



“Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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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

(Please read this before worship begins.)

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I cannot say what Communion is any better than Luther, so I'll let him say it. In the Small Catechism Luther writes the following, and more in The Sacrament of the Altar.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

This is shown by the words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

It is not the eating and drinking that do these things, but these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words are, along with the bodily eating and drinking, the main thing in the Sacrament. Anyone who believes these words has what they say: that is, the forgiveness of sins.

- As we travel this wilderness of COVID-19, it is right and proper for us to participate in the Eucharist as we are gathered as the church in person, as well as live streaming. Holy Communion takes place in the assembly of the Body of Christ.
- Online Communion is new territory for us as we navigate our new context. After reading Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, after much prayer and discernment, I believe this technology should be used in such manners to share God's grace, love, forgiveness and acceptance.
- As we assemble in person or live stream, when confessions are heard and forgiven, as the Word is proclaimed, it is proper for Communion to take place as we are then sent out as the Body of Christ for the world. I ask you to only commune as the live Word is spoken and not commune to the recording of this service.
- Please use bread and wine or a gluten free option and grape juice. Please prepare a plate and cup prior to service to have and share. If you have one and not the other, know that God is fully present in both elements and only one is necessary.

- God is the One working through the spoken Word in the mystery of communion. We don't fully know how, rather we know Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is My body," ... "Take this and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." God is the source of love infused into us through the Spirit as we partake of the Eucharist. We don't understand it fully; we fully believe Christ is there fulfilling His promises of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Remember: All Are Welcome – Hospitality fills God's Table – Everywhere!

Pastor Randy

Prelude Music

- I Come with Joy* setting, David M. Cherwien
- When We Are Living* setting, David Gale
- In Thee Is Gladness* setting, Emily Maxson Porter
- Where Charity and Love Prevail* setting, Robert A. Hobby

Opening Litany (inspired by Psalm 103, from the **Oratio Contemplativa** website and modified by Pastor Randy.)

- P King of all the earth,
Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
You are merciful and gracious, O Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits-**
- P You forgive all our iniquities
and heal all our diseases.
- C **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits-**
- P You redeem our lives from the pit
and crown us with steadfast love and mercy.
- C **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits-**
- P You satisfy us with good
and renew our youth like the eagles.
- C **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits-**
- P This is our God, the Holy One.
Come before God with thanksgiving
and offer God the sacrifice of praise.

Prayer of Confession (based on Matthew 18: 21-35; —written by Bill Wessner and posted on [Confession RCL](#) blog.)

- P What if God paid us back in full for all the wrong we have done?
(pause)
- P O Lord we seek your mercy...
- C **yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged.
We think it "only fair" and "what is right" when we retaliate
and use harsh words
and withdraw from relationship.**

**The forgiveness you offer on our account
is larger than we can comprehend,
still we withhold forgiveness
and carry the grudge over petty items.**

**We are eager to do your judging.
And the worst: we conspire our inner thoughts
to secure your forgiveness
while avoiding honest repentance.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts.
Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.**

(pause for reflection and self-examination)

P The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins.
Instead, God has chosen the sacrifice of God's own son on our account.
It is because Jesus Christ pays the last full measure
that our sins are forgiven.
This gift of forgiveness makes us able,
with the power of Holy Spirit,
to choose to forgive, renew
and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God.
In the name of Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Greeting

P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you,
that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

The Word

L A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Psalm: Psalm 103:1-13

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
²**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**
³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
⁴**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

L A reading from the book of Romans.

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

"For-Reconciliation-Giveness" Part Two

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 359: *Where Charity and Love Prevail*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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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 of Intercession

A Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith through Bible studies and Sunday schools, confirmation classes and youth ministries. Nurture new ministries of education and growth. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Make your ways known to the nations. Speak kindness to our bitter grudges. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing famine, poverty, and war. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick, especially Herb, Candy, Jason, Fil & Shirley, Rosalie, Chuck, Mary, Jeff, John, Denise, Pr. Judy, Barb, Tom, Charlotte, Donna, Jesse, Helmut & Carol, John, Kim, Joe, Lynn, Connor & Mason, Jim, Judy, Nancy, Family & Friends of Lois, Family & Friends of Paul, Holly H. and Jennifer. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. We thank you for those who have showed us faithfulness, for the knees that taught us how to bow to you and the tongues that taught us to praise you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Meal

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- Please have your wine and bread ready for the Meal. It would be best to use grape juice or wine and a small portion of bread or gluten free option for the Eucharist.
- Please participate by lifting the bread and the wine as the pastor lifts the bread and wine.
- If everyone in the family is healthy please take the time to commune each other; presenting the bread first and saying, “the Body of Christ given for you” and then the wine/juice saying, “the Blood of Christ shed for you.” If you’re not feeling well, please commune yourself as you are able.
- The elements (bread and juice or wine) should be consumed in their entirety or returned to the earth as once they are consecrated they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not throw Jesus in the trash or down the drain.

