

First Sunday in Lent



Persistent Joy

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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



Introduction

In The Seed of Joy, Barn Geese Worship writers explore how joy is planted, tended, nurtured, and nourished by God and God's people through the Lenten Revised Common Lectionary for Year B. Lenten Sundays begin with "Persistent Joy," which endures challenging times and flourishes against all odds in oppressive circumstances. Next, we turn to "Expectant Joy," which surprises us with its early arrival and calls our focus to the horizon. "Liberating Joy follows," turning over tables, breaking what binds us, and leaving freedom in its wake. "Transformative Joy" encounters the paradoxical beauty of God's salvation when God turns the source of harm into the source of joy. "Vocational Joy" explores the uniquely life-giving experience when a job, hobby, or passion becomes a vocation that follows God's call faithfully. Holy Week arrives with "Joy Everywhere and Nowhere," dancing in the streets with palms but seemingly fleeing the scene of the crucifixion. Finally, Easter erupts in "Glorious Joy," wild, unrestrained, and all the more beautiful for having outlined the contours of the Lenten season.

The Gathering

Prelude Music

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (setting by Wayne L. Wold, 2020 Birnamwood, a division of MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc.)
Light Dawns on a Weary World (setting by David M. Cherwien, 2010 GIA Publications, Inc.)

Stand

Call to Worship

PK People of God,
we gather for worship to practice joy:
not because our lives are perfect,
but because joy is resilient,
God's gift for every season
and the wellspring at the heart of our faith.

PK When our sins feel heavy,
C **we practice joy.**

PK When floods rise and fall,
C **we practice joy.**

PK When hope surprises us,
C **we practice joy.**

PK When God sets people free,
C **we practice joy.**

PK When Jesus heals us,
C **we practice joy.**

PK When we are called,
C **we practice joy.**

PK When we endure,
C **we practice joy.**

PK We practice joy together,
C **and God is with us.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

PK People of God,
the Merciful One already knows everything we confess.
By naming our sins and hearing words of forgiveness,
we are drawn deeper into relationship with God and one another.
Let's bring before God what we have done wrong
and what we've failed to do, trusting that we will receive the joy of being forgiven.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

PK God of abundant goodness,
C **we have hurt those we love,
those far from us,
ourselves,
and your creation
by what we do and by what we neglect.
We cling to disappointments, judgments, and failures
and refuse to enjoy what you give.
We are too content when injustice, violence, and hardship
plague our neighbors.
We ignore the gift of your presence
in times both tragic and triumphant.
Forgive us for what we have done
and for what we have failed to do.
Pour out on us the joy of your presence
and heal what we have harmed.**

PK Friends, receive these joyful words:
You are entirely and completely forgiven for all of your sins.
You are entirely and completely welcomed as God's beloved child.
You are released to live out God's love
in a world that needs such joy.
C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 726: *Light Dawns on a Weary World*



