

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

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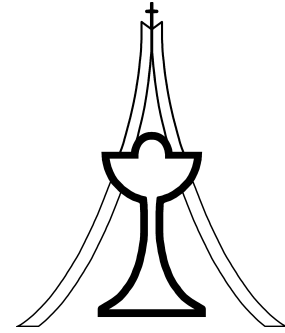
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All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness, Arr. J. Bert Carlson

Give Me Jesus, Arrs., Richard Billingham, David M. Chersien, Rachel Trelstad Porter

Now the Silence, Arrs. J. Bert Carlson (2), Anne Krentz Organ (1)

Responsive Call to Worship (inspired by Jonah 3-4; written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>)

P The word of God came to Jonah
C The word of God comes to us:
P Go
C Despite your fears
P Speak
C the truth of God
P Love
C your neighbor and your enemy
P Forgive
C as you have been forgiven
P Receive
C grace upon grace
overflowing from the fullness of God.

Opening Prayer (from *Hold on to Faith: Service Prayers for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*, written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling. Posted on the *Worship Ways* page of the **United Church of Christ** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>)

P Holy One, you have promised to be with us,
And long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us
and guide us to a future of goodness and hope.
We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness, your generosity.
O God, you are with us this morning.
Let us feel your presence and
welcome you into our lives.
Come and fill these desires of our hearts.
C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

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.**

Kyrie

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



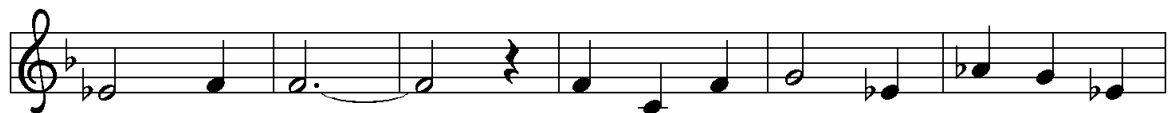
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day (Based on Matthew 20:1-16— posted on the United Church of Christ webpage.

P Call all the laborers, O God,
call your laborers who woke early,
call your laborers who came late,
call your laborers who feel wronged,
call your laborers who feel overlooked,
call your laborers who can't feed their children with this wage,
call your laborers who know they are working in your fields,
call your laborers who use their wage to increase your love.
Call all your laborers, O God,
tell us to roll up our sleeves,
for we know that we have work to do.
Let us find you in the work we share here and now,
in Christ's presence we pray.

C **Amen.**

The Word

L A reading from the book of Jonah.

Jonah 3:10-4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8

- ¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- ³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
- ⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**
- ⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**
- ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- ⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L A reading from the book of Philippians.

Philippians 1:21-30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gospel Acclamation

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.


[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon *“Inspired by the Stewardship of God”* Pastor Randy Schroeder

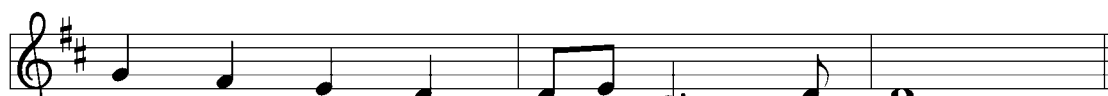
Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 659, verses 1-4: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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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 (based on Matthew 20:1-16; © Rev. Richard J. Fairchild 2005, and posted on the [Kir-Shalom](#) website. Modified by Pr. Randy.)

A Lord, so often we see others as more fortunate than ourselves, as getting more for what they do, as more beloved. Teach us in your time, O God, how your love is much more than just fair. Teach us how it is a special caring for each and every one of us, tailored just for our own size and shape, no matter what riches others may have, or how many prizes, or how full of fame. O Lord, your love comes first and is so much better than all that and completely unearned. We thank you for that, we thank you for providing for us, we thank you for calling us to labor in your vineyard, we thank you for the bread from heaven that feeds us today and for the promise of how you will spread your table for us in the promised land and forever provide bread without price and wine without cost. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Thank you, gracious God, for always giving us much, much more than we can earn or ever deserve. Contrasted with our often-calculated way of doing business with one another, your love towards us seems reckless, extravagant, and unbelievable gracious. Forgive us when we consider all of this our right rather than as your gift. Forgive us too for when we have resented the love you show towards others who have not served you as long as us—for when we have been angry because you have brought joy to others whom we think are greater sinners than we—for when we have measured our worth rather than rejoiced in your mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Generous Creator, you call us to work in your vineyard—to reach out to others in your name and bring your healing word, your gentle touch, your embracing love to them. Help us to be good workers—ones that seek the lost in the marketplaces and village squares; ones who are unafraid to see in a stranger the image of Christ, and in a sinner a brother or sister for whom he died and rose again. Empower us as individuals and as a church to be the kind of ambassadors who know and do your will, so that in meeting us people meet you. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Lord, hear our prayers for our family and our friends, for our church, our community, and our world. We pray for 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. We lift to you those who again must fight hurricanes and floods, fire and destruction, chaos and helplessness, sickness and fear. Bring your holy calm to this hurting world. Help us to realize our responsibility in this frenzied sphere and support us to be vessels of your grace to assist in reestablishing your peaceful creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, the joy of heaven to earth come down; he who is our life and our hope, our daily bread, and our rock and our refuge.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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.

