

# The Seed of Joy

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*



## Transformative 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**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (arranged by J. Bert Carlson, 2003 Augsburg Fortress, setting by Robert Lind, 2014 Augsburg Fortress)

*Stand*

### **Call to Worship**

PR 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PR 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.*

PR 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.)*

PR 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.**

PR 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.**

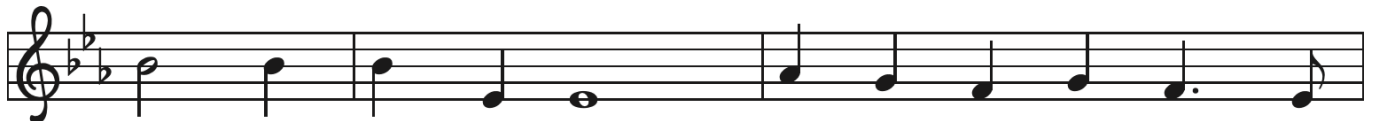
Gathering Hymn: ACS, hymn 1032: *Light Up Your Heads*



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,  
 2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,  
 3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;  
 4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing  
 bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no  
 Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -  
 bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and  
 more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en  
 nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the  
 tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -  
 One, who bless - es you with  
 air. Oh, taste and see what  
 sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -



on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.  
 joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.  
 once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.  
 mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

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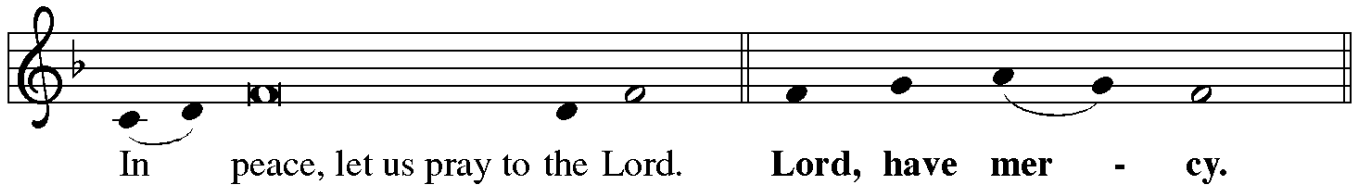
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**Greeting**

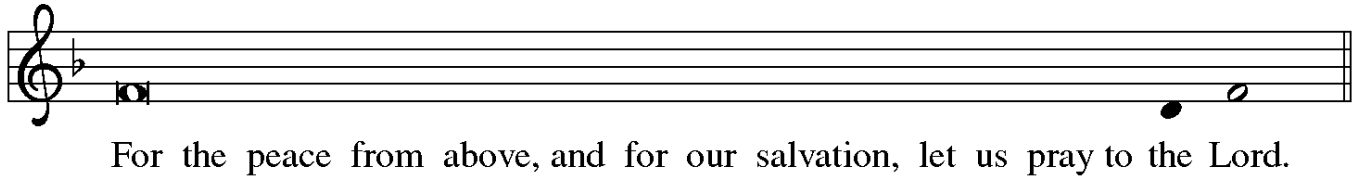
PR The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

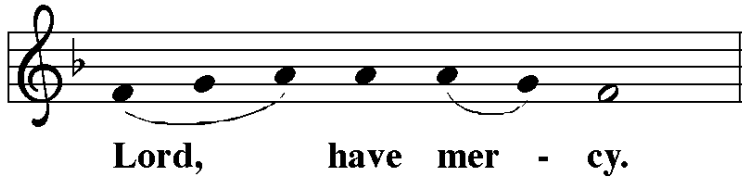
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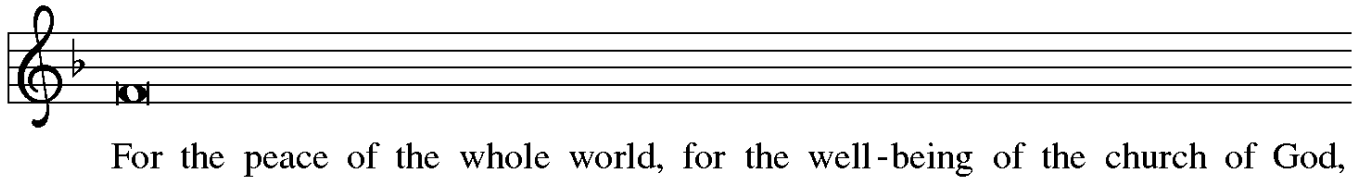
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