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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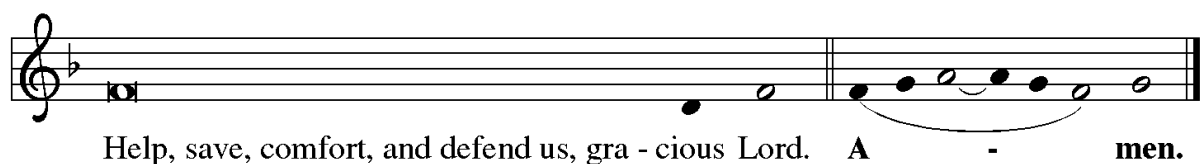
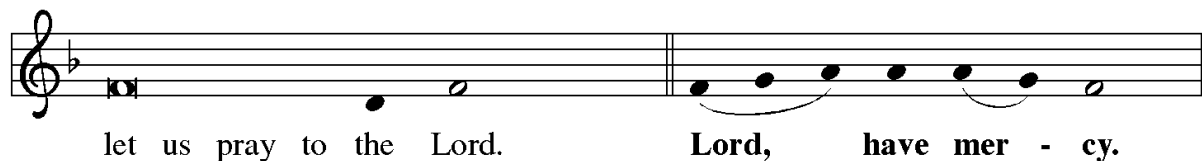
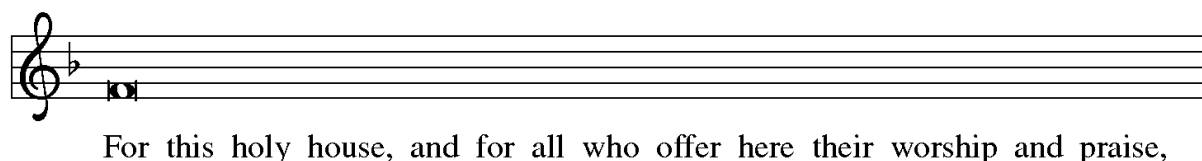
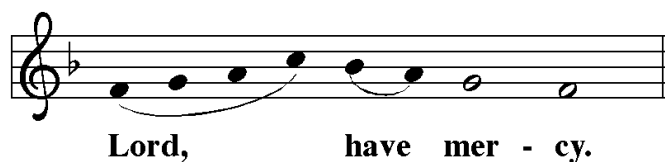
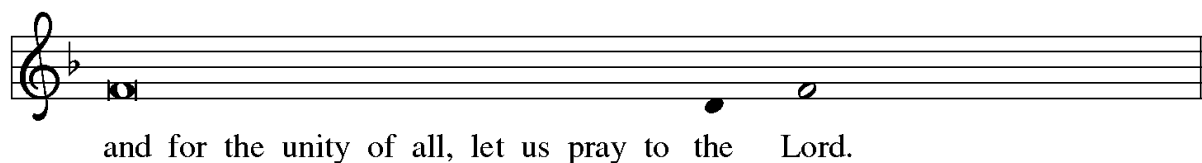
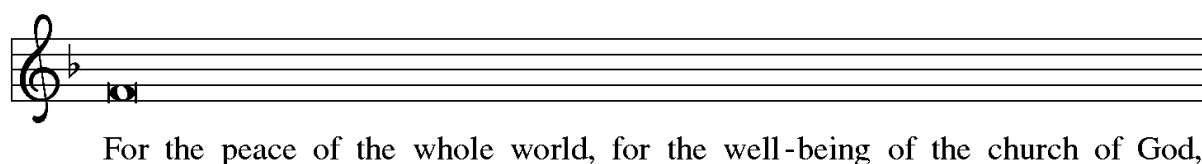
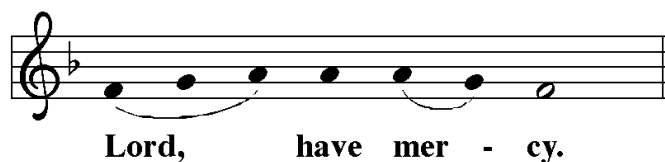
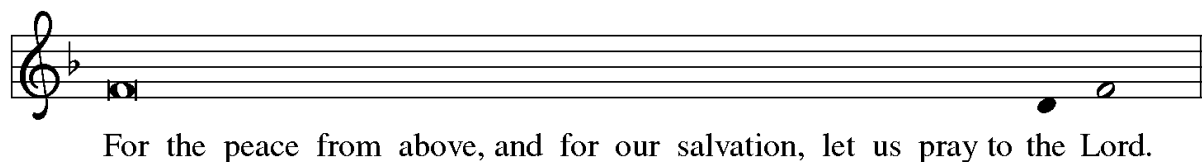
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Greeting

PK 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



Prayer of the Day

PK Mighty One, your love for all creation endures every flood. Accompany us with vivid, persistent hope. Refract your love into a thousand wavelengths, bright and varied, more tenacious than the storm.

C Amen.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 25:1-10 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

L A reading from the book of 1 Peter.