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 "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is john_r_mills@icloud.com)



Offertory: ELW (red), hymn 460: *Now the Silence*



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Offering Prayer

- A God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
- C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

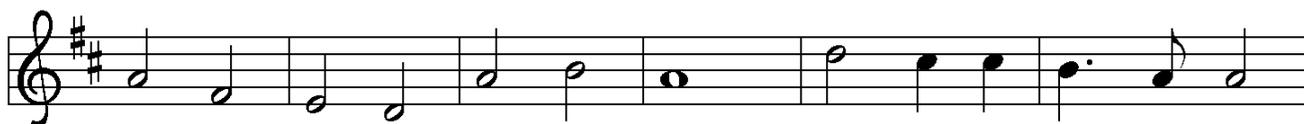
P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

C **Amen.**

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

C **Amen.**

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

P So come to this table, which now extends into our homes, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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.

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

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion: A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

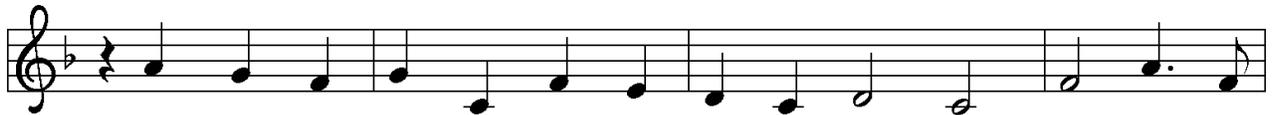
- A God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
- C Amen.

The Sending

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 665: *Rise, Shine, You People!*



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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Masking Prayer (@RevCBeckett)

C Lord, as I put on my mask, let it be a filter
for my words to pass through as well as my breathing.
Let through only those words which are helpful breathings of love
and stop those things in my speech that will be harmful to others.
Protect me also, O Lord, from the harmful things others may say to me.
Help me to realize that I may be a carrier of bitterness,
thoughtlessness, judgement and prejudice without realizing,
and that some people are more word-vulnerable than others.
Give me grace to love those who cannot or will not filter to protect others
and special grace to them, because they go through the world unprotected.
Help me to be prepared to adapt and be brave and transparent
So that all may have a chance to hear.
Lord, be a mask to my mouth
And pin my ears forward for listening.
Amen.

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P Go out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ.
Lay aside the works of evil
and put on the armor of love.
Live honorably,
fulfilling the law through love for all.

And may God mark you out for salvation;
May Christ Jesus be present among you always,
And may the Holy Spirit reconcile you to one another
and fulfil the law of love among you.

C Amen.

A We go in peace to love and serve one another.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stick around; the Zoom meeting will continue with a virtual “Coffee Hour”.

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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician & Assisting Minister), Emily Ohland (Cantor), Bob Nielsen (A-V Specialist)

Pints with a Pastor

If you'd like to participate, send Pastor Randy an email (iu1randy@gmail.com OR randy@osluth.org) and he will send you a Zoom invite.

Pints with a Pastor will take place via Zoom on **Monday, September 14 & 28 at 6:56 P.M.** (for adults).

Virtual Game Night (September 15 at 7 P.M.)

Join Molly and Christian Webb on the 3rd Tuesday of the month for some fellowship and fun, Zoom style. Sign-up link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7P7BB6>.

Galatians Bible Study Resumes Tomorrow

You are invited to journey through the Book of Galatians with Pastor Randy. In six weeks, we will explore the rudest letter Paul authored: he calls them deserters of Christ (1:6) and fools- twice (3:1&3) ... I bet they were doing the best they could, yet let us see. Some scholars claim this is the earliest letter Paul wrote and that may be why he was so cranky. (I added the cranky part.) We will travel together to figure it out.

September 14th – Chapter 3:26-4:7 – Unity, Joy and Zeal

September 21st – Chapter 4:21-5:15 – Hagar and Sarah - Freedom of Christ

September 28th – Chapter 5:16-6:18 - Life by the Spirit – New Creation

So, if the Corona has made you cranky, no worries... it happens to the best of us. Come join us Mondays at 12:00 (noon) as we discover the truth in scripture, that Christ has set us free.

