



A
Foretaste
of the
Feast
to Come

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

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

All are welcome here
Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray
Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks
Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here
All are redeemed by a gracious God



The Gathering

(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

Around You, O Lord Jesus setting, David Schelat

Thine the Amen setting, Sherri Hansen

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet setting, Lynn L. Petersen

Now We Join in Celebration setting, Edwin T. Childs

Call to Worship

(inspired by Matthew 22: 1-14~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/>)

- P In the midst of fear and anger;
in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.
- C **With everything else going on, who has time for a feast?
We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.**
- P In the midst of our anxiety, our worry;
in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.
- C **We are tempted to just grab a bite,
a sandwich between errands,
a snack we can eat while driving, or checking email,
or working on today's big project.**
- P The feast is spread!
All are invited, all are welcome!
- C **We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy.
How will we respond?**

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

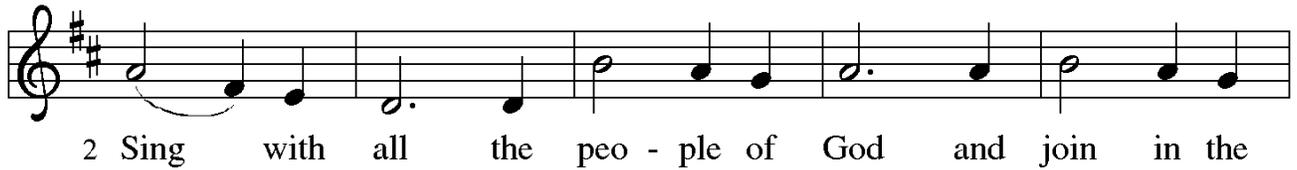


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

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.



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 23, John 10~ written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on **Ministry Matters**. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>)

- P Loving Shepherd,
you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us.
When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence.
When we are fearful, feed us at your table.
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.
- C **Amen.**

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O LORD, you are my God;
 I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
 for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

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

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

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
 you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.

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

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

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

⁹It will be said on that day,
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

L A reading from the book of Philippians.

Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

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

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

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

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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

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

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

“God’s Inviting Stewardship”

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 523: *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

Refrain / Estribillo

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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Installation of Director of Faith Formation

Presentation

P After prayerful deliberation, we, of Our Saviour Lutheran Church have appointed Dale Buettner to serve in the position of Director of Faith Formation.

Address and Questions

P Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works. Dale, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

DB I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

DB I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

DB I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

DB I will, and I ask God to help me.

P Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C Amen.

P People of God, will you receive Dale into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P Dale, I now declare you installed as Director of Faith Formation at our Saviour Lutheran Church. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, as you called apostles and evangelists, pastors and teachers to instruct, comfort, admonish, and care for us, so you have called Dale. Fill him with wisdom and patience, with love, and with faithfulness to your word, that he may with gladness teach, comfort, counsel, and guide your people to maturity in Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P People of God, I present to you Dale, your Director of Faith Formation. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

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 With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill, 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, Nancy, Family & Friends of Lois, Family & Friends of Paul, Jeanette, Chris, Susan, Scott & Sandra, and Jennifer. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus 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 tithes 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 678, verse 1: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na- ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Offering Prayer (inspired by Psalm 23, 1 John 3 ~ written by Mary Petrina Boyd, and posted on **Ministry Matters**. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>)

- A God of love,
you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion.
- C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

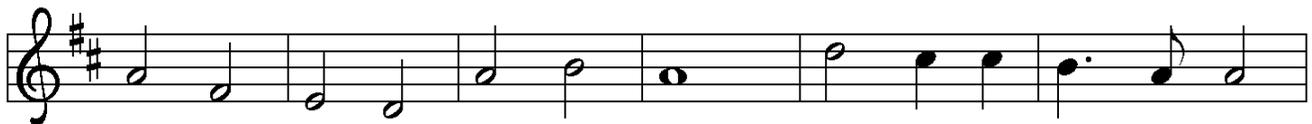
P Lift up your hearts.

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.