1 Peter 3:18-22

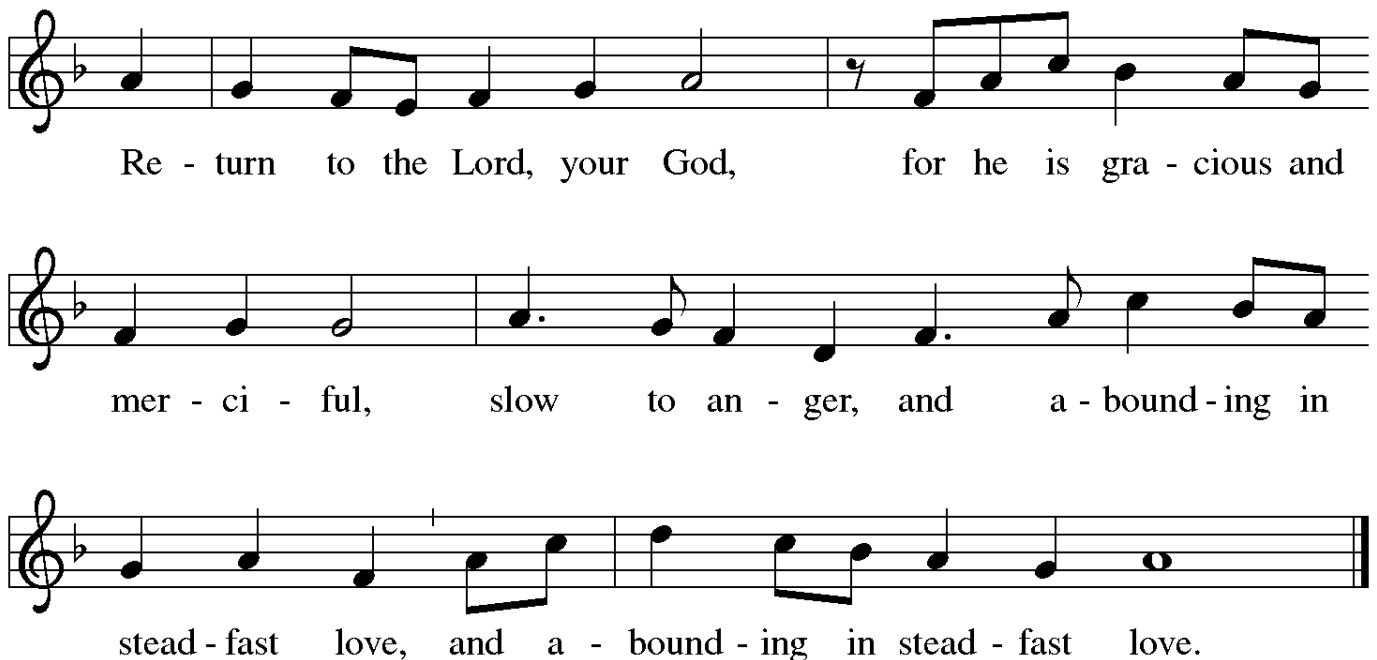
¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



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

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

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

PK The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Kristin Rice

Stand

Hymn of the Day, ACS, hymn 1023: *God Alone Be Praised*



1 O - ceans rise, the coast-land trem-bles; moun-tains melt and dry earth
2 Na - tions rage, the em - pire fal - ters; seek-ing ref - uge, ex - iles
3 Come and see; God's mer - cy gath - ers all that sin and grief have



crum-bles. All the world with long - ing groans. Love a -
wan - der. Walls and weap - ons rise from fear. Through this
shat - tered. Life from fields of death is raised. Peace, be



bides, this gra - cious prom - ise is our help, our hope and
wil - der - ness a riv - er flows to heal and bless us
still; let pride - ful thun - der yield to songs of joy and



so - lace. God's strong word is sol - id ground.
ev - er. God the cru - ci - fied dwells here.
won - der. God and God a - lone be praised.

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PR 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

A God of mercy and grace, you are present. You are within each person here and you are among us as your gathered people. Trusting in your presence, your promises, and your joy, even when we cannot perceive them, we bring to you our gratitude for all you have done, and the burdens that weigh on our hearts.

A We pray for creation.

Thank you for its beauty and bounty and for the ways it reminds us of your presence. Guide the work of those who advocate for the wellness of your wondrous creation, and help us to better tend and keep it. We pray for all habitats, creatures, and all peoples harmed by natural disasters; and landslide victims in Turkey and families of those trapped, missing, or killed.

God of unending joy,

C answer us.

A We pray for the nations and their leaders.

Thank you for cooperation among world leaders and for the ways people work together for the wellbeing of everyone. We pray for places that know violence, famine, and economic hardship... especially Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Russia and Ukraine, and the Sudan. We also pray for a peaceful resolution to the farmers' protests in India. Pour out your spirit of wisdom on all who govern, that they will care for the most vulnerable and work for the good of those they vowed to serve.

God of unending joy,

C answer us.

