



In humility
regard others
as better
than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3, NRSV

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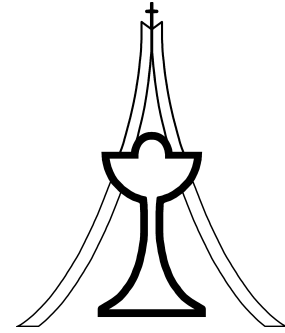
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All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

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

The Gift of Love setting by Joel Raney (Flute and Piano Duet, Beth Dana, Sara Behnke)
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service Setting, Chuck Marohnic (Beth Dana, piano)
O Master, Let Me Walk with You/All the Way My Saviour Leads Me (Medley)
 Setting by Michael Hassell (Flute and Piano Duet, Beth Dana, Sara Behnke)

A Litany on "The Mind of Christ" (adapted from an unknown author by the editor of *Life in Liturgy*, from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>)

- P Let us remember Jesus:
 Who, though he was rich, for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us;
- C Who was content to be the child of a poor family;**
- P Who lived the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble tasks;
- C Whom the common people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.**
- P Let us remember Jesus:
 Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and afflicted, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself;
- C Who was master and Lord to his disciples, yet was among them as their Companion and as one who served.**
- P Let us remember Jesus:
 Who loved people, yet retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through the night, stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought out a garden;
- C Who prayed for his tempted disciple, and for the forgiveness of all who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who received him;**
- P Who observed good customs, but defied conventions that did not serve the purposes of God. Who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity—the cost to humanity and to God.
- C May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.**
- P Let us remember Jesus:
 Who, when he was reviled, did not retaliate, and when he suffered did not threaten; who emptied himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on the cross.
- C May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.**
- P Let us pray for Christ to dwell within our hearts.
- C O Christ, our only Savior, so come to dwell in us that we may go forth with the light of your hope in our eyes, and with your faith and love in our hearts. Amen.**

Opening Prayer (based on Philippians 2:1-13; posted on the Lutheran Church of Australia's [LCA Worship Planning Page](#).)

- P Merciful God,
give us the same attitude as Jesus, who emptied himself and was obedient to you all the way to his death on the cross.
Make us eager to put others before ourselves, and their needs before our own. We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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.**

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

(inspired by Psalm 25: 4-5 ~ excerpted from a longer prayer by Rev Karla. Posted on [RevGalBlogPals](http://revgalblogpals.org/category/revgalblogpals/). <http://revgalblogpals.org/category/revgalblogpals/>)

*Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.*

P We will wait for you, O God. Your Spirit compels us to go into the wilderness, and we ask for the courage to examine the desert places in our hearts, and to be willing to face the adversaries in our lives— that which lures us away from being who you have created us to be.

We pray for the courage to face our wild beasts and fears. Relieve the troubles of our hearts, and the devastation of our distress. Turn your love towards us that we may we know your grace in our loneliness and afflictions.

We pray this prayer, knowing that you watch over us, and deliver us. We wait for you, O God. In the name of our brother Jesus we pray,

C **Amen.**

The Word

L A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

L A reading from the book of Philippians.

Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

- ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
- ⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
- ⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
- ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

“Stewardship: Encouraging God’s Love”

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 712, verses 1, 4: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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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 In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially 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, Nancy, Family & Friends of Lois, Family & Friends of Paul, Holly H., Jeanette, Chris, Susan and Jennifer. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community, especially LUM, Family Promise and Food Finders; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us a different way to live—the way of deep humility and obedience. You’ve called us to love one another, and to work together with one heart and mind, balancing our needs with the needs of those around us. Give us courage to follow faithfully, and with integrity—with actions that bear witness to the words we speak, and worship that overflows into our daily tasks and relationships—so that our lives will bring glory and honor to You, our Redeemer and 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 Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

