



*And he went throughout
Galilee, proclaiming
the message...*

MARK 1:39, NRSV

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February 4, 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 Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

The Gathering

Prelude Music

On Eagle's Wings (setting by Anne Krentz Organ, 1996 Augsburg Fortress)
O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (setting by Valerie A. Floeter, 2009 Augsburg Fortress)

Stand

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 147, Isaiah 40, written by Mary J. Scifres, posted on the **Ministry Matters**)

PR Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.
C **Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

PR Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.
C **Gather us in, the young and the old.**

PR Gather us in, to sing of God's works.
C **Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.**

PR Gather us in, to worship and wonder.
C **Gather us in, to know of God's love.**

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 617: *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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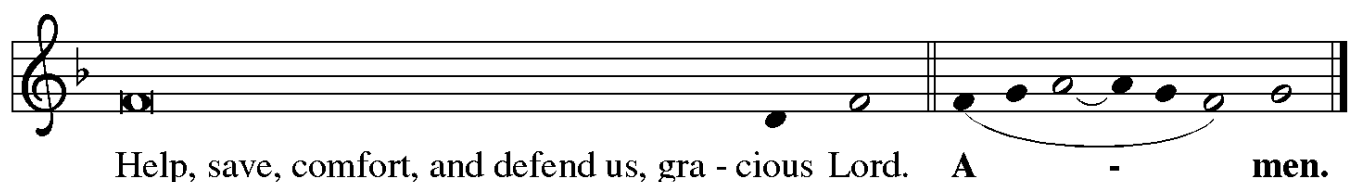
