

# The Seed of Joy

*Fifth* Sunday in Lent



## Vocational 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**

*The Word of God is Source and Seed* (setting by Nancy M. Raabe, 2011 Augsburg Fortress)

*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: ACS, hymn 1043: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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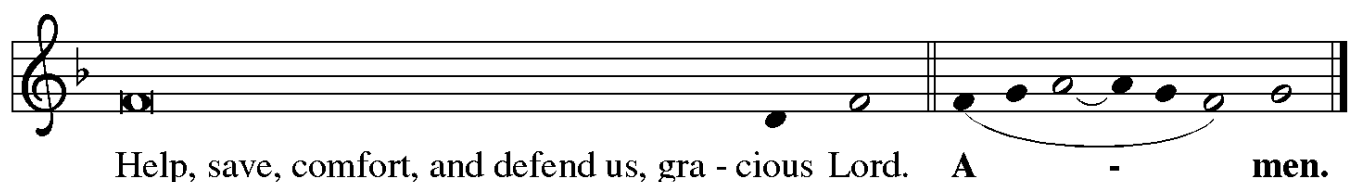
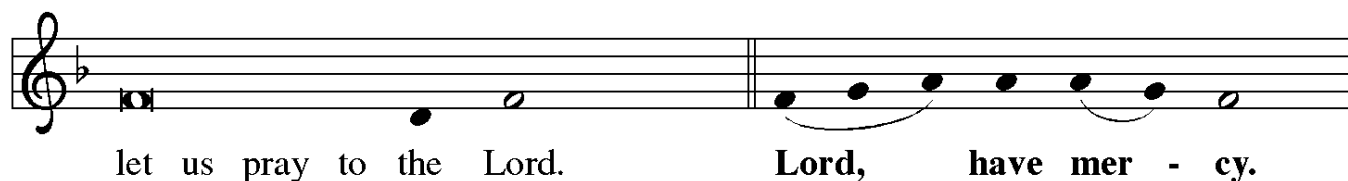
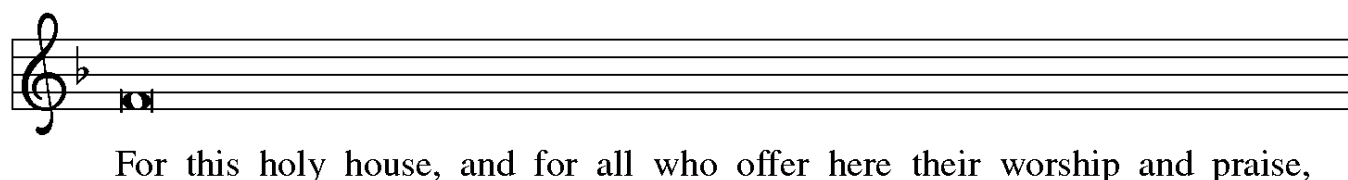
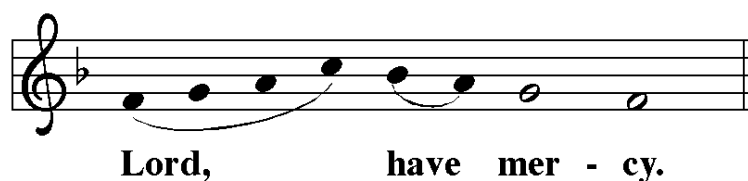
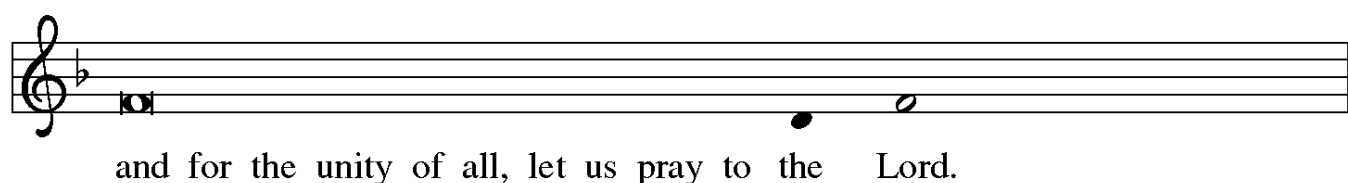
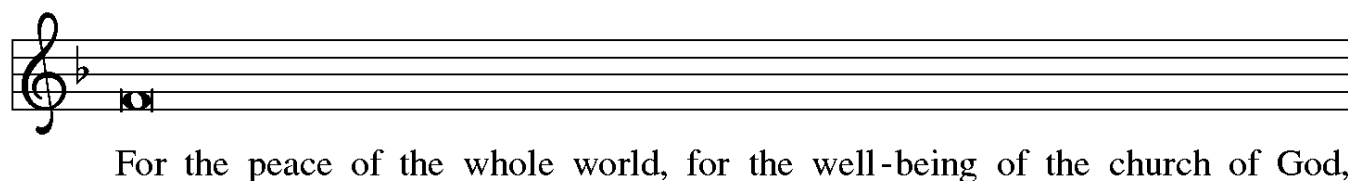
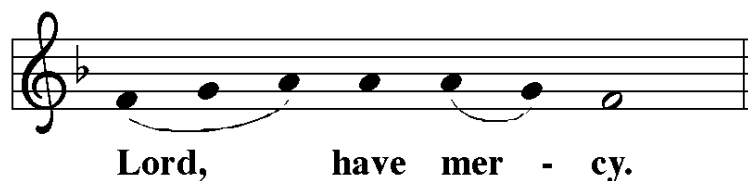
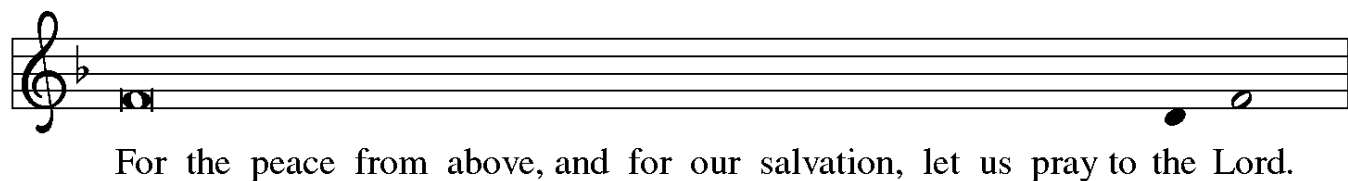
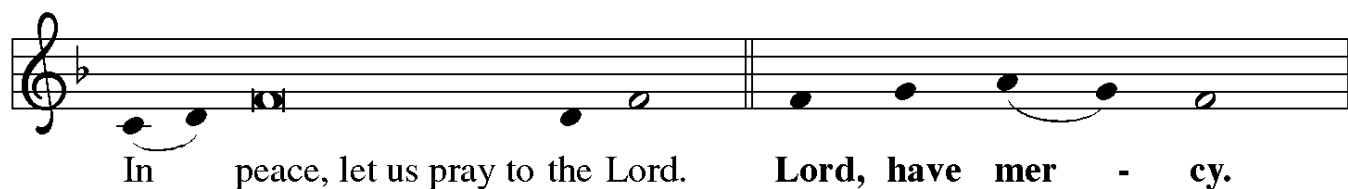
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## Greeting

