

The Seed of Joy

Third Sunday in Lent



Liberating 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

When Our Song Says Peace (setting by David M. Cherwien, ©2003, 2010 Augsburg Fortress)

Holy God, Holy and Glorious (setting by James Biery, ©2001 Robert Buckley Farlee, ©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 985: *Let Us Enter In*



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

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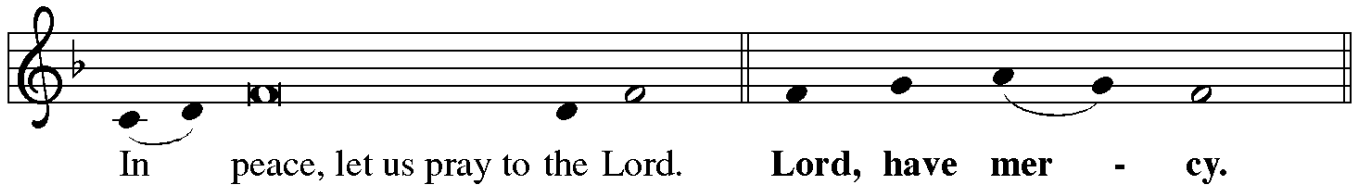
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Greeting

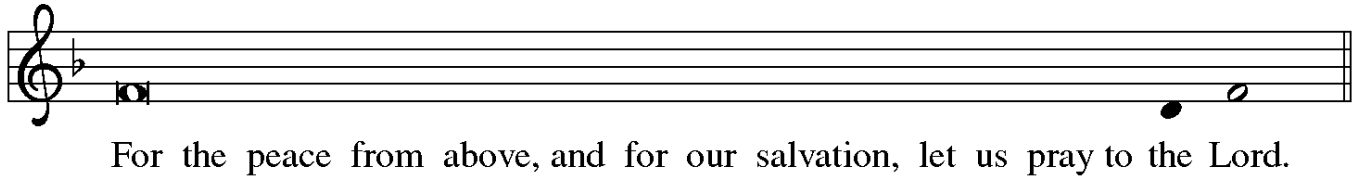
PR The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

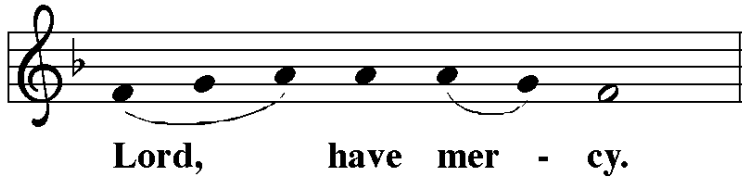
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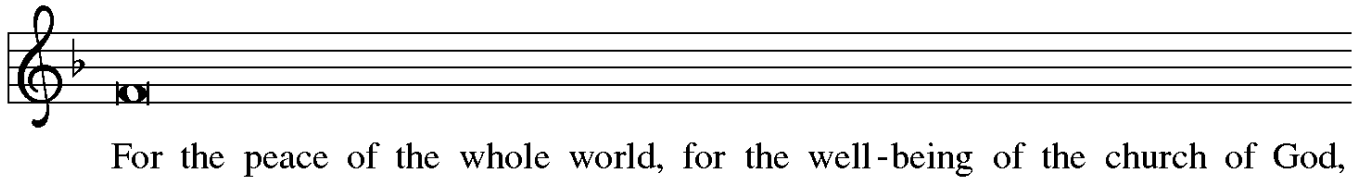
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



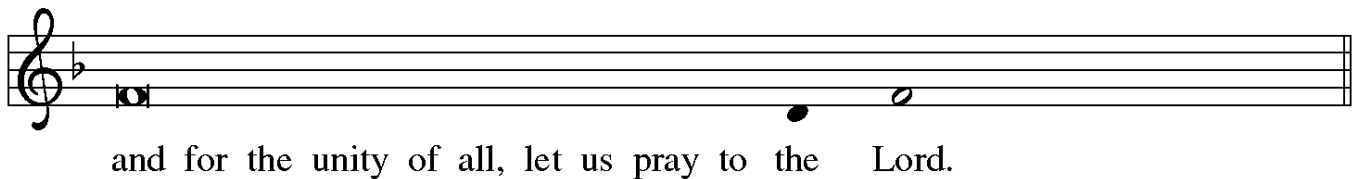
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