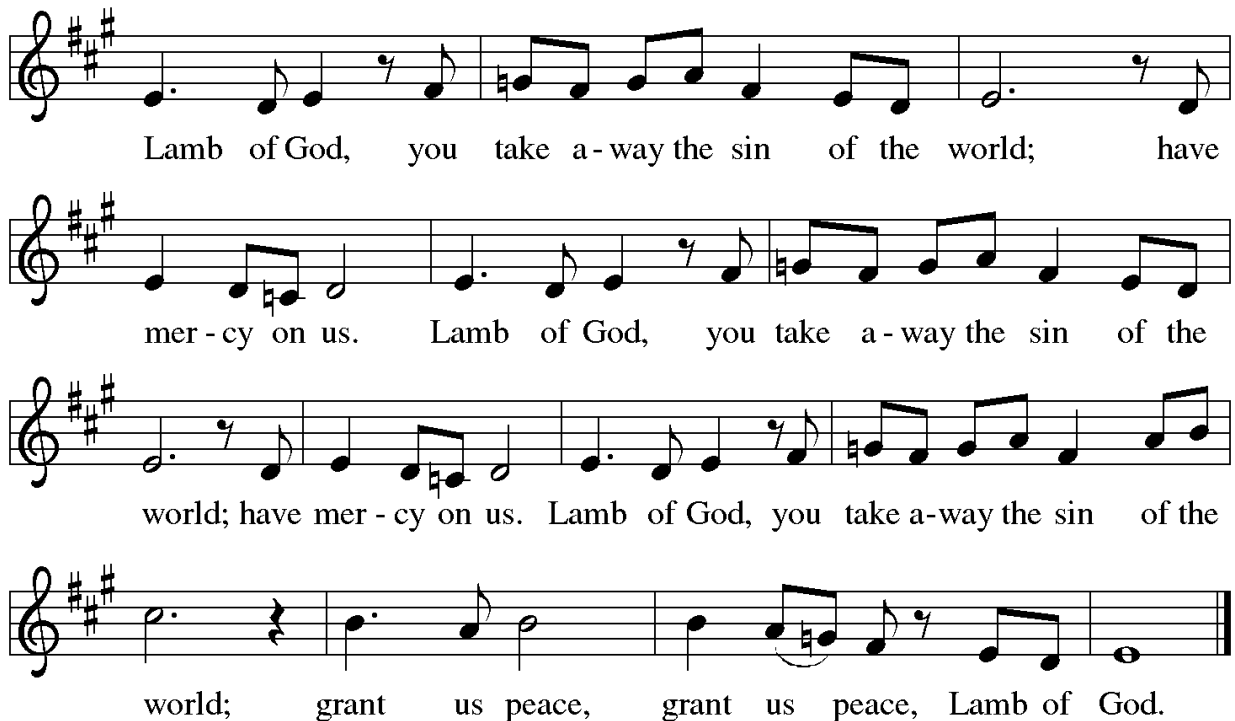
The Lord's Prayer

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, Lamb of God.

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 537: *On Our Way Rejoicing*



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

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.

Commission and Benediction (based on Exodus 16:2-15, Matthew 20:1-16)

P Go out from here
as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first and the first are last,
where needs are met in miraculous ways,
and there is grace enough for all!

And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
surround you and sustain you in the coming days.

C Amen.

Dismissal

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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OSLC – Our Shepherd Leading with Courage is the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Information about this year's campaign will be e-mailed and this same information with pledge cards will be mailed to you the week of the 28th. Please give this information, and your support of our congregation for next year, your prayerful consideration.

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!"*

Rick Steves, guidebook author and travel TV host, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and the Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee, bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA, invite you to a virtual benefit – the first of its kind – for ELCA World Hunger. This Zoom virtual event will take place Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m. central time. **The goal is to raise \$250,000 to confront hunger in the time of COVID-19.** Go to <https://community.elca.org/online-registration/sept-24-rick-steves-virtual-hunger-event?erid=9ca4e73a-635a-4a44-b5e9-fbb561f2b7c0&trid=9ca4e73a-635a-4a44-b5e9-fbb561f2b7c0> to register for the event.

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 28 at 6:56 P.M.** (for adults).

Virtual Game Night (October 20 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

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 28 – 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.

Sunday School for Toddlers—High School

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

Adult Forum Returns Today Via Zoom

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

Adult Forum topics for September and October:

⇒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 **September 27 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.

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