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 Holy Voice, your call resonates in the depth of our being, urging us toward places where others need help. Give us the courage to say yes to you today. Pour joy into the places where our gifts meet your invitation.

C Amen.

*Sit*

## *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 51:1-12 (Read responsively by whole verse)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

L A reading from the book of Hebrews.

### Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

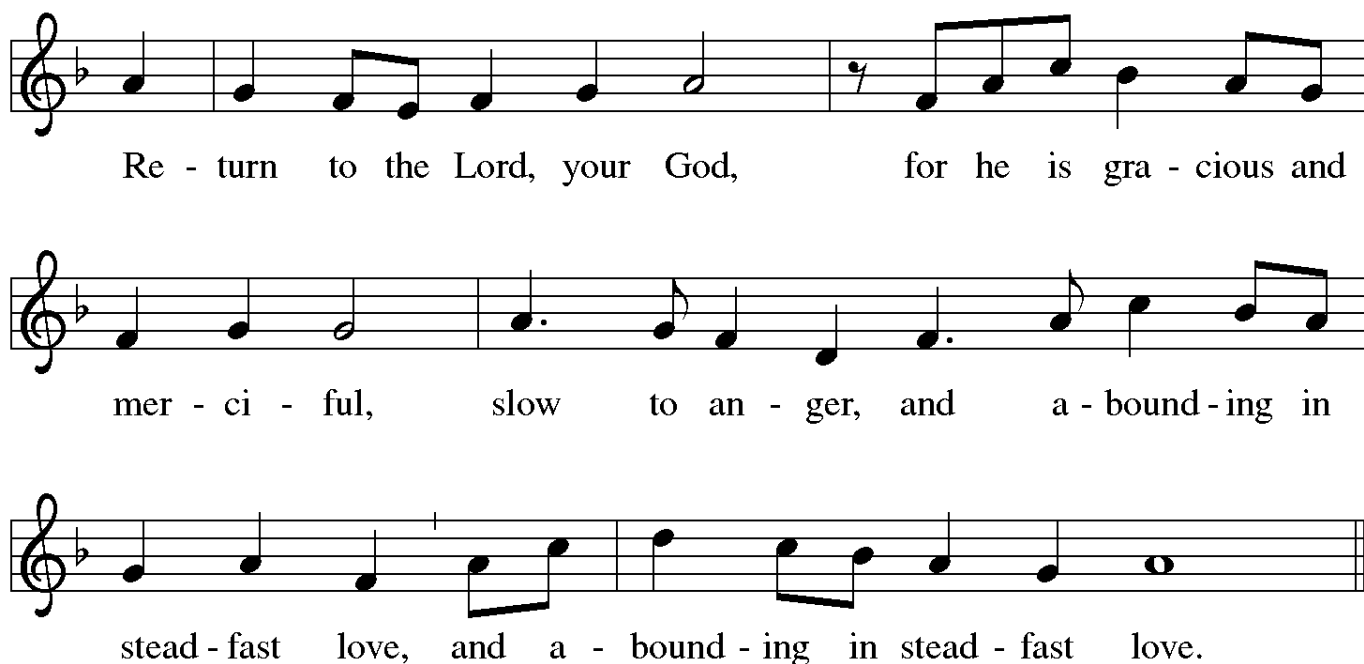
<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.

PK The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.

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

## John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

<sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

PK The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Kristin Rice

*Stand*

Hymn of the Day, ELW (red), hymn 808: *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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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. We are grateful for the sunshine you bring to us, our local parks with flowers beginning to sprout, and the joy of pets and our 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.

**C** God of unending joy,  
**answer us.**

- A We pray for the nations and their leaders.  
We pray in thanksgiving for the gifts and leadership of women across history and across disciplines. We ask your blessing upon Muslim neighbors observing Ramadan, and for greater interreligious appreciation and collaboration around the world. Thank you for cooperation among world leaders and for the ways people work together for the wellbeing of everyone. Pour out your spirit of wisdom on all who govern, that they will care for the most vulnerable as they work for the good of those they vowed to serve. We lift to you the need for stability amidst political transition in Haiti and ask for the safe passage of aid ships as they travel to Gaza.
- 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. We pray for places that know violence, famine, and economic hardship especially; Palestine and Israel where we ask for cease-fires and for safe return of hostages, in Syria, Myanmar, Russia, Ukraine, and Sudan. We pray for all victims of gun violence, especially in Apple Valley, CA; Worcester, CA; Jonesboro, AK; Berkeley, MO; Punxsutawney, PA; Lakeland, FL; Laurel, MD; and Dallas, TX. We ask you to let your comforting Spirit be known to the kidnapped children of Nigeria and pray for their safe return.
- 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, such as the ELCA's Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO), and for the ways in which the church is at work close to home through Family Promise. 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 give thanks for medical professionals, researchers, and scientists. Give them strength, wisdom, and patience. We turn to you Eternal Healer, to send compassionate helpers to any who suffer or those who are ill, especially Zach, Lynn, Lawrence, Nathan and Haley, Jeanette, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, and Megan. Guide us to befriend those who are lonely or ill, and bring hope to any in despair. We thank you for gifts of healing and recovery and be with us when they come not as we hoped.
- 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](mailto: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.**

