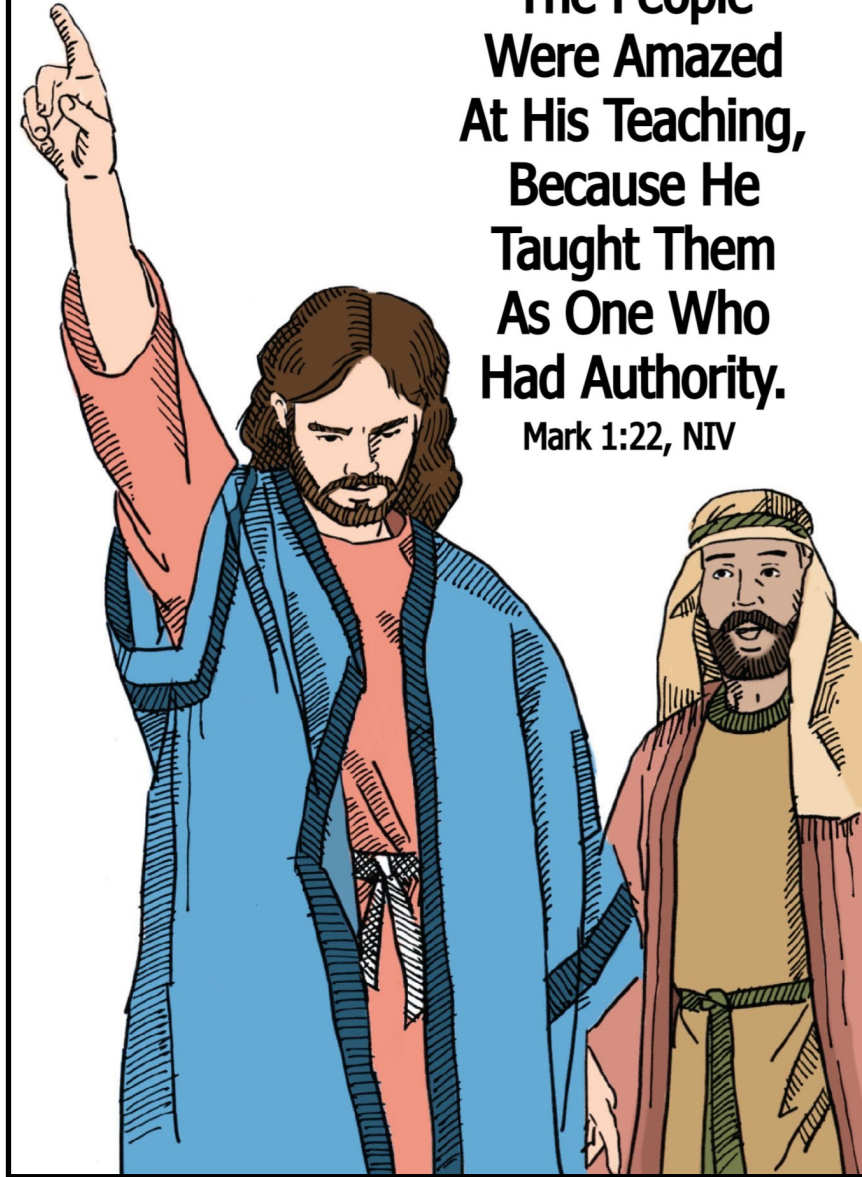


**The People
Were Amazed
At His Teaching,
Because He
Taught Them
As One Who
Had Authority.**

Mark 1:22, NIV



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January 28, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

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



Introduction

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

The Gathering

Prelude Music

Prelude and Fugue in C Major (setting by J.S. Bach, 1912, renewed 1940 by G. Schirmer, Inc.)
Let the Whole Creation Cry (setting by Michael Burkhardt, 2018 Birnamwood, division of MorningStar Music)

Stand

Call to Worship (inspired by Mark 1:21-28, written by Richard Bott, posted on **Sharing Liturgy**.)