Hunger Hike Is Here—Virtually!

Since the early 1990s, Lafayette Urban Ministry, St. Thomas Aquinas Center and Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. have been organizing an event & walk to support food programs locally, regionally and globally. Formerly known as the Crop Walk, which started in the mid-1960s, the event was officially renamed Hunger Hike in 1993. All Hunger Hike proceeds directly support the Lafayette Urban Ministry food assistance programs including the LUM Protein Food Pantry, Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. including the Mobile Food Pantry, and St. Thomas Aquinas' Haitian Ministry including the Haiti water purification and sustainable seed projects.

Fighting Hunger with Our Hearts & Soles – Sept. 13-20

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be a year of great changes for Hunger Hike, and the event is going to be unique and more exciting than ever.

Hunger Hike 2020 will kick off on Sunday, September 13 starting a week-long challenge for “Hikers” and “Teams.” Individuals & groups will be able to create online fundraising pages for themselves and their team and begin fundraising today. They will also be encouraged to create a “personal challenge” for the week or join our Hunger Hike 2020 “Leaderboard Challenge” and compete against other Hunger Hikers to see who can get the most steps — using a mobile app.

“Hikers” will receive motivational videos and messages throughout the week, to encourage them and their team members to keep walking and to keep raising funds for Hunger Hike.

The centerpiece of the event will take place on Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 pm with the Hunger Hike livestream event, featuring local celebrities, speakers and entertainment to help celebrate and raise funds for Hunger Hike.

Representatives from the three sponsoring organizations, Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. & St. Thomas Aquinas Center, will be available for questions and one-on-one interviews by phone or video conferencing.

Visit hungerhike.org to register or to donate.

Check out Pastor Randy's article in the September *Evangel*. He encourages us to participate in **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday:** “September 13th is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday and we, The Evangelism Team and I urge you to Walk... Walk... Walk and Pray... Pray... Pray...”

Sunday School for Toddlers—High School begins today online.

Look for an email to register and links to participate as you are able.

Adult Forum Returns Next Week Via Zoom

While Our Saviour continues to worship remotely, online Adult Forum discussions will be available starting September 20 after a short coffee hour. More information will be in the bulletin each week.

Adult Forum topics for September and October:

- ⇒ **September 13**— God's Work, Our Hands: Hunger Hike Week and Reflection (See Pastor Randy's *Evangel* Article.)
- ⇒ **September 20**—Hunger Hike Reflection/Discussion
- ⇒ **September 27**—Wes Tillett, LUM
- ⇒ **October 11**—Katy Bunder, Food Finders
- ⇒ **October 18**—CASA
- ⇒ **October 25**—Cindy Modlin Adams, Advanced Healthcare Directives Part 2 with a Q&A Session

Book Discussion Group

We'll meet via Zoom **today at 5 P.M.** The book for September is *The Song of the Jade Lily* by Kirsty Manning. We'll also talk about what else we'd like to consider this fall. Email Sandra (sandra@osluth.org) for an invite.

Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 P.M.: Social Justice Discussion via Zoom ***Race in America, Part 2***

Phi Vischer said: *"I got a lot of follow-up questions after my last video about race, so I'm answering the four that came up the most: 1. "What about family breakdown and fatherlessness?" 2. "What about the welfare system?" 3. "Why do you say WE did this??" 4. And finally... "Okay, I CARE. But what can I DO?" So buckle up, friends! It's a bit long, but it's WORTH it!"*

We'll watch and discuss at the meeting. Feel free to watch the video ahead of time: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-yun74BJEc>

A Message from Family Promise

We have a pregnant mom that may be delivering earlier than anticipated.

If you can help with anything from the list below it would be greatly appreciated. She is having a boy.

For Mom:

PJ Set size Size 2XL
Nursing Bra size 42 D
Robe 2XL
Hoodie 2XL
Pads for postpartum
Tucks Pads
Large Dark Underwear size 10 or 11
Nursing Tank Top size 2XL
Slippers size 8
Cooling pack/cream for nipples
Throw Blanket
Socks
Aloe Vera
2XL scrub pants for work

Thanks in advance,

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For Baby:

Socks
Swaddle
Outfits in neutral colors
Blankets
Hats
Breastfeeding bottles
Burp Cloths
Car Seat Head Support
Bouncer Seat
Bibs

You can leave donations in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC (look for the sign) and Julie Huetteman will make sure they get to Family Promise.