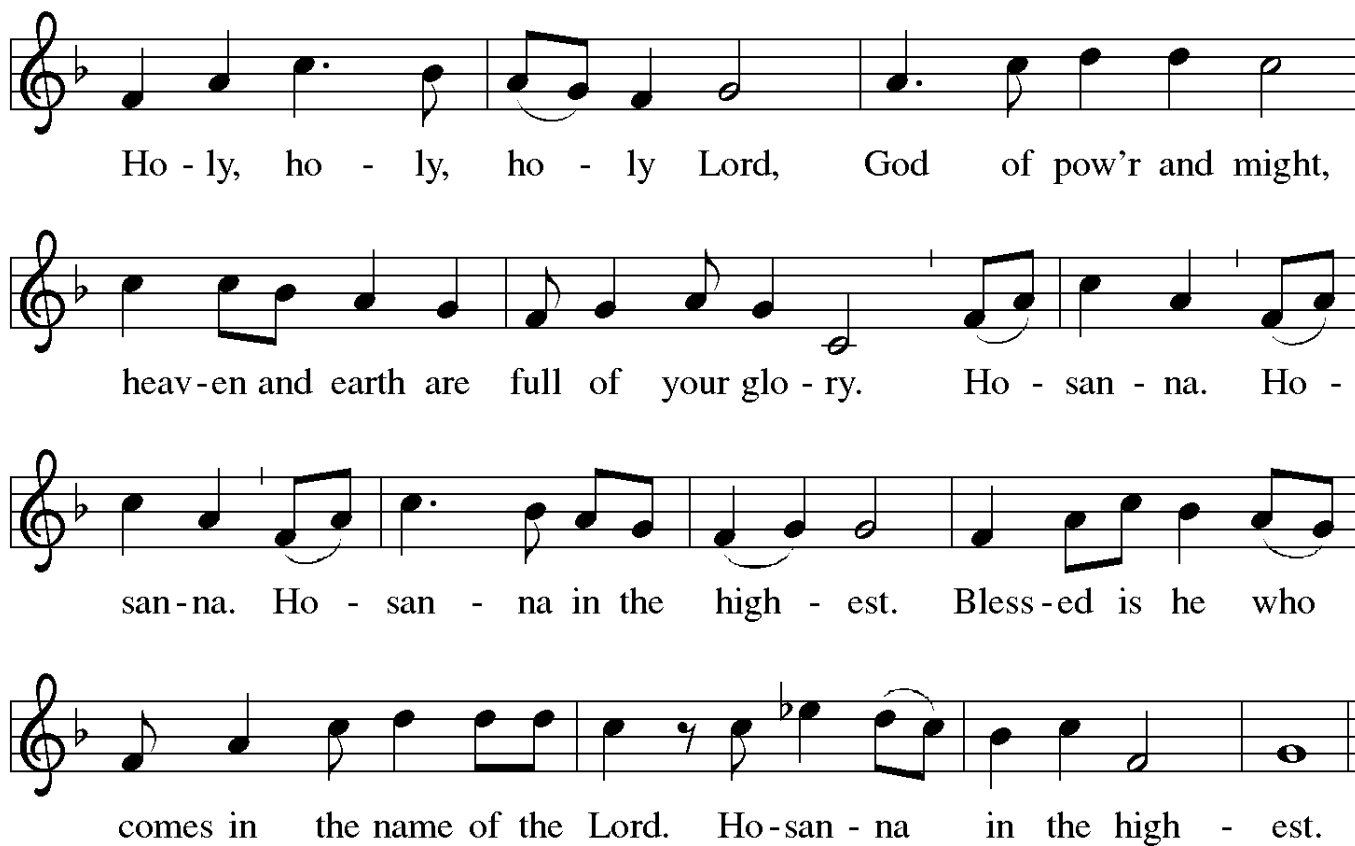
## The Great Thanksgiving

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.



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

PR 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 814: *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;'. The second system corresponds to 'set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.'.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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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 545: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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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 fills life with meaning.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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**Worship Assistants Today:** Julie Huetteman, Sara Behnke (Musicians), Mark Hermodson (Cantor), Kathy Grogan (Assisting Minister), Dick Rahdert (Lector), Jesse Grogan (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Carl Huetteman (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

**Pastor Randy is available for pastoral care. Please contact him at: 260-402-4476 or by email: [randy@osluth.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 today, March 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 today, March 17, & March 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 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 20th 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.

### **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!



# 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)

<b>Vision</b>	<i>God calls us to be a community of discipleship for all, making Christ's love real in our daily lives.</i>
<b>Mission</b>	<i>Grow in faith and Christian calling Love and serve God and neighbor Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ</i>
<b>Values</b>	<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>