PR As people,
as a group,
as a community of faith –
C **we gather in this place.**

PR To listen.
C **To speak.**

PR To worship.
C **To pray.**

PR To be with God.
Because we know –
C **it is out of God's authority,
it is out of God's love,
that we live.
Alleluia!**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

PR Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C **Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

PR God, our rock and refuge,

C **we pour out our hearts before you.**

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

PR The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 519: *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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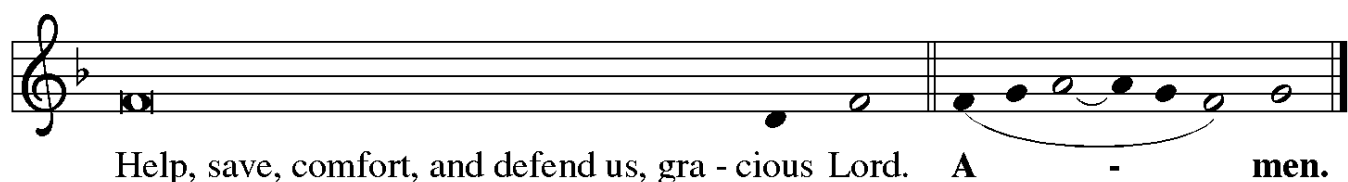
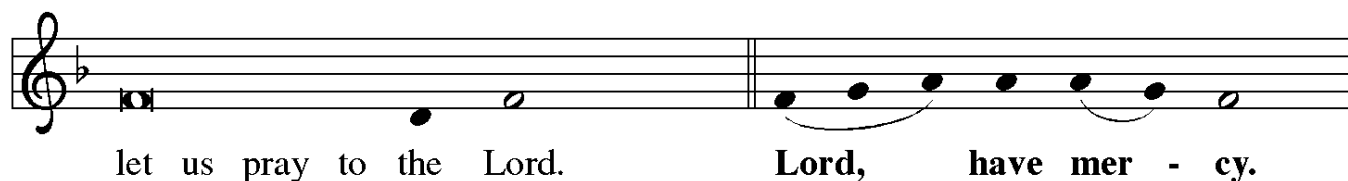
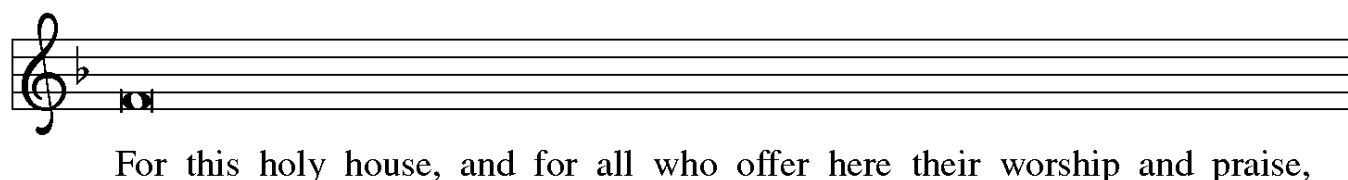
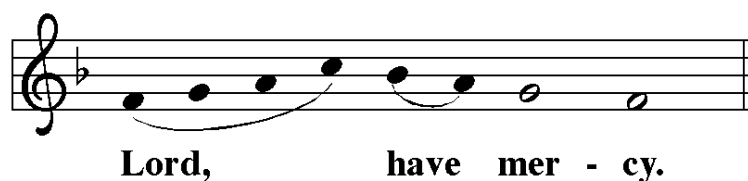
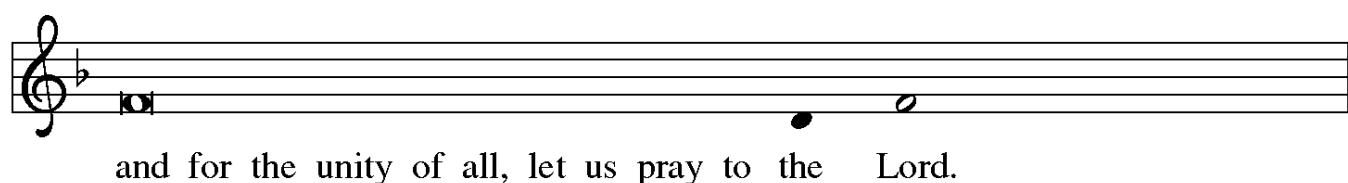
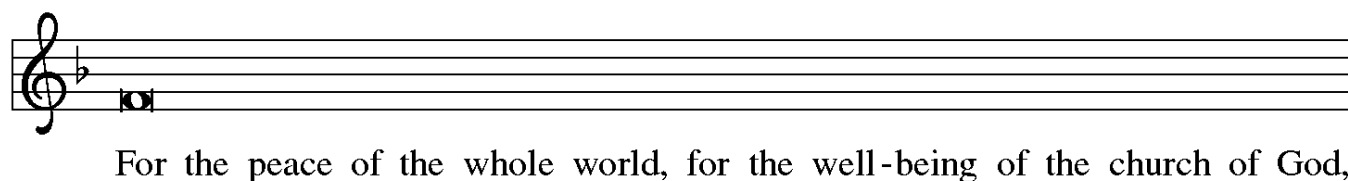
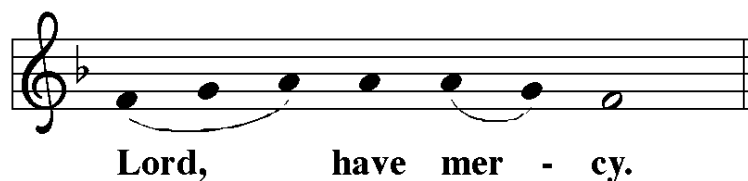
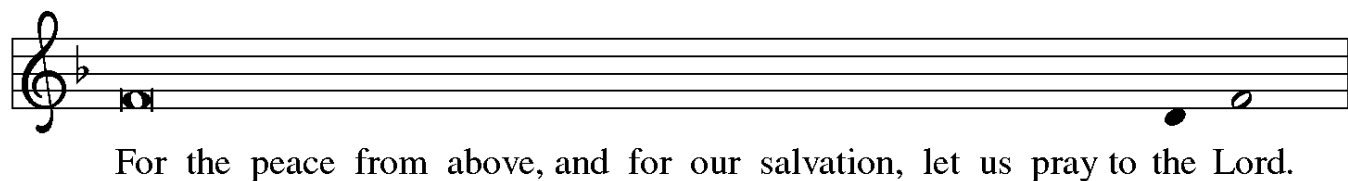
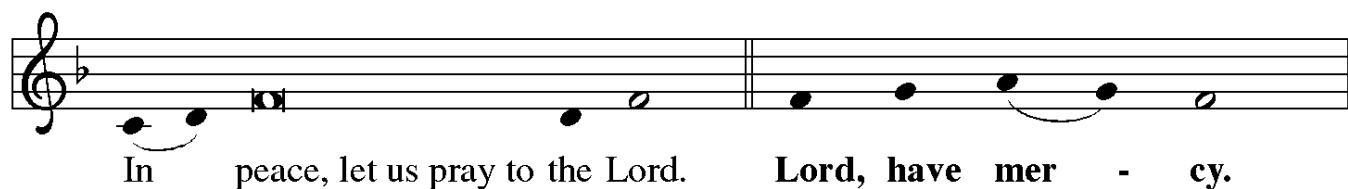
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Greeting