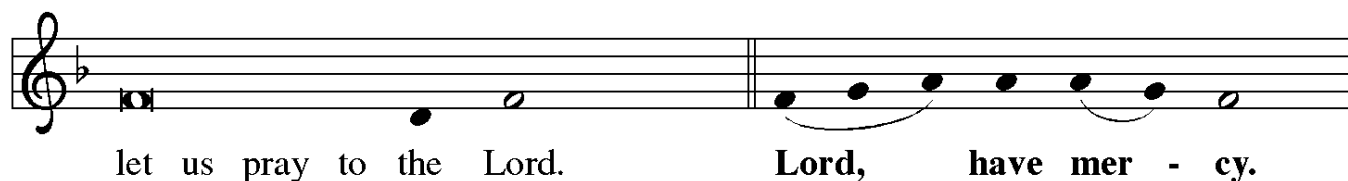
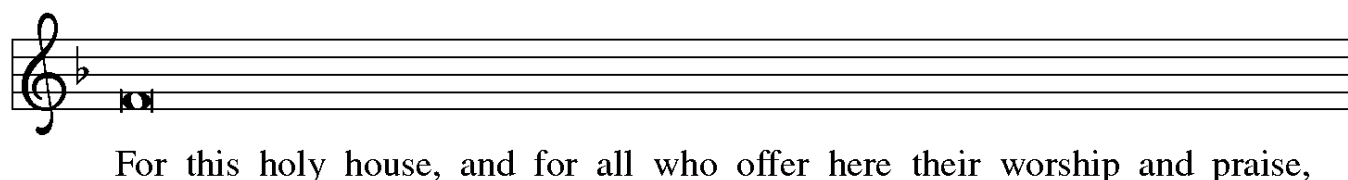
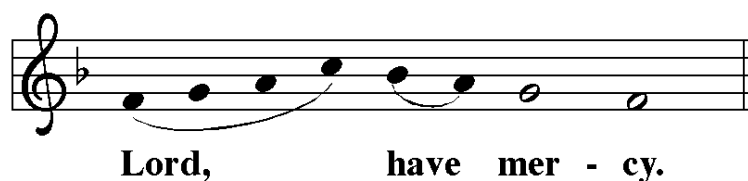
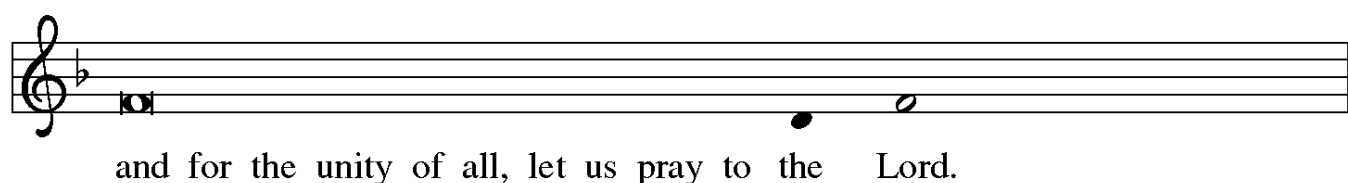
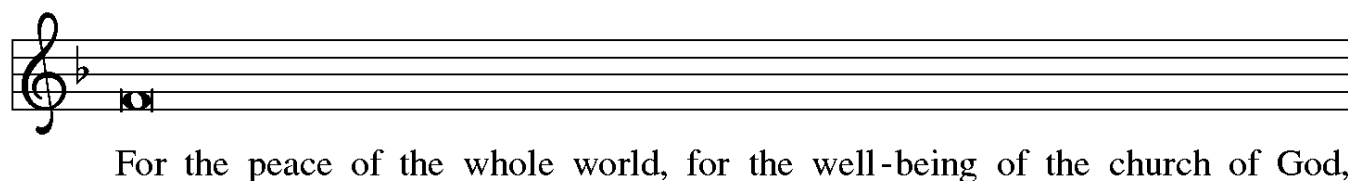
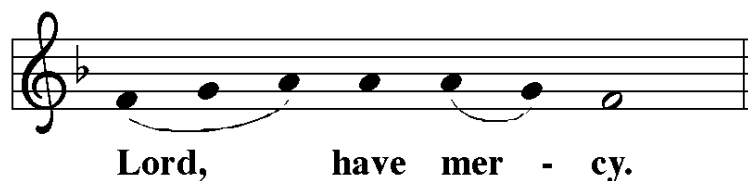
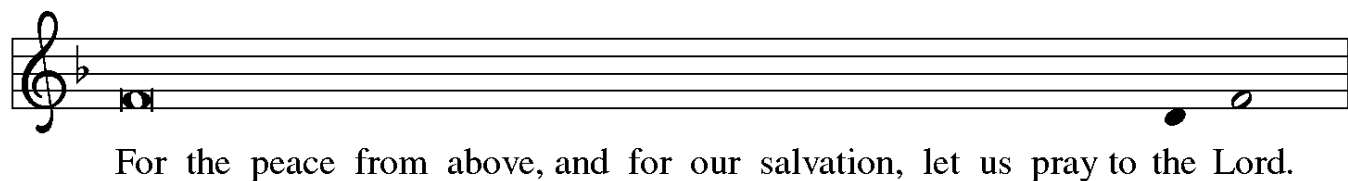
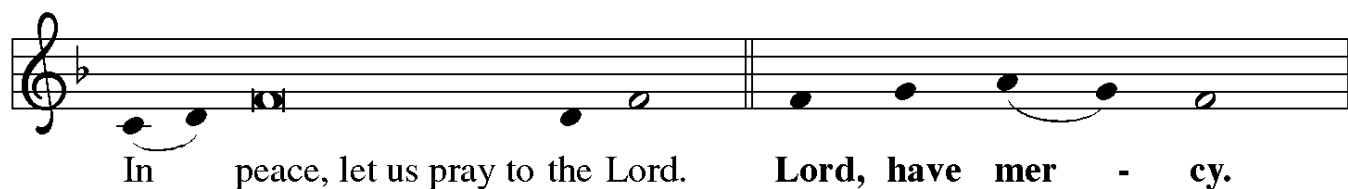
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Greeting

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

PR Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹ Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² **The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

³ He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴ **He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.**

⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ **The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸ **He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

⁹ He gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰ **His delight is not in the strength of the horse
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love. ^{20c} Hallelujah!