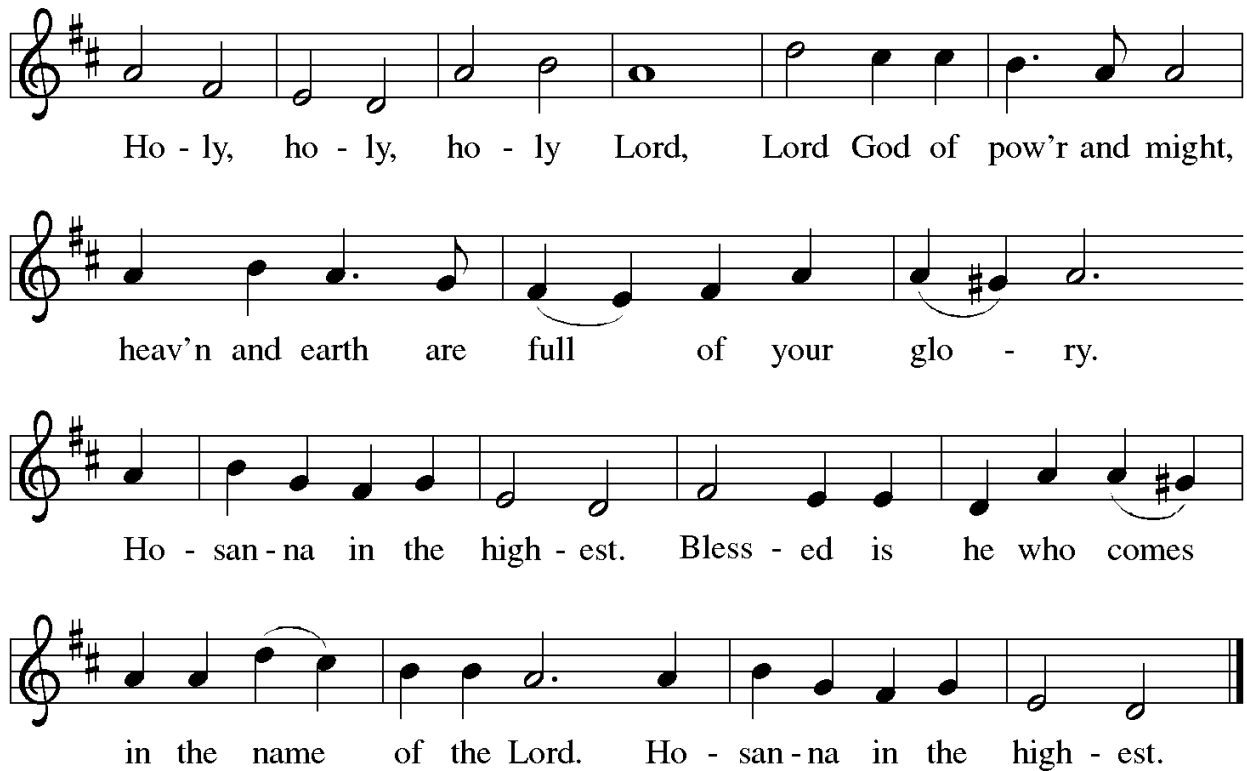
The Great Thanksgiving

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 We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.

The Sending

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 845, verses 1, 3, 4: *Voices Raised to You*



- 1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



- songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



- for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



- Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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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.

Blessing

P Mothering God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
C Amen.

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C Thanks be to God.

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

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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana & Sara Behnke (Musicians), Robert Hershberger (Assisting Minister), Dee Hershberger (Lector), Emily Ohland (Cantor), Bob Nielsen (A-V Specialist)

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 this week. Please give this information, and your support of our congregation for next year, your prayerful consideration.

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

Tomorrow is the final session of the journey through the Book of Galatians with Pastor Randy. In six weeks, we've explored 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! Some scholars claim this is the earliest letter Paul wrote and that may be why he was so cranky. (I added the cranky part.)

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 for the final session tomorrow 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 Today Via Zoom

While Our Saviour continues to worship remotely, online Adult Forum discussions will be available starting after a short coffee hour. Today we'll have a discussion on the steps to take for us to meet again for in-person worship. Please stay on Zoom following worship and share your thoughts.

Upcoming Adult Forum Topics:

⇒October 11th: Katy Bunder, Food Finders President/CEO

⇒October 18th: Elizabeth Dunlap, CASA Outreach Coordinator for Tippecanoe County

⇒October 25th: *Wes Tillett, LUM Executive Director

⇒November 8th: *Cindy Modlin Adams, Advanced Healthcare Directives Part 2 with 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.

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Attention: Driver(s) Needed!

On the morning of **Saturday, October 31** the quilts and school kits for Lutheran World Relief must be taken to Valparaiso. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Sandra (sandra@osluth.org) for more details.