PR 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.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day (based on Deuteronomy 18:15-20 and Mark 1:21-22, from the **Worship Elements** page of the **Ministry Matters** website.)

PR God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ **They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.**

L A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

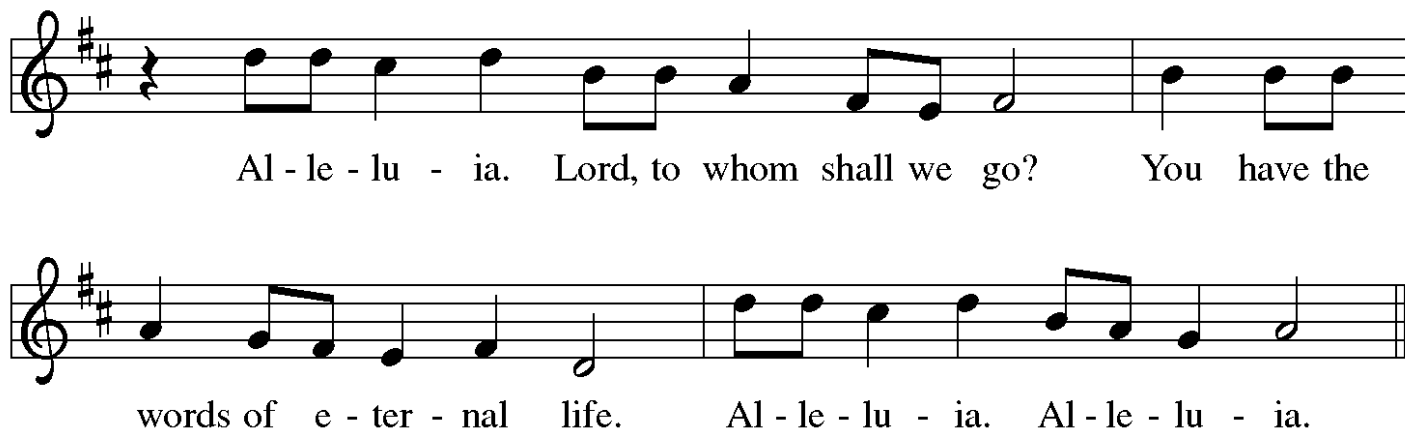
⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



PR The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

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

Mark 1:21-28

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Stand

Hymn of the Day, ACS, hymn 1016: *Cast Out, O Christ*

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

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PR 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

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. (*A brief silence.*) Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. We pray for collaboration and hospitality among people of faith, across denominations and across faith traditions. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. We pray for those suffering severe storms and flooding in southern California and for all areas of the country experiencing storms, ice, and other difficult weather God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Justice-seeking God, we pray; for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. For peace among nations, especially between Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine. For all facing unemployment and underemployment, and for all seeking fair wages and equitable employment opportunities. We also pray for all victims of gun violence, especially in Joliet, IL; Tinley Park, IL; Moody, AL; Oakland, CA; Covington, KY; and Tampa, FL. May our government and community leadership remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. Provide your peace to political protests in Germany and France, for primary elections in the United States, and all areas of political deliberation and tension God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, and for safety and provision for all migrants. Send your healing Spirit to any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer (*especially*) Sheila, Danny D., Nathan & Haley, Liliana M., Jean P., Dave M., Blake H., Jenifer, Janet, Jason, Fil, Shirley, Linda, Adele, Denise, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Shelby, Kevin, Ann, Mary, Sean, Mayor Dennis, Jane, Robert M, Tom, Peter H, and Megan. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives (*especially Thomas Aquinas whom we commemorate today*). We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

PR Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

Peace

PR The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Meal

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:

For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshiping online and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played.

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. (Ted Heise is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option. His email address is **theise@panix.com**)



Stand

Offering Prayer

A Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.
Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