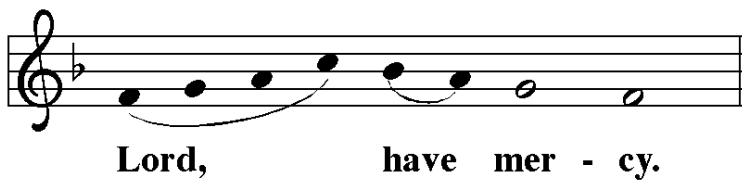
Lord, have mer - cy.



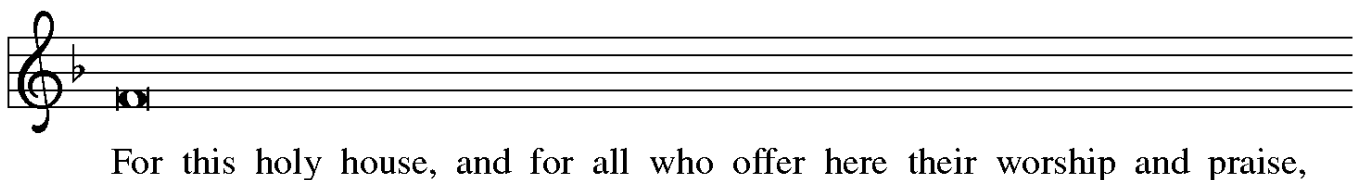
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 our Liberator, we live in a world where so many are not free: kept in poverty, forced to labor, bound to economics that devalue and demean. Break the chains that hold your people where bodies suffer and minds are locked. Guide us to joy beyond our imagining.

C Amen.

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Exodus.

Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;**

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

L A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

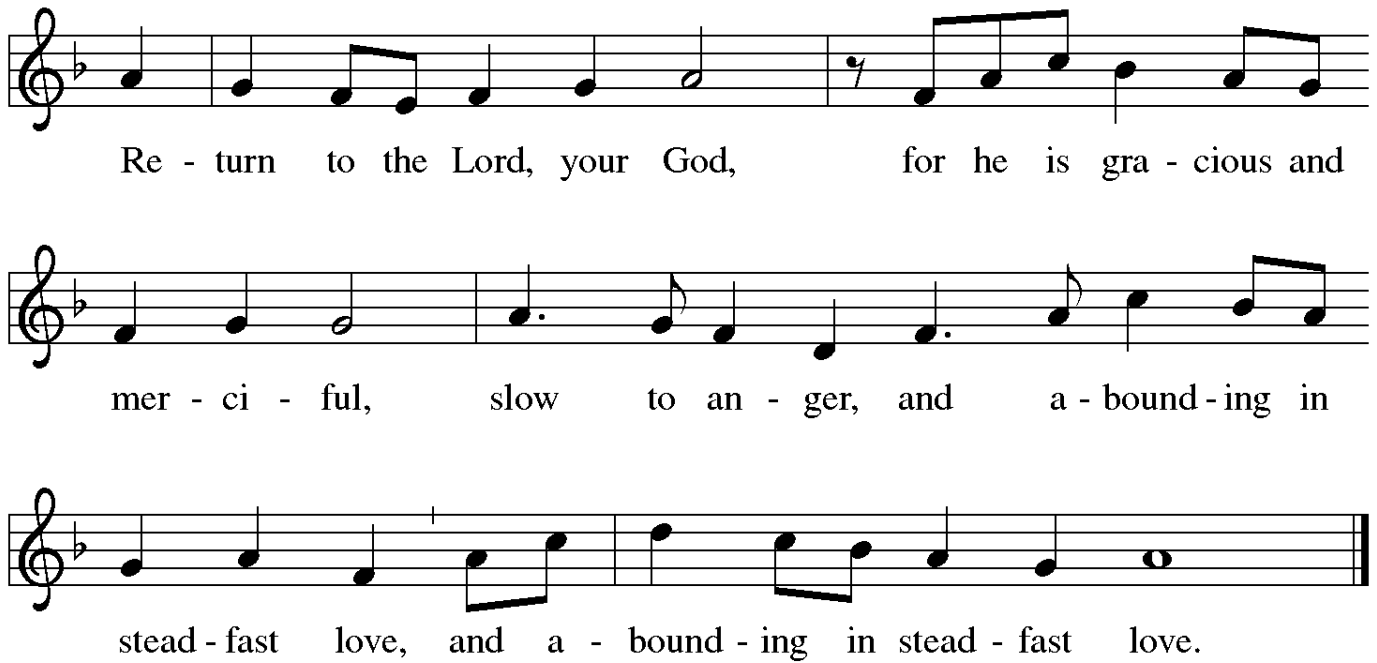
²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 second chapter.

