

P R E P A R E Y E



*Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.*

*Psalm 30:4*

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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**

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* arr. Aaron David Miller

*Hark! The Glad Sound!* arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Partita on Savior of the Nations, Come* Setting by Mark E. Bloedow

### **Invocation and Call to Worship**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

P Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

C **Sing with Moses and the people of Israel, saying—**

P I will sing to the Lord, for God has triumphed gloriously.

C **The Lord is my strength and my song, and God has become my salvation.**

P When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, she asked,

C **Why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?**

P Rejoice in the Lord always!

C **Again I will say, rejoice!**

### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

P Blessed are you, God of might and majesty, for you promise to make the desert rejoice and blossom, to watch over the strangers, and to set the prisoners free.

As we light these candles, satisfy our hunger with your good gifts, open our eyes to the great things you have done for us, that we may praise you, and fill us with patience until the coming of the Lord Jesus.

O ransomed people of the Lord, come,

C **let us travel on God's holy way  
and enter into Zion with singing. Amen.**

C (Sung) **We hail your name O God, as we are waiting,  
Lord God, your children celebrate and praise you.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P God our Creator, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your truth and your beauty, forgive us:

C **Save us and help us.**

P For turning to what is dirty and ugly, beastly and unsightly; God, forgive us:

C **Save us and help us.**

P For often approving of what is sinful and dark; God, forgive us:

C **Save us and help us.**

P For having no song to sing, no joy in our heart; God, forgive us:

C **Save us and help us.**

- P For letting ourselves be drawn away from the beauty of the Gospel by temptations in the world around us; God, forgive us:
- C **Save us and help us. Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!**
- P The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus! Jesus is the Prince of Peace and his atoning sacrifice, shed blood and third-day victory over death delivers divine peace to all who sing praises to the Lord. Rejoice in the Lord always!
- C **Again I will say, rejoice.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Exodus.

### **Exodus 15:1-3**

- <sup>15</sup> Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:  
 “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
 horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.  
<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might,  
 and he has become my salvation;  
 this is my God, and I will praise him,  
 my father’s God, and I will exalt him.  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD is a warrior;  
 the LORD is his name.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 30: 4-12**

- <sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,  
 and give thanks to his holy name.  
<sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment;  
 his favor is for a lifetime.  
 Weeping may linger for the night,  
 but joy comes with the morning.  
<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
 “I shall never be moved.”  
<sup>7</sup> By your favor, O LORD,  
 you had established me as a strong mountain;  
 you hid your face;  
 I was dismayed.  
<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cried,  
 and to the LORD I made supplication:  
<sup>9</sup> “What profit is there in my death,  
 if I go down to the Pit?  
 Will the dust praise you?  
 Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!  
 O LORD, be my helper!”

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,  
<sup>12</sup> so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

L A reading from the book of Philippians.

**Philippians 4:4-8**

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

<sup>8</sup> Finally, 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.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Luke 1:39-45**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

**Children's Sermon**

Sermon

*"Praise Be to God"*

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 263, verses 1, 3, 6: *Savior of the Nations, Come*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version  
Music: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524  
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## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

- A Gracious God, we long to live much less of a driven life and much more of a called life. We long to live with less fear and more freedom, less by frenzy and more by faith, with fewer obsessions and with much more adoration of you, the God of all peace. So we heed the words of St. Paul, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”
- C **Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**
- A Gracious God, forgive the times when you call us forward and we do nothing and make excuses. Instead, enable us to be like Mary as we go forward, always forward, forever forward—marching to the words, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”
- C **Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**
- A Gracious God, for many of us what hinders most is fear. The fear of not being enough and having enough, the fear of losing face and losing control, the fear of missing the mark and missing out. Only your presence with us in Jesus our Lord can keep us from falling into the pit of worry and anxiety. That’s why we decide to, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”
- C **Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**
- A Gracious God, you are present for the powerful and helpless, you clothe us with strength when our spirits are weak and weary. Bestow your spirit upon this congregation and empower us to comfort the people who turn to us in times of need. Make your church a place of refuge and healing. We pray especially for Herb, Candy, Jason, Fil & Shirley, Rosalie, Jeff, Denise, Pr. Judy, Barb, Tom, Donna, Helmut & Carol, John, Kim, Joe, Lynn, Connor & Mason, Nancy, Erwin, Alex, Victoria, Tom & Sue, Jennifer, Jeanette, and family and friends of Mary. Be with all who work to battle the pandemic. Protect those who risk their lives to help others, especially health care workers. We pray also for those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19 and for others who struggle with pain and loss. For those facing financial stress, emotional stress or mental illness, marital meltdown or relational disconnect, pour forth your life-giving Spirit. Where there is weariness, bring your presence; where there is hopelessness, bring encouragement; where there is despair, be a mighty and merciful God. We trust in you and that is why we, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”
- C **Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**
- A Gracious God, drive out everything in our lives that holds us back from full-hearted and all-out devotion to you. Your Son lived a life of perfect obedience for us as the second Adam, fulfilling everything you require of us. Christ’s resurrection from the dead on the third day is the first fruits and guarantee that one Day we will be as lovely as you and as loving as you. What a glorious Day that will be! That’s why we say, “Rejoice in the Lord always!”
- C **Again I will say, “Rejoice.”**
- P Gracious God, we place ourselves, these prayers and those we love before your throne of grace, trusting in the powerful and priceless name of Jesus.
- 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](mailto:john_r_mills@icloud.com))