PR The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

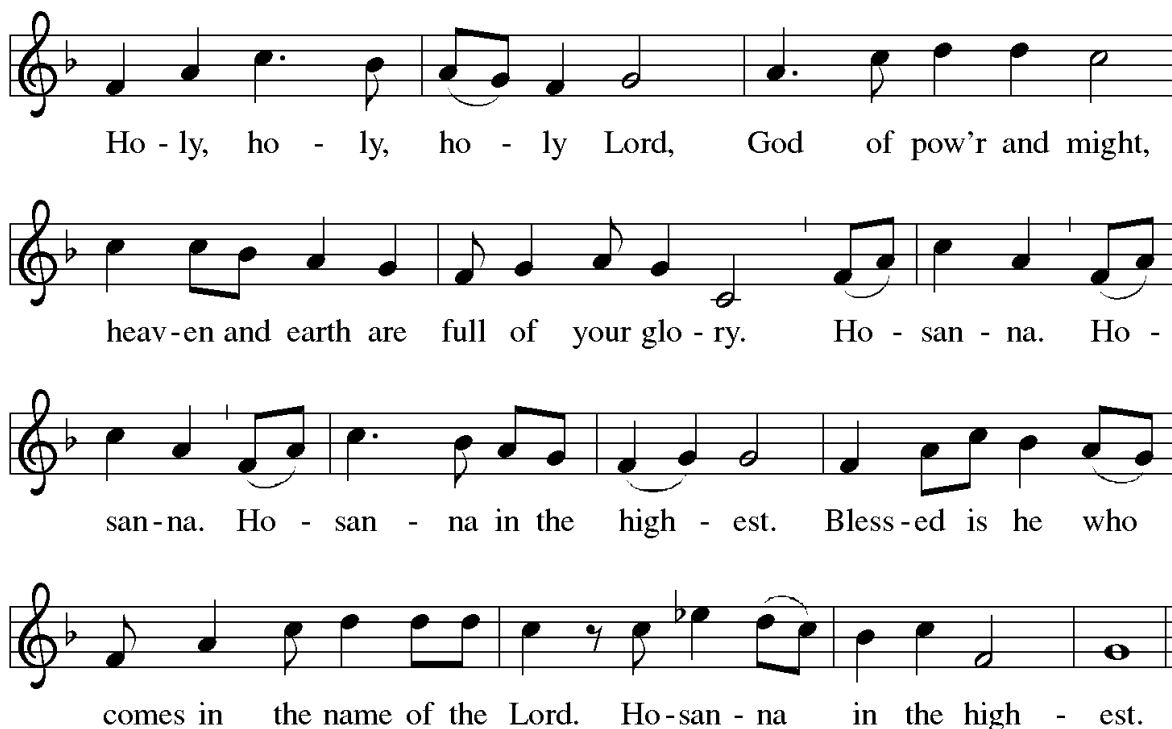
PR Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

PR Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PR 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.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

PR 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.**

PR 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.**

PR 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.**

PR 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

PR 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.

Distribution

There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

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.

Communion Hymn: ACS, hymn 976: *Come and See*

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

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Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

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Stand

PR 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 Giver of every gift,
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 876: *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Blessing

PR God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.
C Amen.

Dismissal

A Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
C Thanks be to God.

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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician), Kathy Heise (Cantor), Ted Heise (Assisting Minister), Bob Nielsen (Lector), Robert Hershberger (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Julie Huetteman (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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Pastor Kristin is available for campus ministry-related care and support. Please contact her at: 262-758-1235 or by email: pastor@plm.org

We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop. Wearers of hearing aids should turn their aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.

Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room: The kids' worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, storybook Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

Dates OSLC is Closed in 2024:

April 1: The Monday after Easter

May 27: Memorial Day

July 4: Fourth of July

September 2: Labor Day

November 28 and 29: Thanksgiving

December 24 and 25: Christmas

December 31 and January 1 (2025): New Years

Hosts Invited for Fellowship Hour

We all love to gather after church for coffee and fellowship! We are looking for volunteers to make coffee for the fellowship hour. If you would like to bring a snack that would be much appreciated but not necessary. Please click on the link or scan the QR code to sign up to be host for a Sunday or sign. There is a hard copy sign up in the fellowship hall if you prefer paper. There are two slots per Sunday. If you are willing to host by yourself, please put your name in both slots.

[Hosting Fellowship Coffee Hour sign up](#)



Congregational Meeting

The OSLC Council is calling a meeting of the congregation for today, Sunday, January 28th immediately following the 9:00 AM worship service at 10:15 AM. The meeting will be conducted in-person in the Fellowship Hall and also simultaneously streamed via Zoom so that there will be ample opportunity for all members to participate. The Zoom link will be made available prior to the meeting.