- A We pray for peace throughout the earth.
Thank you for the gift of peace. We pray that you send peace with power into our world, our neighborhoods, our hearts, and our homes. Bring an end to gun violence. Stop cycles of domestic abuse. Give peace to every nation. We pray for all victims of gun violence, including victims of a subway shooting in the Bronx and members of Lakewood Church in Houston, TX...
- God of unending joy,
C **answer us.**
- A We pray for those who are vulnerable.
Thank you for giving us gifts to share with others. Bring justice to anyone who has been used or abused. Feed those who are hungry for food or for companionship. House those who need shelter. Protect those who live in fear. Work through our hands and hearts to provide for them.
- God of unending joy,
C **answer us.**
- A We pray for the church.
Thank you for the goodness we know when we gather as your people, for the gifts of community, shared ministry, and the chance to pray for and with one another. We thank you for the work of the church around the world and for the ways in which the church is at work close to home. Renew us in the promises of baptism and draw us into closer relationships with other people of faith.
- God of unending joy,
C **answer us.**
- A We pray for healing and wholeness.
We pray for all those known to us in need of healing and wholeness.
... Nathan and Haley, Jeanette, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, and Megan. Thank you for gifts of healing and recovery.
- God of unending joy,
C **answer us.**
- PR God of abundant life, you bring a quiet, constant joy to our most trying times. Remind us of your goodness in grief and your presence in pain.
- 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 God of mercy and grace,
 you give us so much:
 our days, our loved ones,
 our passions and talents,
 the food we eat, the homes we know,
 a place to worship.

 God, you pour out an abundance of goodness.
 Receive the gifts we offer back to you today.
 Bless them and bless us,
 that we will give generously,
 love boldly, and share widely,
 our offering reflecting your joyful gift.

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

PR God is with you.

C **And also with you.**

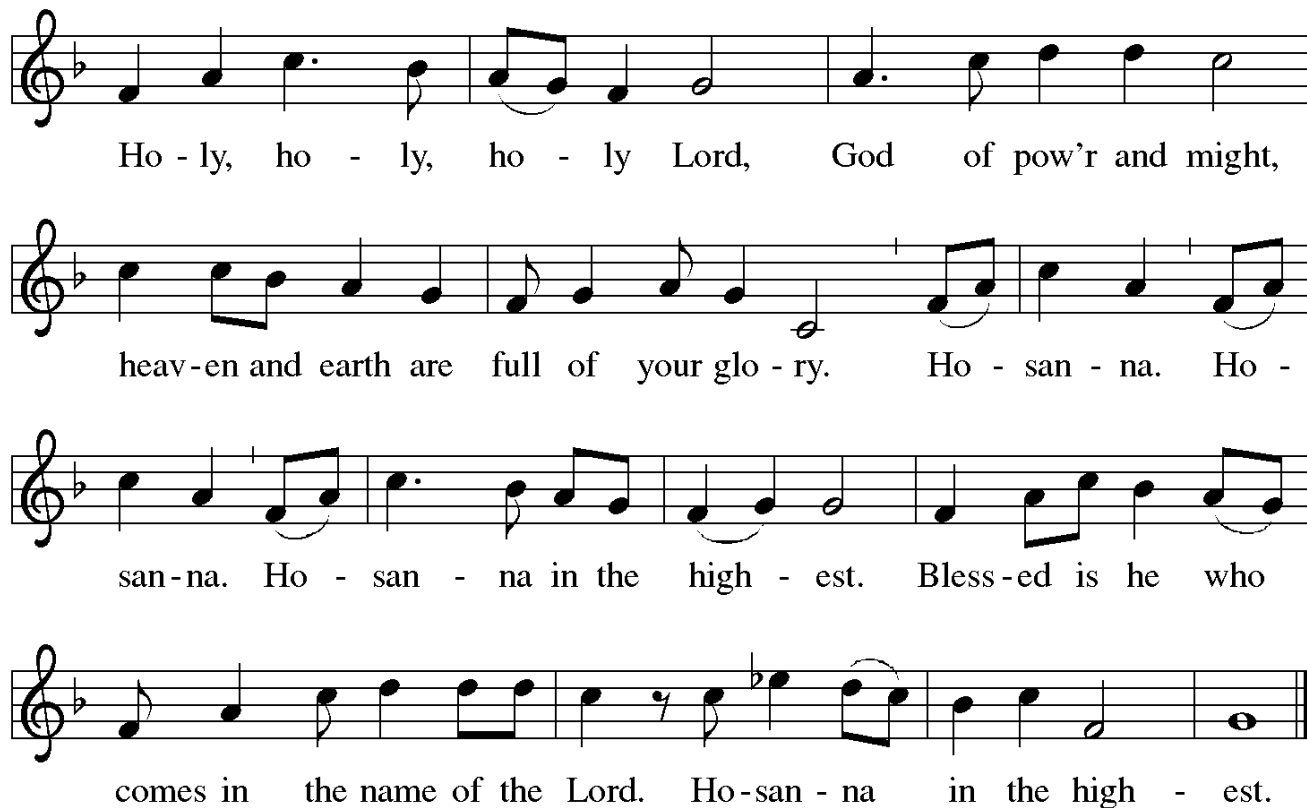
PR Rejoice with full hearts.

