THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEATH



The Table
Lutheran Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

If you would like to keep this bulletin, please feel free to do so. However, they will be reused each Sunday throughout this season so, if you do not wish to keep it, please return the bulletin to the welcome table near the entrance. Thank you.

All are welcome to pull up a seat at The Table. As we learn and grow together, it is our hope to live like Jesus, to love like Jesus, and to humbly seek grace when we fall short of that responsibility. We recognize and celebrate that each person is fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God, and we give thanks for the many and diverse gifts that God has given us. We joyfully extend God's love and welcome to all people, no matter your sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, country of origin, immigration status, age, family status, physical and mental abilities, socioeconomic position, religious background, or any other human condition. We strive to promote racial equity, socioeconomic justice, and the affirmation of all LGBTQIA+ people in our community through our worship, mission, and outreach efforts.

You are welcome. You are loved. Pull up a seat at The Table.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

BULLETIN ICONS can help you navigate the worship service:

indicates that the congregation will be speaking. The words that will be said together are printed in **bold** on your bulletin or on the worship supplement.

indicates a time of prayer.

indicates a song to sing together.

indicates a time for quiet listening.

indicates a time when you may be asked to move around the worship space. The worship leader will give more instructions when it's time to move.

* an asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit for this portion of the worship service.

GATHER

*Call to Worship

One: In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
All: we come to be your people, O God.
One: Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
All: we come to be your people, O God.
One: Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,
All: we come to be your people, O God.
One: Made strong in your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be yours and
All: we come to be your people, O God.

*Confession and Assurance

One: ...Let us pray together:
All: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

(*Pause for silent, personal confession and reflection*)

One: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds us with his mercy.
We are forgiven. We are blessed.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Gathering Song

printed on the weekly worship supplement

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

printed on the weekly worship supplement

*GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

TRANSFORM

SCRIPTURE READING

printed on the weekly worship supplement

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

children are invited to come forward for a moment with Pastor Pam

SERMON

*SERMON SONG

printed on the weekly worship supplement

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -

All: You are our God and we are Your people,
and we are grateful that You have claimed us as your own.
You have set us in the company of saints past and present,
among those who have made bold witness
to Your goodness and Your truth.
Your Word opens up new futures
where we see no way forward.
You write the stories of your people deep into our hearts
so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears.
You give us hearts and minds and spirits
ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads,
confident that you will not lead us
beyond your loving embrace.

Prayers of the Church

Offering & Offering Prayer

One: Let us pray together:

All: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion & The Communion of God's People

(Please come forward to receive the elements. Take a cup from the tray then proceed to the pastor to receive the bread and the communion assistant to receive the wine. If you would prefer, there are also sealed, pre-packaged wafer and juice combination cups on the tray. If you are not able to come forward but would like communion, please signal to the pastor or the communion assistant and we will be glad to bring it to you at your seat.)

Prayer After Communion

One: Let us pray

All: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

SEND

Blessing

One: The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

All: Amen!

*Sending Song

printed on the weekly worship supplement

*Sending

One: God blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others. We go out to follow Jesus in the world — to show and tell the good news of God to everyone.

All: Thanks be to God!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

THE TABLE'S GOD GIVEN PURPOSE:
As followers of Jesus, we are guided by the Holy Spirit to affirm God's unconditional love and grace for all people by advocating for, serving and walking with one another and our neighbors.

OUR VISION
is to experience and extend God's transforming love by—
· Being in relationship with God, set free to share God's grace.
· Building authentic relationships within our faith community and with our neighbors through accompaniment and service.
· Aspiring to love like Jesus.
· Growing in faith through spiritual practices including worship, Bible study and prayer.
· Extending genuine hospitality, especially to the marginalized, those who have been hurt by the church and those who do not know God's love.
· Educating ourselves and others, advocating for, and implementing practices grounded in social justice.

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