Centering Prayer Group

Join us every Monday morning for Centering Prayer at OSLC in the fellowship hall and online via zoom from 9:00 – 9:30 am. The zoom link will be sent out on Fridays with the worship zoom link.

Luncheon Lectio Divina- Praying with Scripture

Join us every Wednesday at noon via zoom for Lectio Divina. The zoom link will be sent on Fridays with the worship zoom link.

Nursery is Available

OSLC has a nursery for children infants through 5 years old, in our lower level staffed with a paid nursery attendant. Crystal is a Purdue Student majoring in Elementary Education and has completed the Red Cross' Adult, Child and Infant First Aid and CPR course. Crystal is there to welcome your child(ren) during our 9:00 am service, Faith Formation hour and our 11:30 am service. For more information or questions contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Sunday School

Sunday School is from 10:20 am to 11:05 am. We have classes for children ages 2-5 in the Nursery with Crystal. Elementary school age class for children in grades K-5th and confirmation class for children grades 6th -8th. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour beginning around 10:00 am and the teachers will gather the students at 10:20 to take them to their classrooms. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum begins in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20 am in person and on zoom. We conclude at 11:05 am. We welcome ideas for topics and guest speakers. Please contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or Mark Hermodson at hermodson@comcast.net if you have any suggestions.

January/February Schedule:

January 28: Congregational Meeting, no Adult Forum

February 4: Servant Sunday-No Adult Forum

February 11: We invite you to help the Sunday School kids assemble to go meals for LUM Warming station

February 18: Patti O'Callaghan, Bread for the World Volunteer, Legislative Liaison

February 25: Natasha Uhl and her daughter-in-law, Olesia Vasylenko, will speak about their experiences and the war in Ukraine. Natasha's son, Olesia's husband, was killed last March in the war. He was a college professor turned soldier.

Confirmation

All Students in the 6th grade or above are invited to attend Confirmation Classes.

Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:20 am until 11:05 am, in the Jr. & Sr. Class room upstairs. Pastor Randy will lead the Confirmation and hopes you will join him.

No Confirmation today, January 28, due to Annual Meeting.

Souper Bowl of Caring



Beginning January 7th, the youth of OSLC will begin collecting change for the Souper Bowl of Caring. We will once again use the proceeds to purchase items to make To-Go-Meals for the warming station at LUM. Bring your change to fill our pots!

Midweek Lenten Worship Services and Soup Supper

Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm will be our first midweek Lenten Holden Evening Prayer worship service. This service will be held in person and online via zoom. If you would like to join us for fellowship and soup, come at 6:00 pm down to the fellowship hall. Our midweek Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship services will be held every Wednesday beginning February 21st through March 20th. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, community, and worship during lent. We are looking for people willing to bring soup, bread, and desserts for the soup supper. Please click on the link to sign up ([Soup Supper Sign Up](#)) or you can sign up on the sheet in the Narthex located near the office. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Pancakes on the Patio

"Pancakes at PLM - The students at PLM are hosting **Pancakes on the Patio** for Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 13, 3-5pm (weather permitting). Stop on by for a pancake or waffle to go! We're looking to borrow an open tent for shelter, and could use a few other donated items. Talk to Pastor Kristin if you'd like to lend a hand."

Habitat for Humanity Women Build

Ladies of OSLC if you have ever wanted to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity or help the women who are building, here is your opportunity! See below for details. If you are interested please let Missy know so we can coordinate our efforts. missy@osluth.org

Habitat for Humanity would like to invite you to join in on the opportunity to make dreams come true. Our Women Build teams will build a home for one of our Habitat partner families this summer. We have many opportunities for you to join us below. Please let us know as soon as possible if your women's group would like to participate or if you individually would like to join us. We hope you will take part in this impactful adventure and help us give everyone in the world a decent place to live.

