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*When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

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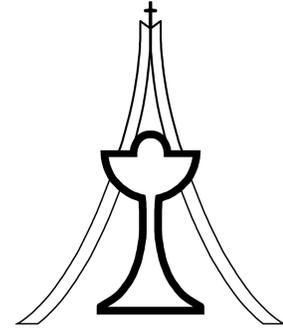
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**All are welcome here**  
*All people of faith, All people of doubt*  
*All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression*  
*All people who seek a compassionate community*

**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*



## **Invitation to Holy Communion (livestream) with Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

(Please read before worship begins)

This is an invitation and not an expectation. As a called and ordained pastor of the ELCA, my responsibilities are to share the Word and Sacraments, so they are available to you, the Body of Christ. If you wish to participate; you are welcomed and loved. If you believe Holy Communion should take place only in church or only in the live presence of a person ordained in Word and Sacrament, you are welcomed and loved even if you are not participating in livestream Communion. If you are visiting today, not knowing what to do, know through God you are welcomed and loved. This decision is personal and spiritual and only you can make it. I feel called to give you the option.

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.
- Live Stream 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

## *The Gathering*

### **Prelude Music**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*      Setting, Robert A. Hobby  
*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*      Setting, Wilbur Held

### **Call to Worship:** Ephesians 1:3-14

P      Blessed be the God and Creator of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
C      **who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,**  
P      who destined us for adoption as God's children through Jesus Christ,  
C      **who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of God's grace,**  
P      and has made known to us the mystery of God's will.  
A      **This is our God! Let's worship together.**  
P      Lift your eyes to God:

### **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,  
         the God of manna,  
         the God of miracles,  
         the God of mercy.  
C      **Amen.**  
P      Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
         let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our provider,  
 C help us.  
**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**  
**We question your ways when they differ from the ways**  
**of the world in which we live.**  
**We turn to our own understanding**  
**rather than trusting in you.**  
**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**  
**Turn us again to you.**  
**Where else can we turn?**  
**Share with us the words of eternal life**  
**and feed us for life in the world.**  
**Amen.**

P Beloved people of God:  
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
 you are fed and nourished.  
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
 there is always more than enough.  
 Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
 you are shown God's mercy:  
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
 C **Amen.**

### Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 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.



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

P O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

### *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Amos.

#### Amos 7:7-15

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’ ”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 85:8-13

<sup>8</sup>**I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>**Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>**The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

L A reading from the book of Ephesians.

### Ephesians 1:3-14

*In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an



Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 717: *Let Justice Flow like Streams*



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar- kling wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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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** Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

- A Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,  
 C **hear our prayer.**
- A God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,  
 C **hear our prayer.**
- A God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. We pray especially for Candy, Jason, Fil, Shirley & Eric C, Rosalie, Jeff, Denise, Pr. Judy, Barb, Donna, Helmut & Carol, Kim, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Mike M, Kari & Terry, Philip B, Stephen B, John, Shelby, Tamzin, Cheryl, Sandy, Eric M, and Judy. Lord, in your mercy,  
 C **hear our prayer.**
- A God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodians and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,  
 C **hear our prayer.**
- P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
 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 "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 497: *Strengthen for Service, Lord*



1 Streng-then for ser-vice, Lord, the hands that ho-ly  
2 The tongues that sang your ho-ly name now purge of  
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev-er



things have ta-ken; and let the ears that heard your  
all de-cep-tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
lured to wan-der; but lead the faith-ful nour-ished



word to false-hood nev-er wak-en.  
love and sharp-en their per-cep-tion.  
here to jour-ney on in splen-dor.

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**Offering Prayer**

A Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.