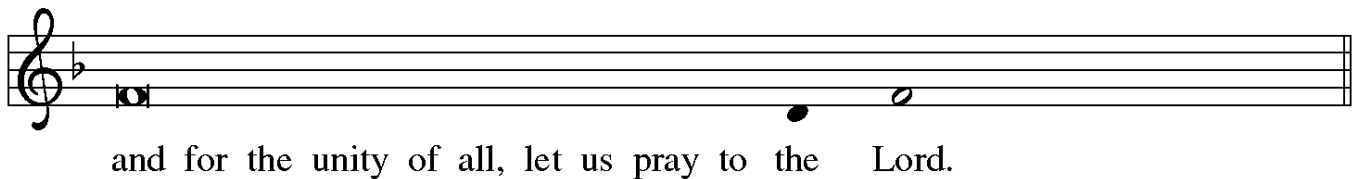
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



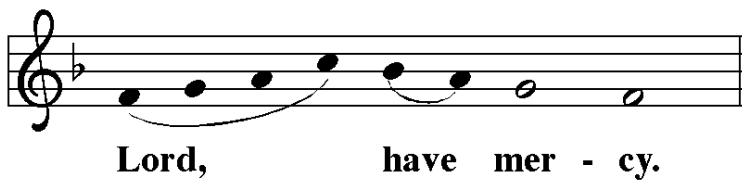
Lord, have mer - cy.



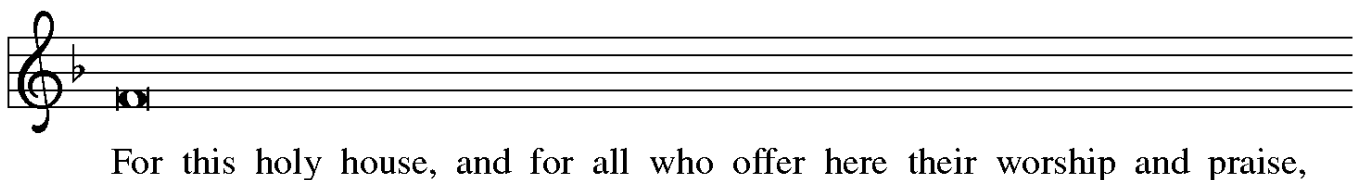
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

PR God of impossible things, you teach us where healing is found: in clarity, in honesty, in the cross. You made us for goodness, not harm, and laid a path toward renewal. Show us joy in the heart of despair. Heal us to be healers in your wounded world.

C Amen.

*Sit*

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Numbers.

### Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (Read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death’s door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

L A reading from the book of Ephesians.

### Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.  
human strength.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

PR The Holy Gospel according to John, the third chapter.

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

### John 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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 328: *Restore in Us, O God*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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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... *(Name specific places or events for which your congregation is grateful: a sunny day, needed rainfall, a local park, a nearby waterway, flowers beginning to sprout, the joy of pets and animal companions.)*

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 peoples harmed by natural disasters... *(Name those impacted locally or worldwide this week.)*

C God of unending joy,  
**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. *(Name a recent, specific example.)*
- We pray for places that know violence, famine, and economic hardship... *(Name one or more places here.) 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, *(name your specific community)*, our hearts, and our homes. *Bring an end to gun violence. Stop cycles of domestic abuse. Give peace to every nation. (Name local or national instances of violence or specific places in need of peace.)*
- 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. *(Name specific prayers for vulnerable people in your community.) 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... *(Name an international ministry, perhaps from your denomination.) ...and for the ways in which the church is at work close to home... (Name national and/or local denominational leaders, judicatories, or ministry efforts.) 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.  
Thank you for gifts of healing and recovery... *(Name any among your congregation who have experienced healing.)* We pray for all those known to us in need of healing and wholeness *(especially)* Lynn, Lawrence, Nathan and Haley, Jeanette, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, and Megan.
- 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 worshipping 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 [these@panix.com](mailto:these@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.**