L A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

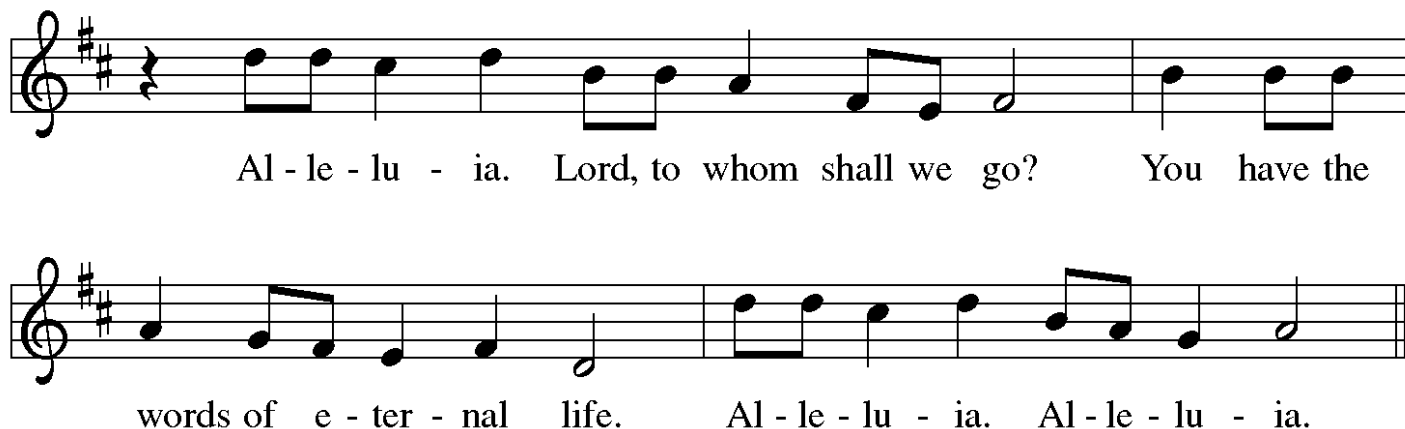
¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

PR The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Stand

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 843: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

PK 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.*) Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

A Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

A God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. We pray for de-escalation among nations, governments, and political parties. Bring your peace among nations, especially between Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

A God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand to any who are suffering. We pray for safety and compassion for refugees and all migrants. We lift to you victims of abuse, harassment, and trauma. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need (*especially*) Sheila, Danny D., Nathan & Haley, Liliana M., Jean P., Dave M., Blake H., Jenifer, Janet, Jason, Fil, Shirley, Linda, Adele, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Shelby, Kevin, Ann, Mary, Sean, Jane, Tom, Peter H, and Megan. God of grace,
C receive our prayer.

A God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

A God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

PK 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

PK 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

PK The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

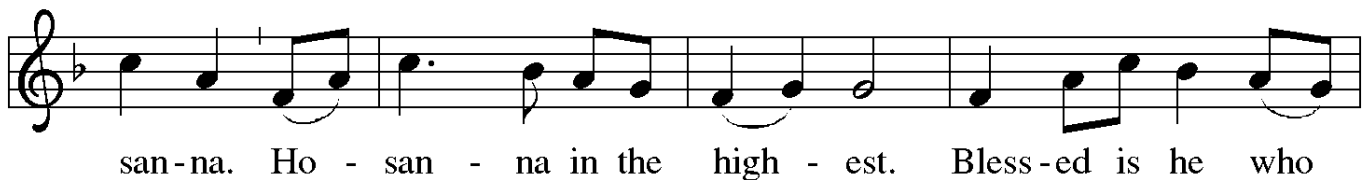
PK Lift up your hearts.

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

PK Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PK 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:



PK 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.**

PK 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.**

PK 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.**

PK 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.