- ❖ The Women Build will be around June/July 2024.
- ❖ We have 20 different days that we would like to have lunch served.
- ❖ We would like a small 10-20 min. devotional during lunch if possible.
- ❖ Each lunch will have no more than 15 people.
- ❖ Contact Wendy if you can do lunch or dev.
- ❖ wendy@lafayettehabitat.org
- ❖ Contact Marti to be on the team.
- ❖ mhburns@purdue.edu



Wednesday Dinners

6-7:30pm @ PLM

Sponsor a meal by
providing food or
funding. College
students **love** food.

use code to sign up
or
call 765-743-2398
for more
information



The Council Gathering Retreat to Discern and Explore next steps for OSLC.

Held on January 20, 2024, at Ross House, located at Ross Hills Park.

Below are thoughts of a couple of participants on their experience of the retreat:

Marcia Daehler:

“It reaffirmed my being a part of this community of OSLC, which the pandemic isolation changed even as I have changed.

Spending six hours with people I thought I knew, but learned new things about reminded me we are all on a journey to understand each other, ourselves, and God's grace.

The time was fun, six hours went fast, it wasn't drudgery and none of us had the "ultimate vision" for OSLC, but as a group we had hopes and curiosity and laughter.

It honored our history and opened us to the future.”

Sandy Monroe:

“Marcia’s comments reflect my reactions to the OSLC retreat. We want to encourage others to participate and have similar positive experiences and encounters. The retreat follows a lighthearted format called Animal Farm.

The game started by asking “What makes you proud as a peacock?” During our time together we talked about things at OSLC that represent sacred cows, elephants, dinosaurs, squirrels, even roadkill and finished thinking about new things or next eggs to hope for at OSLC.

Our conversations were fun, authentic, and respectful. It was apparent we all had ideas, opinions and concerns which were shared, vented, and vetted.

Participants appeared to enjoy the back-and-forth conversations and seemed to appreciate the opportunity to participate in making suggestions about how we might move forward in discerning the future of OSLC.

If you would like to know more about the retreat, please feel free to reach out to either of us if you would like additional information. We would be happy to respond.”

The overwhelming response we received at the end of our retreat was that OSLC should offer another retreat so more people can have the opportunity to participate and have this experience.

If you are interested in participating in the Honoring the Past, Experiencing the Present and Discerning the Future retreat on February 10, 2024 from 9:00AM-3:00PM at Ross Hills Park, please click the link [Retreat Sign Up](#) or use the sign up sheet in the Narthex near the office.

About Our Nave

Against the north wall is the Tree of Life, designed by the late liturgical designer Charles Pohlmann and constructed in 1996 by then-OSLC member Ted Marshall. The processional cross was given to OSLC in memory of Jennie Dana. Many of our paraments were designed and hand-woven by OSLC member Bea Stromberg. The west wall is lined with seven wood carvings depicting the life of Christ commissioned from the late Nigerian carver Lamidi Fakeye. At the center of the nave stands a marble baptismal font, a gift from members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The prints of paintings on the east wall are by nationally known liturgical artist He Qi. The center piece is given by the Church Council in honor of Sam Rasmy for his long-time service as Financial Secretary of OSLC. The Last Supper, by Guatemalan artist Angelina Quic Ixtamer, was purchased by the 2014 Guatemala Mission Team. The OSLC logo was redesigned in 2022 with elements reflecting the unique architecture of the sanctuary, the 2019 addition of the south stained-glass window, our affiliation with the ELCA, and the eternal presence of our Lord and Saviour.

References to the Tree of Life are found in both the Old and New Testaments. It has both literal and symbolic meaning for Christians: it is the literal tree of life in Genesis, and in Revelation it represents everlasting life granted to those who display fruits of the spirit and of righteousness aligned with God's principles.

Our Saviour's Vision, Mission, and Values (October 4, 2018)

Vision	<i>God calls us to be a community of discipleship for all, making Christ's love real in our daily lives.</i>
Mission	<i>Grow in faith and Christian calling Love and serve God and neighbor Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ</i>
Values	<i>Centered in liturgical worship Outreach to campus and partnership with Purdue Lutheran Ministry Education and mentoring for all ages Responsible stewardship of resources Care, compassion and service in the local and global community</i>