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

John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 709: *When Our Song Says Peace*



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

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PK Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers

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

A We pray for creation.

Thank you for its beauty and bounty and for the ways it reminds us of your presence. Guide the work of those who advocate for the wellness of your wondrous creation and help us to better tend and keep it. We pray for all habitats, creatures, and all those battling wildfires, especially in Nebraska and Texas.

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. We pray for places that know violence, famine, and economic hardship especially; Palestine and Israel and ask for cease-fires and for safe return of hostages in Syria, Myanmar, Russia, Ukraine, and Sudan. We also pray for safe and just resolutions to protests in Nigeria, South Korea, and across Europe. Pour out your spirit of wisdom on all who govern, that they will care for the most vulnerable. May they provide safety, compassion, and welcome for refugees, asylum seekers, and all migrants, as they work for the good of those they vowed to serve.
- God of unending joy,
C **answer us.**
- A We pray for peace throughout the earth.
Thank you for the gift of peace. We pray that you send peace with power into our world, our neighborhoods, our hearts, and our homes. Stop cycles of domestic abuse. Give peace to every nation. We pray for all victims of gun violence and their families. We lift to you those grieving Laken Hope Riley and for the Augusta University and University of Georgia campus communities.
- 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 Global Refuge (formerly LIRS), and for the ways in which the church is at work close to home through supporting Food Finders. 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 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 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.
- God of unending joy,
C **answer us.**
- PK 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

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 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)



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.**

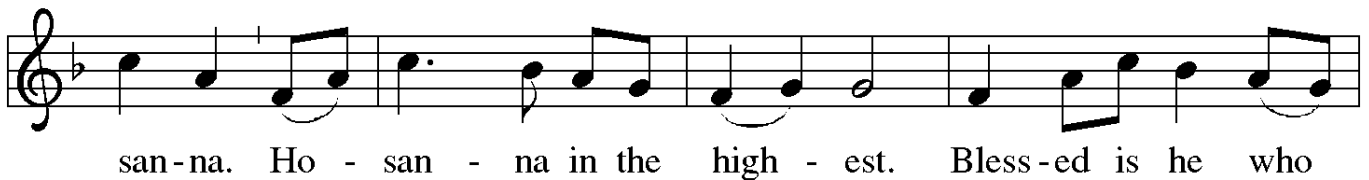
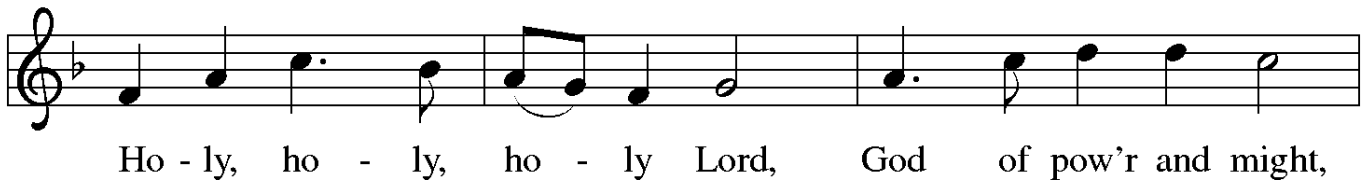
The Great Thanksgiving

PK God is with you.
C **And also with you.**

PK Rejoice with full hearts.
C **We offer them to God.**

PK Let us give thanks to our God.
C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PK 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.



PK 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.

PK 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.