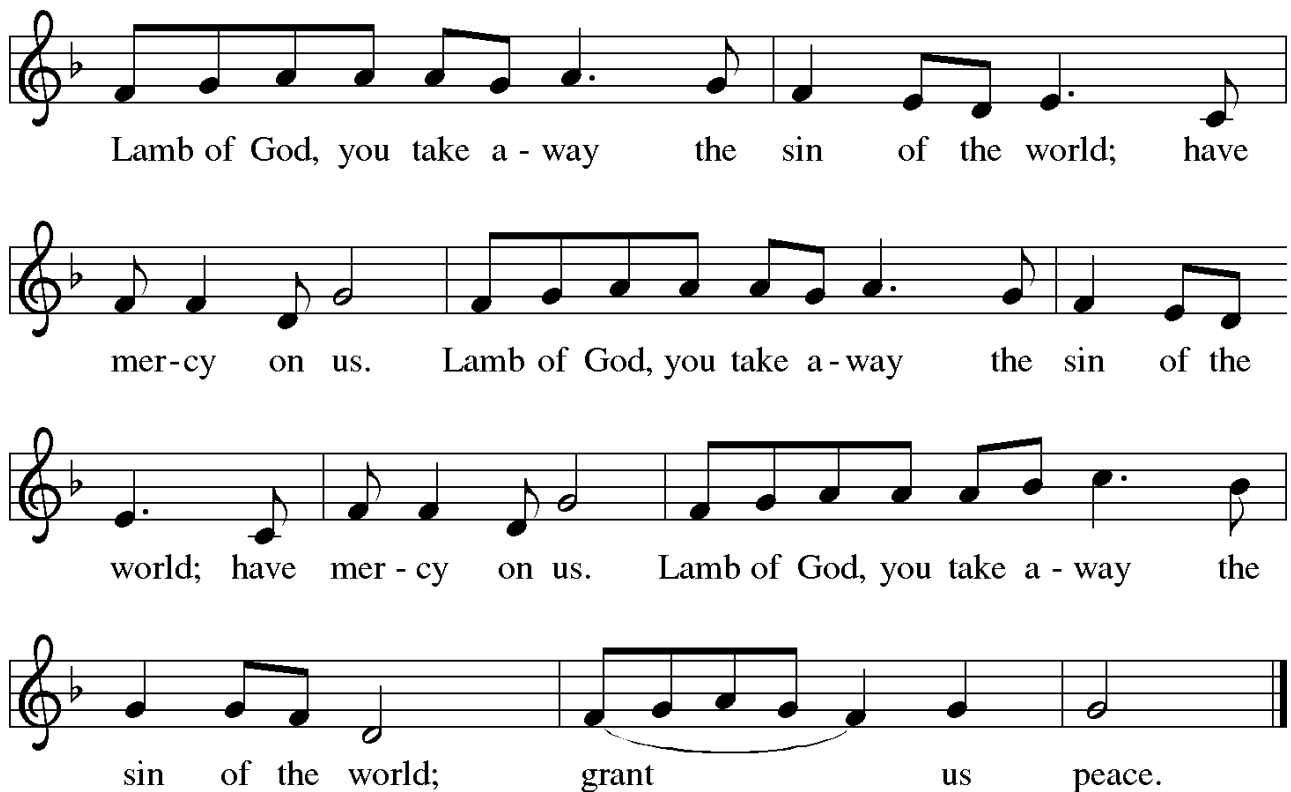
Invitation to Communion

PK We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to this table where, in bread and wine, we are met with God's love, and through Jesus' resurrection, we are joined to each other, different as diverse as we may be. So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

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

PK 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 665: *Rise, Shine, You People!*



- 1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
- 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
- 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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Blessing

PK 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.

Worship Assistants Today: Julie Huetteman, Sara Behnke (Musicians), Mark Hermodson (Cantor), Robert Hershberger (Assisting Minister), Peter Bunder (Lector), Matt Ohland (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Jesse Grogan (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

Pastor Randy is available for pastoral care. Please contact him at: 260-402-4476 or by email: randy@osluth.org

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](#)



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.

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 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'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.

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.



Thank you OSLC for contributing to our Souper Bowl of Caring. The children collected \$550.00 for the cause this year. We will use a portion of the funds to purchase food to assemble 80 To Go Bagged meals for LUM's warming shelter and the rest will be used to purchase dog and cat food for the Almost Home Humane Society. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.



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



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>