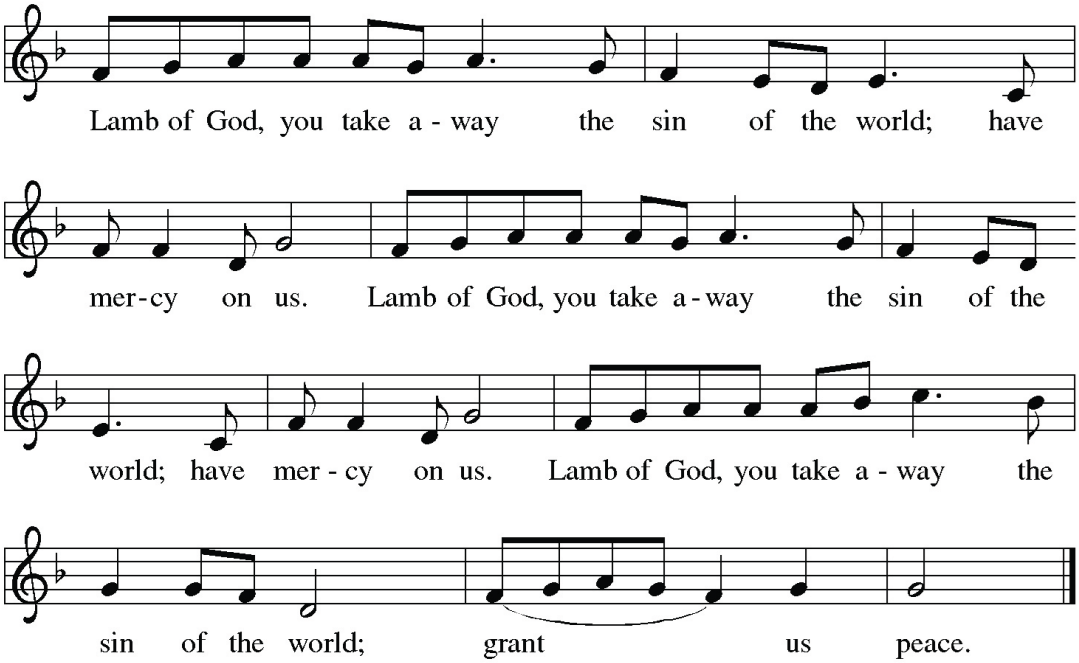
Invitation to Communion

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.
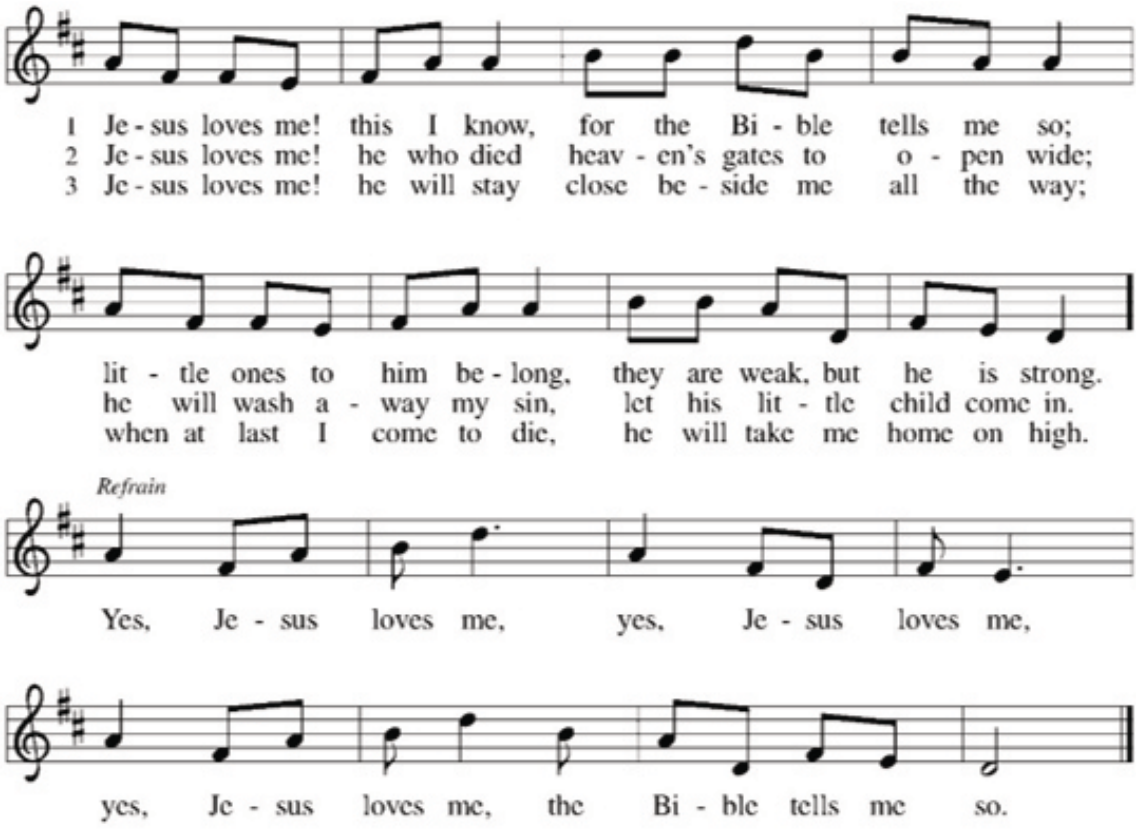
Distribution