### Offertory: ELW (red), hymn 240, verse 3 only: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*



- 1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
 He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
 Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
 He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

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 Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
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### Offering Prayer

- A Generous God,  
 you have created all that is,  
 and you provide for us in every season.  
 Bless all that we offer,  
 that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing.  
 In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.
- 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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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 - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

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P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

**P** With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, 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

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Music: Mabel Wu  
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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 God for whom we wait,  
in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things.  
Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## The Sending

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 239, verses 1 & 4 only: *Hark, the Glad Sound*



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to • en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

### 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.**

- P Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the desert a highway for our God!  
C **Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.**  
P Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.  
C **And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**  
P Rejoice in the Lord always!  
C **Again I will say, rejoice.**

### **Dismissal**

- A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stick around; the Zoom meeting will continue with a virtual “Coffee Hour” and Adult Forum, led by Eric Munson. All are welcome.*

### **Adult Forum Info:**

Eric Munson is the Head of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy. He had originally agreed to lead an adult forum last spring on the subject what IPP does and what his research interests are. But that went the way of COVID.

He has agreed to lead a discussion and present his views of the several types of vaccines that are coming soon. The vaccines are based on several approaches, so there will probably be different responses, side-effects, etc. Maybe Eric will also give us a glimpse of what IPP does in the pharmaceutical industry.

Eric is a graduate of Augustana, Sioux Falls, and Texas A&M. He came to Purdue from the U. of Kentucky.

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

### **Pints with a Pastor Will Resume in January**

If you'd like to participate, send Pastor Randy an email [randy@osluth.org](mailto:randy@osluth.org) ) and he will send you a Zoom invite.

**Midweek Advent Gathering:** On Wednesdays during Advent at 7 p.m. there will be a short (15-20 minute) **prayer gathering via Zoom**. Pastor Randy will send out the Zoom invitation on Monday each week. All are welcome.

**Tuesday, December 15, 7 p.m. Game Night with the Webbs:** Join Molly and Christian Webb for some fellowship and fun, Zoom style. Sign-up link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7P7BB6>.

**Book Discussion Group:** We'll meet via Zoom **December 20 at 5 p.m.** The book for December is Richard Paul Evans' *The Christmas List*. The January book will be *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee. Email Sandra ([sandra@osluth.org](mailto:sandra@osluth.org)) for an invite.

Since we all need some humor in our lives, Chaplain Mark Neubacher shared this:  
 "Subject: It has come to this!

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored, I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house and told my cat. We laughed a lot...
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shut down all bars & keep men at home!
8. I never thought the comment 'I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole' would become a national policy, but here we are!
9. I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.
10. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
11. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & asking for money." **2 Timothy 1:7 – For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

**LWR Update:**

Thank you for participating in the Lutheran World Relief ingathering in October. Here are the names of the churches that made donations and also the totals received. Your participation in these ministries means so much to those in need. (And special thanks to Bob Nielsen of OSLC for delivering the quilts and kits we offered!)

Participating congregations:

Augsburg Lutheran	Porter, IN	Prince of Peace Lutheran	Valparaiso, IN
Augustana Lutheran	Hobart, IN	St. John's Lutheran	North Liberty, IN
Bethany Lutheran	La Porte, IN	St. Paul Lutheran	Kouts, IN
Bethlehem Lutheran	Chesterton, IN	St. Paul Lutheran	Michigan City, IN
Bethlehem Lutheran	Indianapolis, IN	St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran	Whiting, IN
Christ Lutheran	Crawfordsville, IN	St. Peters Lutheran	North Judson, IN
Christ Lutheran	Valparaiso, IN	Servants of Christ Lutheran	Indianapolis, IN
Griffith Lutheran	Griffith, IN	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran	Crown Point, IN
Immanuel Lutheran	Plymouth, IN	Trinity Lutheran	Hobart, IN
Immanuel Lutheran	Valparaiso, IN	Zion Lutheran	Beecher, IL
Our Saviour Lutheran	West Lafayette, IN	Zion Lutheran	Grant Park, IL

**Donation totals:**

<b>Quilts:</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>Personal care kits:</b>	<b>1,314</b>
<b>School kits:</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>Baby care kits:</b>	<b>544</b>
<b>Fabric kits:</b>	<b>91</b>		

**Financial donations to LRW: \$1,390**