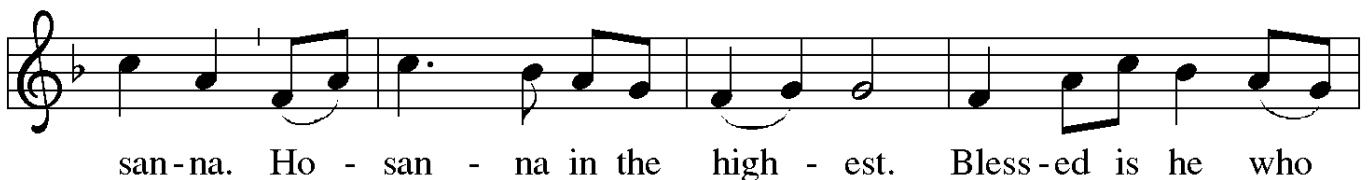
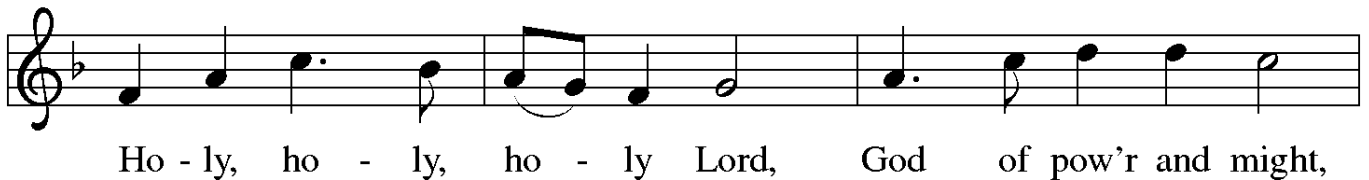
## The Great Thanksgiving

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



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## 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 598: *For by Grace You Have Been Saved*



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your  
 2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my  
 3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have  
 own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my  
 self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is  
 own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is  
 self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - men.  
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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.

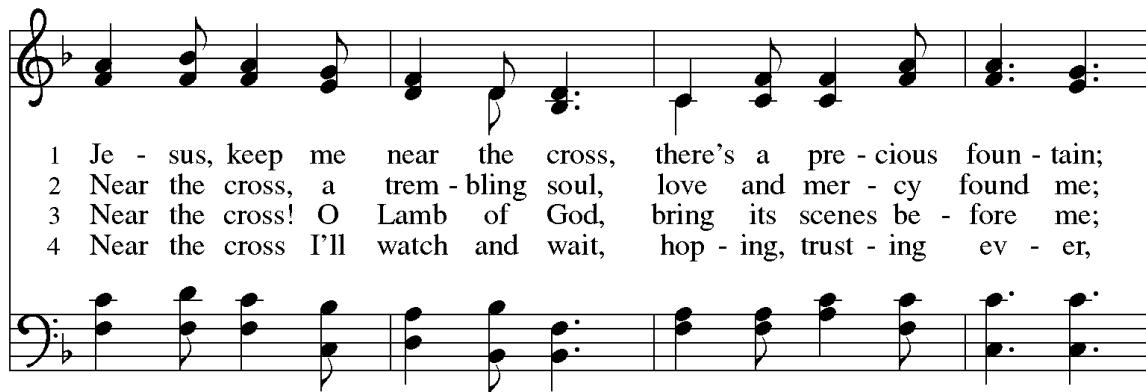
C Amen.



# The Sending

## An Invitation

### Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 335: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