C **Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

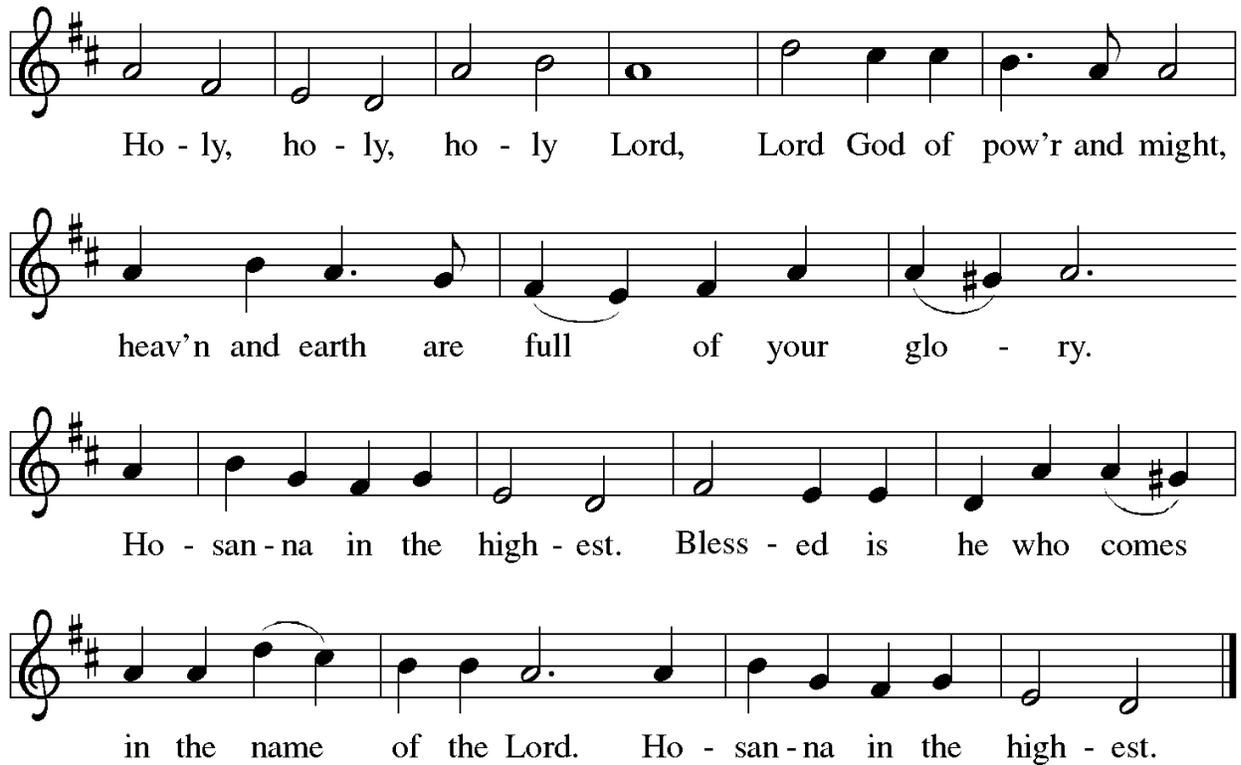
P Lift up your hearts.

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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.  
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