C **We offer them to God.**

PR Let us give thanks to our God.

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

PR God, there is no time, no place
 where you are not present,
 and there is no time, no place
 where we should not practice the joy of praising you:
 even here, even now, in our ordinary lives.
 As we give thanks, we join the choir
 of our ancestors and our heirs
 and all God's angels
 as they time their breath to the rhythm of joy
 and sing of heaven despite the world.



PR God, our ancestors knew the long road toward joy.
 Noah saw your rainbow after a devastating flood.
 Sarah and Abraham found hope for their future
 in a covenant promise.

Moses cradled your law in his arms
 and the Israelites found wilderness life
 where they should have died.
 The prophets read your faithfulness
 traced indelibly on their hearts.
 Your love sent us Jesus
 and his persistent, irrational joy:
 dripping with the Jordan's baptismal flood,
 teaching in the crowd's beating heart,
 tossing the tables of empire and profit,
 falling like a seed into warm dark soil
 as he offered his life for us all.

On the last night of his life, as evening fell,
 Jesus sat down to dinner with his friends.
 He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it,
 and passed it around the table for everyone to eat, saying,
 This is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the meal had ended, the shadows closing in,
Jesus took the cup, blessed it,
and invited everyone 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.

In the heart of fear and pain,
God plants the seed of our joy:

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

PR Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup,
Christ's body and blood,
the food that gives us the strength to persist
until joy appears.
Send your Spirit upon us
and fortify us to be your body, too,
a wellspring of hope for a world in need.

All glory, power, and honor are yours,
God of brilliant resurrection and quiet joy,
today and every day.

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: ELW (red), hymn 325: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;
me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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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 Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- C **Amen.**

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 319: *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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Blessing

PR Go with blessing.

The One who wove joy throughout the whole cosmos
weaves joy within your own heart.

The One who experienced all our human joys and sorrows
travels right beside you.

The One who whispers joy to our hearts
is present within you.

You are blessed in the name of God, Holy Three in One.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Practice joy. As you leave this place, go with the joy that persists in every storm.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician), Mark Hermodson (Cantor), Robert Hershberger (Assisting Minister), Dick Rahdert (Lector), (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Matt Ohland (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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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](#)



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.

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.

Centering Prayer Group

Join us every Monday morning for Centering 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.

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.

February Schedule:

February 18: Patti O'Callaghan, Bread for the World's Offering of Letters, 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.

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.

Updating the Prayer List during Prayers of Intercession

We would like to update the prayer list we read during our Prayers of Intercession on Sunday mornings. Please send Erin (erin@osluth.org) those names you wish to remain on (or wish to add to) the prayer list for the next 3 months. (or designate how long you would like their names to appear) If you would like to include more information regarding those being lifted in prayer, so that others can pray for that situation, please let Erin know. During worship we will continue to read first names only. Other information will stay private to the congregation and will be posted in the office.

Women, Wine (or whatever your preferred beverage) & Feminine Spirituality

Sunday, March 10th from 2:00-4:00 pm at Wildcat Creek Winery. (You do not need to be 21 to go to the winery and they sell soft drinks along with wine.) We will be discussing the Book [Fierce Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex and Salvation](#) by Alice Connor. (You can click on the link to purchase the book from Amazon.) On March 10th we will cover the introduction and the first chapter on Tamar. Space is limited at the winery, please contact Missy at missy@osluth.org or 260-402-4477 to let me know if you are planning to attend.



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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>