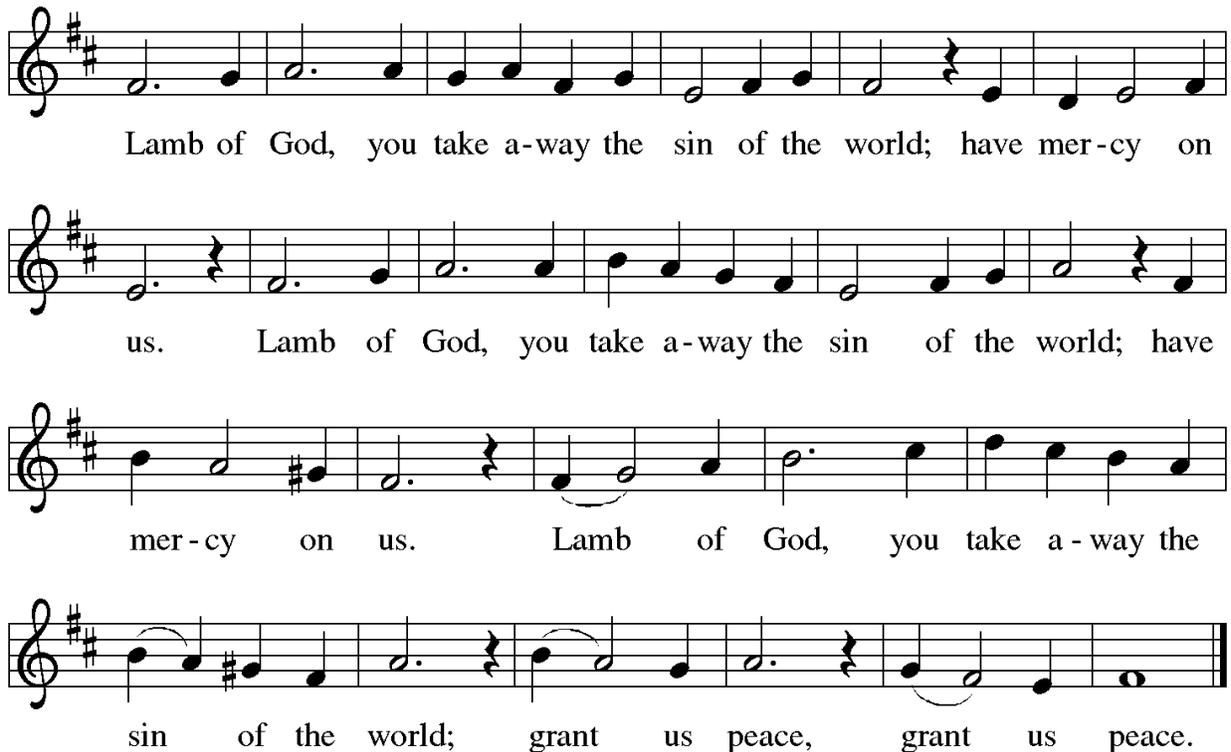
The Lord's Prayer

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 536: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

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 (Musician), Kathy Heise (Assisting Minister & Lector), Emily Ohland (Cantor), Bob Nielsen (A-V Specialist)

OSLC – Our Shepherd Leading with Courage is the theme for this year’s Stewardship Campaign. You should have received this year’s Stewardship information by e-mail and postal mail at your home. Please give this information, and your support of our congregation for next year, your prayerful consideration. Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday; please mail your completed pledge card in the provided envelope to the church.

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, October 12 & 26 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>.

Sunday School for Toddlers—High School

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

Adult Forum Resumes 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 be joined by Katy Bunder, the President/CEO of Food Finders. 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 **October 11 & 25 at 5 P.M.** The book for October is *The Hideaway* by Lauren Denton. Email Sandra (sandra@osluth.org) for an invite.

The National Lutheran Choir welcomes you to participate in a unique and meaningful season of programming with a Virtual Subscription offering twice-monthly content and open-to-all streamed concert programs. At \$10/month (\$90 for the full season) a virtual subscription is your ticket to music and messages of faith, hope and love. Subscribe at NLCA.com.

Attention: Truck Needed!

On the morning of **Saturday, October 31** the quilts and school kits for Lutheran World Relief must be taken to Valparaiso. Carl Huettelman has graciously volunteered to take them there. There's just one problem: they won't all fit in his Prius! If you have a truck that could be used, please contact Sandra (sandra@osluth.org) so we can work it out. Thanks!

The OSLC Choir Is Going Virtual Too! A Special Invitation from the Director

All present and past members of OSLC Choir are invited to participate in our FIRST EVER virtual choir. If you have NEVER sung in the choir, that's okay too...just let me know you want to be part of the project and I will include you in communications.

Our first adventure will be making a recording of *A Mighty Fortress* in time for Reformation Sunday.

How Will It Work?

Send me an email telling me you'd like to participate.

I will send you the music, a link to the pre-recorded music/video track and complete instructions on how to record your video (these are still in production, but email me and I'll get them to you as soon as they are ready!).

Vocalists will have about a week to get their recordings made and returned to me.

Video will be produced by Ohland Studios (Anders and Emily) for viewing on Reformation Sunday!

What Do I Need?

You will need two SEPARATE devices.

1. One to view the prompts/listen to the recording with headphones or earbuds (computer, ipad).
2. A SECOND device to record video and audio of you singing (smart phone, ipad).

--It is possible that I can set up the proper equipment and meet with you at church to make a recording if this is not possible for you to do with your existing technology—

Join the FUN, make music with us...separate but together!!

Email Emily Ohland at emohland@gmail.com to get in the loop.

Congratulations to Suzanne Nielsen and Gebisa Ejeta
who received the Lowell S Hardin Award for Excellence
in International Agriculture.