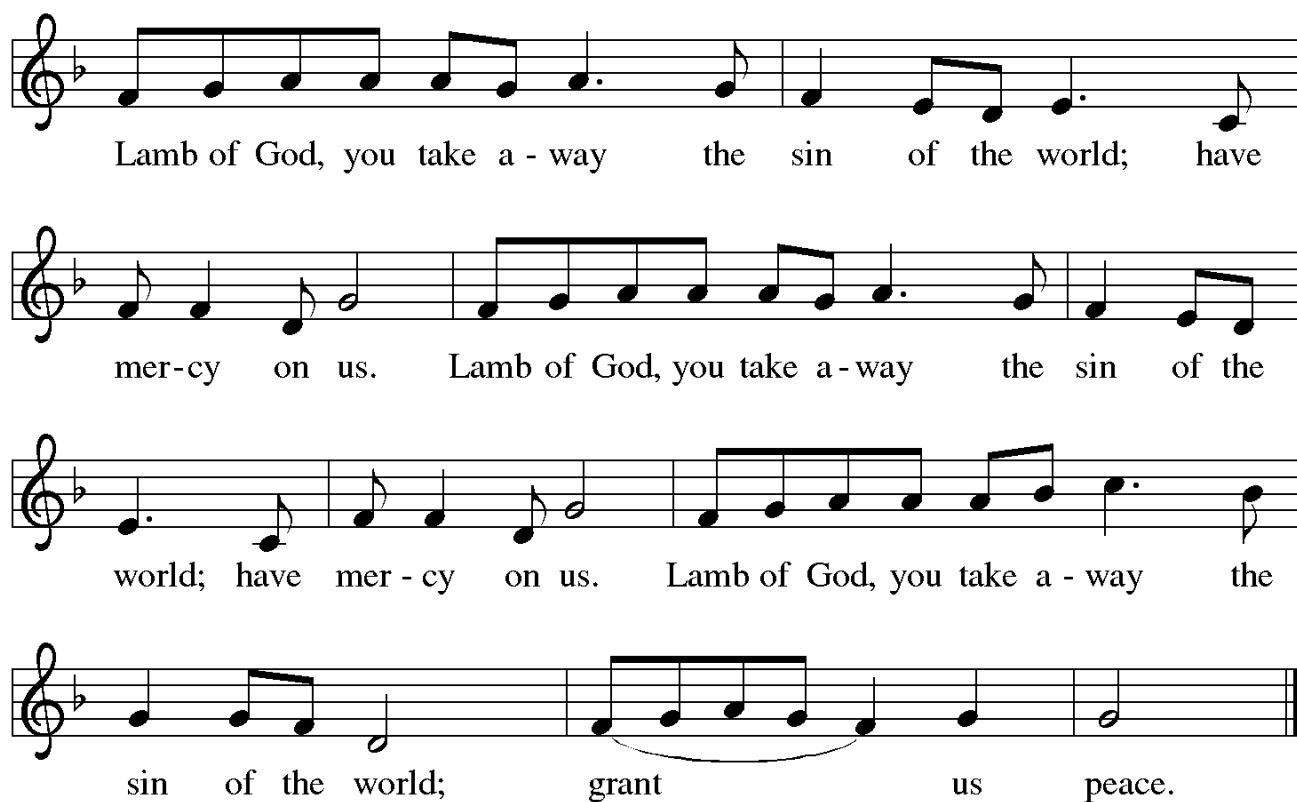
Invitation to Communion

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

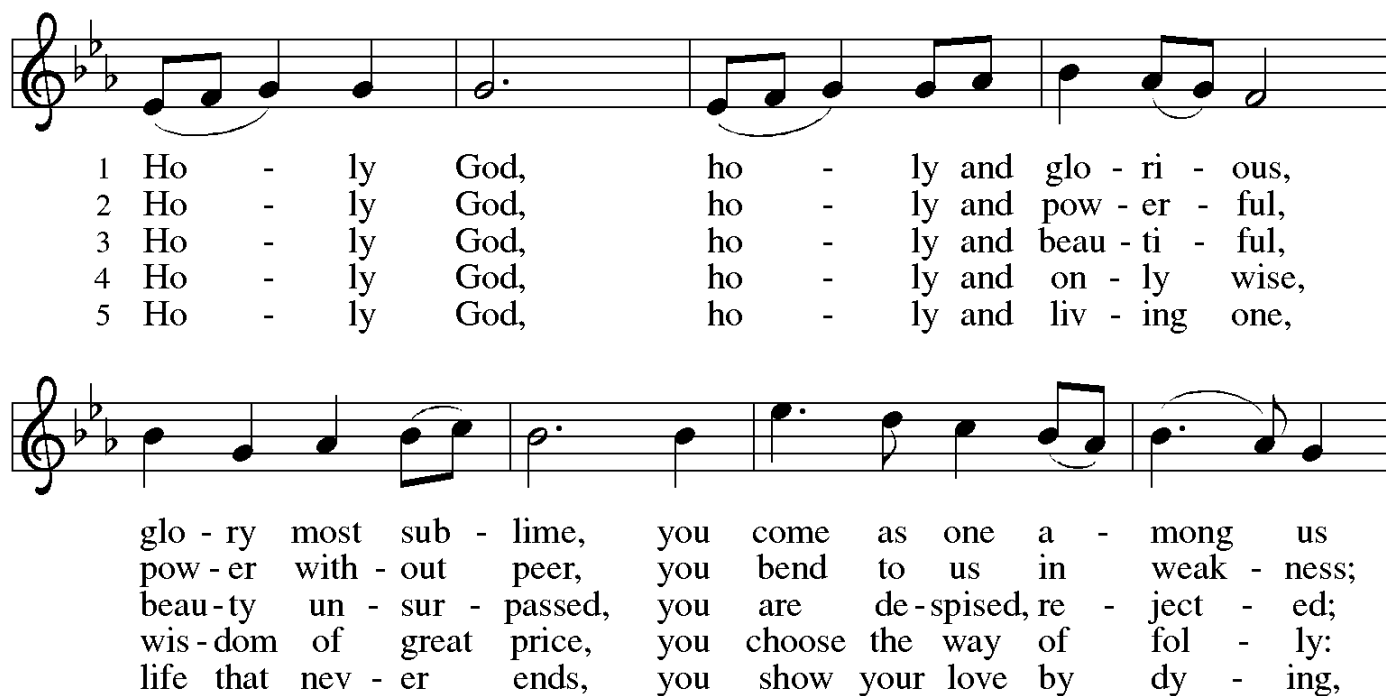
There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.

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: ELW (red), hymn 637, verses 1, 3, & 4: *Holy God, Holy and Glorious*



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,
glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

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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 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 757: *All My Hope on God Is Founded*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed who will all my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 Great thy good-ness, e'er en - dur - ing; deep thy wis - dom,
4 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



trust re - new, who through change and chance will guide me,
tray our trust; what with care and toil we fash - ion,
pass - ing thought; splen - dor, light, and life at - tend thee,
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing



on - ly good and on - ly true. God un - known, God a -
tow'r and tem - ple, fall to dust. But thy pow'r, hour by
beau - ty spring - ing out of naught. Ev - er - more from thy
for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call one and



lone, call my heart to be thine own.
hour, is my tem - ple and my tow'r.
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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Blessing

PK 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 liberates from everything that binds.

C Thanks be to God.

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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician), Kathy Heise (Cantor), Dick Rahdert (Assisting Minister), Peter Buner (Lector), Marcia Daehler (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Matt Ohland (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.

Choir Members for Easter Morning

We are looking for 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, 765-491-7819)

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.

(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.

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.

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.

March Schedule:

March 3rd- Servant Sunday no Adult Forum

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.

Midweek Lenten Worship Services and Soup Supper

Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 pm will be our third 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.

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

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

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 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 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.)

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**Wednesday
Dinners
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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



Questions for reflection:

- What are the unique assets and drawbacks of your worshiping community's building or worship space? Are there ways in which it is costly to your mission? What role does nostalgia play?
- How can God's law, like the Ten Commandments, lead you and your worshiping community toward freedom? What "money changers' tables" does God's law overturn?
- Where are people longing for liberating joy in your community?

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*