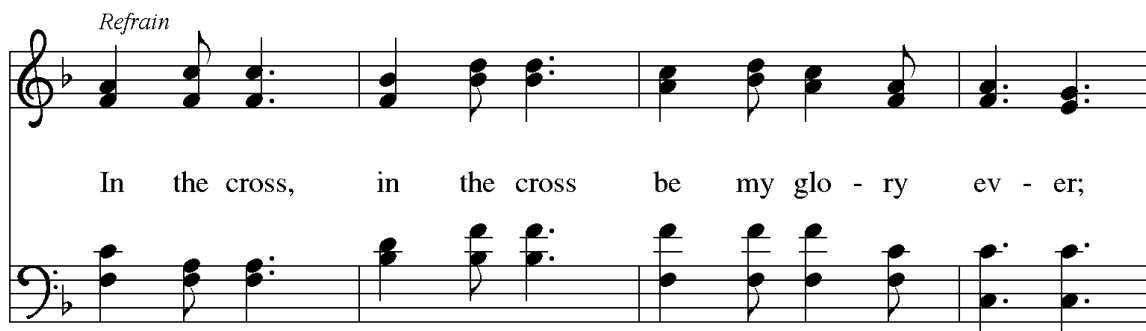


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

## **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 transforms.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Assistants Today:** Julie Huetteman, Sara Behnke (Musicians), Mark Hermodson (Cantor), Mary Waltmann (Assisting Minister), Kathy Grogan (Lector), Jesse Grogan (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](mailto: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-5<sup>th</sup> and confirmation class for children grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477.

**(No Sunday School March 10th and 17th– Happy Spring Break!)**

## **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 March 10, 17, & 31)**

## **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](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or Mark Hermodson at [hermodson@comcast.net](mailto:hermodson@comcast.net) if you have any suggestions.

### March Schedule:

March 10th- Mindy Gilbert from It's My Closet- It's My Closet provides clothes and household items for LSC students and their immediate family and is located at Lafayette Jefferson High School.

March 17th- Fellowship time- Happy Spring Break

March 24th- Zarema Mustafaieva and Zera Mustafaieva are sisters who are both Ukrainian Visiting Scholars in the Brian Lamb School of Communication. They are from Crimea. When they lived in Crimea they worked at a television station that was taken over by Russia. We are honored to have them share their story with us.

## **Centering Prayer Group**

Join us every Monday morning for Centering Prayer 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.

## **Midweek Lenten Worship Services and Soup Supper**

Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm will be our 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](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477.

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

**Today, 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](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477 to let me know if you are planning to attend.

## **Join us Easter Sunday for Breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt!**

Breakfast begins at 9:30 am and our Easter Egg hunt begins at 9:40 am. If you plan to attend, please put your name and the number of people in your party attending on the sign-up sheet outside the office so we can plan accordingly. If you will not be here in person until Easter, you can sign up online by clicking this link [Easter Breakfast Sign Up](#). If you have any questions please let Missy know at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477 We look forward to celebrating Easter with you!

## **Easter Candy Donations for our Easter Egg Hunt**

We need your help filling treat bags for Easter Egg hunters on Easter Morning! The Faith Formation team is hosting an Easter Egg hunt after the 8:30 am service on Easter Morning. Please bring in your bags of candy and place them in the basket in front of the office. We appreciate your help!

## **Fun, Food & Games**

You are invited to join us for Fun, Food & Games on **Saturday March 16th from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall at OSLC. Bring your favorite game to play and snack to share. OSLC will provide pizza and drinks. Please sign up by clicking the link [OSLC Fun, Food & Games](#) or you can sign up in the Narthex on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions please let Missy know at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477.

## Easter Flowers

I know we just finished with the poinsettias, but it is time to think about EASTER flowers! As Pastor Randy said last Sunday, “there are only 5 weeks to Easter” and orders have to be in by March 12th. Therefore, please be thinking about who or what you might like to honor or remember with a donated lily for our Easter chancel this year and watch for the bulletin insert on March 3 and 10. Prices this year are \$8.75 for lilies and \$8.25 for mixed tulips. Orders and checks (please write FLOWERS on memo line to make our finance folks happy) may be placed in offering plate or dropped by the office no later than March 11th. (Order forms may be found in the narthex.)

## Choir Members for Easter Morning

We are looking of choir members to sing for Easter morning at the 8:30 am worship. Please contact Julie Huetteman if you are interested in singing. ([juliehuetteman@gmail.com](mailto:juliehuetteman@gmail.com), 765-491-7819)

## Member New Address

Sue Axtell, one of our long-time members, has moved to Minnesota to be closer to her family. She is currently living in a townhouse and if the transition works out, she will place her home in West Lafayette on the market this spring. She hopes to come back to OSLC for a visit when they move the rest of her belongings. This was a challenging decision for her, and we should keep her in our prayers. With her permission we share with you her new address.  
5565 Nolan Ave North, Oak Park Heights, MN 55082



# 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**                    *God calls us to be a community of discipleship for all,  
making Christ's love real in our daily lives.*

**Mission**                *Grow in faith and Christian calling  
Love and serve God and neighbor  
Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

**Values**                    *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*