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April 14, 2024, 9:00 л.м.

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

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

The Gathering

Prelude Music

This Joyful Eastertide (setting by Robert A. Hobby, 2008 Augsburg Fortress) The Strife is O'er (setting by Wilbur Held, 1975 Concordia Publishing House)

Stand and face the font.

Call to Worship (based on 1 John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-48, Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Posted on the **Worship Elements** page of the Ministry Matters website.)

- PR Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- PR Come and see the love God has given to us.
- C Come and see what it means to be children of God.
- PR Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.
- C With joy, we come to see the Lord.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

- PR Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C Amen.
- PR Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- PR Immersed in the promises of baptism,
 let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
 We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
 your voice thundered over the deep
 and water became the essence of life.
 Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
 The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
 Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
 into freedom's land.
 In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
 entered your boundless baptismal life.
 Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
- PR At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

 By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

 We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- PR Look, here is water!
- C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 377, vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5: Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!



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Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

PR Miraculous God,

Come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

The Word

L A reading from the book of Acts.

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 (Read responsively by whole verse)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

L A reading from the book of 1 John.

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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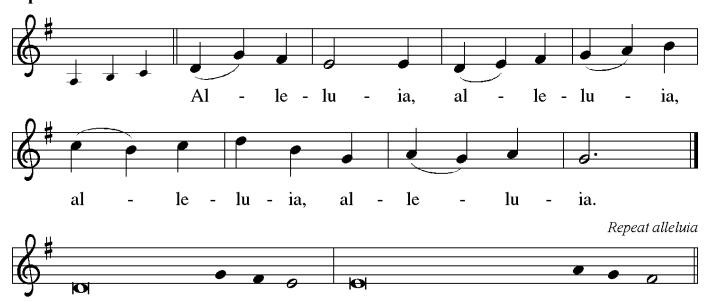
The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

L

Gospel Acclamation



Our hearts | burn within us* while you open to | us the scriptures.

PR The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in

their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

PR The Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Stand

Hymn of the Day, ACS, hymn 939: Touch That Soothes and Heals



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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PK Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again: he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

- A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. (*A brief silence*.) O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A God our teacher, we pray for peace among nations, especially Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan. We lift to you the victims of gun violence for healing and forgiveness, especially in Minnetonka, MN; Washington D. C.; Chicago, IL; and West Philadelphia, PA. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Bring water to parched places, protect the climate, and calm storms, so that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. We pray for areas affected by storms and extreme weather, especially tornadoes and flooding along the Gulf Coast. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. We pray for safety, protection, and compassion for all refugees, migrants, and those fleeing political violence. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially*) Zarema, Zera, and their family in Crimea, Zach, Lynn, Lawrence, Nathan and Haley, Jeanette, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, and Megan. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- PK Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C Amen.

Peace

PK The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Meal

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:

For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshiping online and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played.

Offering

Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (Ted Heise is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option. His email address is **theise@panix.com**)



Stand

Offering Prayer

A Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

PK The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PK Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

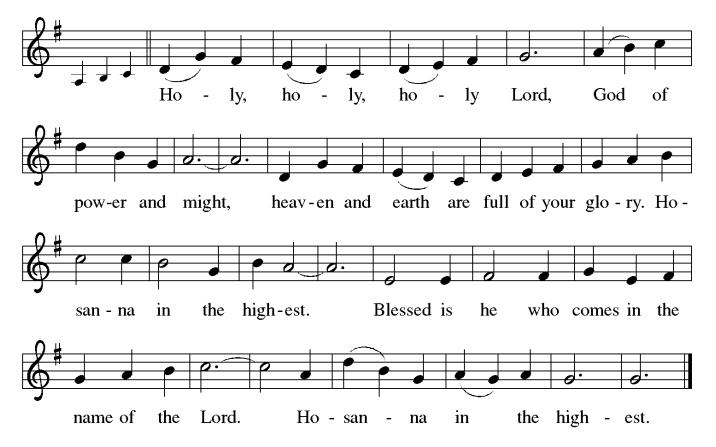
PK Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PK It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



PK Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

PK O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

PK Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

PK With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

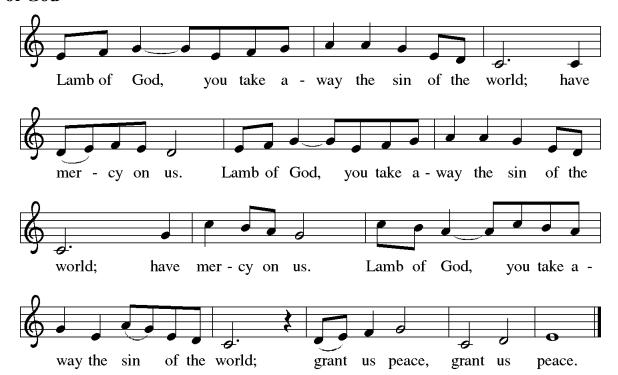
Invitation to Communion

PK The table set by Jesus is open to all, and in resurrection Christ is present in this simple food and festive drink. Jesus welcomes friends and strangers to this feast, where the grace of God's love and goodness meet us wherever we are. Here we are welcomed, affirmed, and celebrated with the gifts of God, for us, the people of God.