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

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 595: *Jesus Loves Me!*



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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

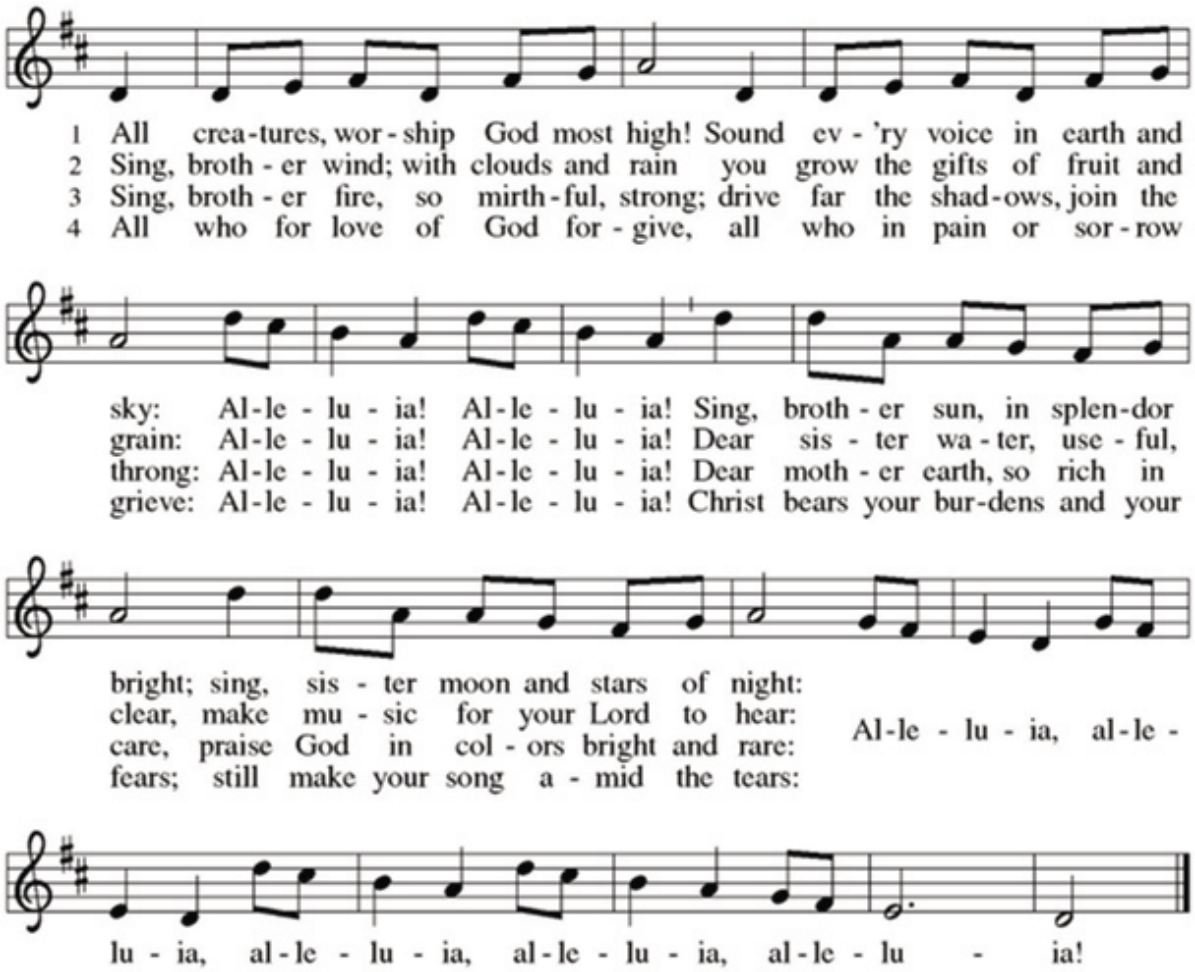
A Let us pray,
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 835: *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* (vs. 1, 2, 4, & 6)



5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

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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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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician), Dick Rahdert (Assisting Minister), Kathy Grogan (Lector), Jesse Grogan (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), (Assistant to Mr. Williams), Vicki Mills (Altar)

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Pastor Kristin is available for campus ministry-related care and support. Please contact her at: 262-758-1235 or by email: pastor@plm.org

We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop.
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 Concernsbe 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 a terin@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** then move it to on-going prayer list until further notice. The **Joys** 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:

Servants of Christ – Indianapolis, IN – Rev. Todd Lotridge
Shepherd of the Hills – Evansville, IN – Rev. Jane Rothman, POR
St. George – Edinburgh, IN – Matt Pillar, SAM
St. James – New Haven, IN – Rev. Marty Hampton
St. John – DuBois, IN – Rev. Tim Fleace

Indiana University Campus Ministry, Bloomington, IN, Rev. Amanda Ghaffarian

Rev. Robert L. Franklin-Three Rivers, MI
Rev. Gretchen Freese-OL-WI
Rev. Kelly Nelson, I-K Synod Social Advocacy and Justice Coordinator and
Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville, IN
Sister Nora Frost, Deacon-Elkhart, IN
Rev. William O. Gafkjen-Fishers, IN

Bishop Stacie Fidlar and the staff of the Northern Illinois 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.