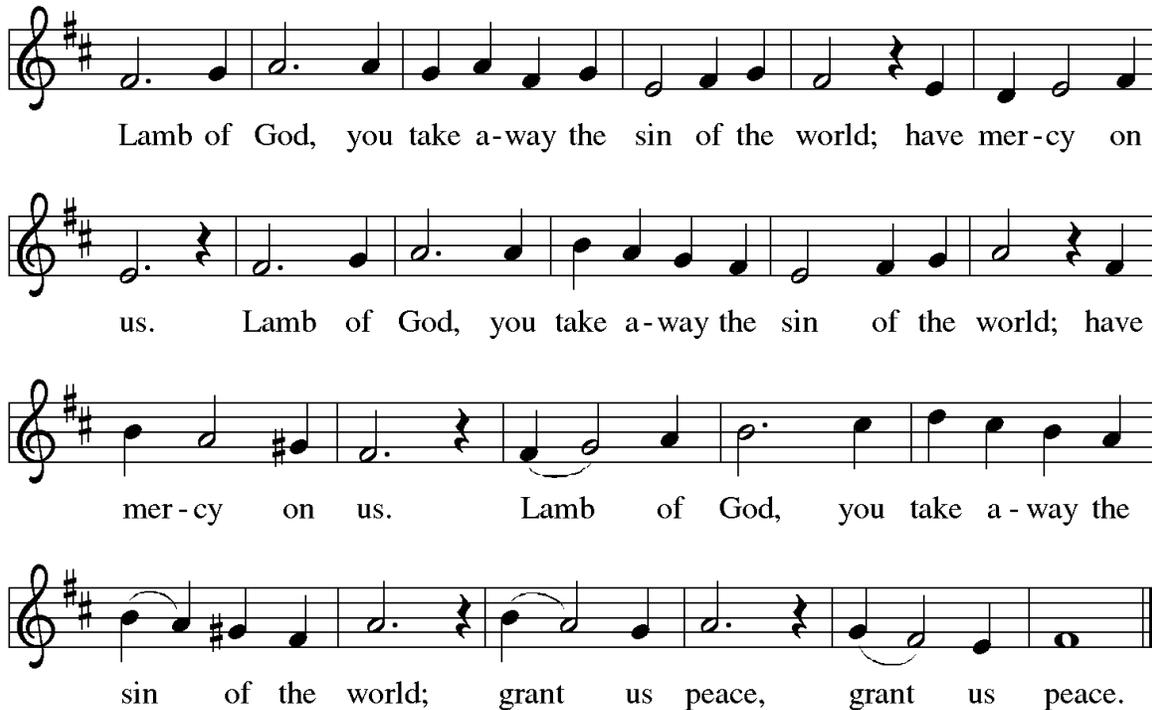
## The Lord's Prayer

**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 Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.
- C Amen.

## The Sending

### Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 771: *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*



- 1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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### **Blessing** (~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on **Bruce Prewer's Home Page**. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/> )

- P It is time to go out and share God' secret purpose  
which has been disclosed in Jesus Christ.
- C **With God's help, Amen!**
- P Share that secret with others by the way you live:  
with the words on your lips,  
by the deeds of your hands,  
with the prayers in your minds,  
and through the love in your hearts.
- C **With God's help, Amen!**
- P The grace of Christ will redeem you  
the enduring love of God will support you,  
the friendship of the Holy Spirit will accompany you,  
this day and ever more.
- C **Amen!**

## Dismissal

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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**Pints with a Pastor returns in person** (at Nine Irish Brothers in West Lafayette) on Monday, July 19 at 6:56pm. Let Pastor Randy know if you plan to attend, so he can reserve enough space for everyone.

**Worship Assistants Today:** Beth Dana (Musician), Missy Schroeder (Assisting Minister), Reeve Lambert (Lector), Kathy Heise (Cantor), Emily Ohland (Audio/Visuals), Ted Heise and Dale Buettner (Ushers), Mike Williams (Livestream production, Audio/Visuals)

**Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos** meets every Wednesday at 4:30 P.M.

The **Social Justice Discussion** group is studying Rachel Ricketts' *Do Better, Spiritual Activism for Fighting and Healing from White Supremacy*. The next session is on Thursday, July 22 at 7:30pm. We'll cover chapters 3-8. All are welcome!

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for an Office Administrator.** If you're interested, check out this link: <https://www.holytrinitylafayette.com/worship-update>

**In-person Worship Guidelines:** As we welcome you back into the worship space, we ask that you:

-“sign-up” and let us know you are coming to OSLC for worship. Because we have limited space and wish to keep healthy distancing, we are welcoming 25 individuals or 13 family units per Sunday. The sign-up will also allow us the capability for any contract tracing, if necessary.

**- call Sandra at 219- 984- 9964 or sign up at <https://www.osluth.org/> to reserve your spot,**

**-are well and have no signs or symptoms of illness,**

**-wear a clean double layer mask-even if you have been fully vaccinated,**

**-have not traveled to a high-risk area in the last ten days,**

**-maintain a 6-foot physical distance from anyone outside their family or friend “bubble”, and sit in pews with bulletins and/or communion cups only.**

**-wash hands often or use hand sanitizer.**

**-Those who perceive themselves or know they are at high risk for COVID-19 are asked to consider worshipping via Zoom for their own safety. See CDC Medical Conditions and Covid-19.**

**[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html)**

**-refrain from singing loudly; Please feel free to hum or sing quietly under your mask.**

**-receive communion at your seats using individual pre-packed communion, which will be provided, with instructions.**