Distribution

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

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 381: Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes



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Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt. Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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 Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 391: This Joyful Eastertide





Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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Blessing

- PK Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- PK The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

Dismissal

- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Worship Assistants Today: Beth Dana (Musician), Mark Hermodson (Cantor), Bob Nielsen (Assisting Minister), Kathy Grogan (Lector), Mike Dana (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Jesse Grogan (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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

Pastor Kristin is available for campus ministry-related care and support. Please contact her at: 262-758-1235 or by email: pastor@plm.org

We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop. Wearers of hearing aids should turn their aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.

Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room: The kids' worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, storybook Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

Dates OSLC is Closed in 2024:

May 27: Memorial Day July 4: Fourth of July September 2: Labor Day

November 28 and 29: Thanksgiving December 24 and 25: Christmas

December 31 and January 1 (2025): New Years

Hosts Invited for Fellowship Hour

We all love to gather after church for coffee and fellowship! We are looking for volunteers to make coffee for the fellowship hour. If you would like to bring a snack that would be much appreciated but not necessary. Please click on the link or scan the QR code to sign up to be host for a Sunday or sign. There is a hard copy sign up in the fellowship hall if you prefer paper. There are two slots per Sunday. If you are willing to host by yourself, please put your name in both slots. Hosting Fellowship Coffee Hour sign up



Nursery is Available

OSLC has a nursery for children infants through 5 years old, in our lower level staffed with a paid nursery attendant. Crystal is a Purdue Student majoring in Elementary Education and has completed the Red Cross' Adult, Child and Infant First Aid and CPR course. Crystal is there to welcome your child(ren) during our 9:00 am service, Faith Formation hour and our 11:30 am service. For more information or questions contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Sunday School

Sunday School is from 10:20 am to 11:05 am. We have classes for children ages 2-5 in the Nursery with Crystal. Elementary school age class for children in grades K-5th and confirmation class for children grades 6th -8th. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour beginning around 10:00 am and the teachers will gather the students at 10:20 to take them to their classrooms. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or at 260-402-4477.

Confirmation

All Students in the 6th grade or above are invited to attend Confirmation Classes. Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:20 am until 11:05 am, in the Jr.& Sr. Class room upstairs. Pastor Randy will lead the Confirmation and hopes you will join him.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum begins in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20 am in person and on zoom. We conclude at 11:05 am. We welcome ideas for topics and guest speakers. Please contact Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org or Mark Hermodson at hermodson@comcast.net if you have any suggestions.

April Schedule:

April 14th- Fellowship time and opportunity for ministry teams to meet if they haven't met yet. April 21st- Exploring grief and how to comfort those who are grieving- Missy Schroeder End of Life and Grief Coach.

April 28th- The Council will share information from Honoring the Past, Experiencing the Present, and Discerning the Future retreats.

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.

Women, Wine (or whatever your preferred beverage) & Feminine Spirituality
You are invited to join us on Sunday, April 21st, from 2:00-4:00 pm at Wildcat Creek Winery
for Women, Wine, and Feminine Spirituality. (You do not need to be 21 to go to the winery:

for Women, Wine, and Feminine Spirituality. (You do not need to be 21 to go to the winery; they sell soft drinks and wine.) We will discuss the Book <u>Fierce Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation by Alice Connor.</u> (You can click the link to purchase the book from Amazon.) On April 21st we will cover the chapter on Rahab and Bathsheba. You do not need to read the previous chapters to be able to participate. Space is limited at the winery, please contact Missy at <u>missy@osluth.org</u> or 260-402-4477 to let me know if you plan to attend.

OSLC Spring Workday April 20 (Earth Day!)

Please help as you are able with Spring maintenance. A list will be in the narthex to sign up to help – or call during office hours to volunteer. The work can be done anytime that's convenient for you, but if you can come April 20 between 9:00 am-12:00 pm, you can join other OSLC members working in fellowship. In addition to the typical maintenance work, we'll be trying to clear out some things that have been sitting around for a long time.

OSLC Kid's Earth Day Outing

On April 20th, OSLC kids and their parents are invited to our Earth Day Outing. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. The kids will help pick up trash around the church building and parking lot. At 10:45 a.m., we will caravan to the Celery Bog, spend some time in the nature center, eat a picnic lunch, and then go on an Earth Day scavenger hunt. To end our time, we will go to the Silver Dipper on Sagamore Pkwy for ice cream. We ask that you bring your picnic lunch and OSLC will purchase the ice cream. If you have any questions and want to RSVP, email Missy Schroeder at missy@osluth.org.



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