

UNRAVELLED

SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART

September 13, 2020 8 PM

Welcome to worship this evening. We will practice safe guidelines to ensure the health and safety of one another. This means we will stay 6 feet apart. We won't embrace in a sign of peace. We won't sing (this one is super hard for Pastor Tina).

AND YET...God is here, God is good all the time, God is love.

All are welcome – no matter who you are and no matter where you are on your faith journey.

We Gather as God's People

We begin by seeing, hearing, and touching the water poured in the font in remembrance of our baptism.

Assured of God's love and forgiveness, we confess our sins together:

One: God we confess—we are loose ends.

All: You give us the gift of community, and we weave walls of exclusion and isolation. You give us the gift of a new day, and we spend more time unraveling justice than sewing seeds of peace and unity. You give us the gift of holy surprises and unimaginable beauty, and we shut off our hearts and our blindfolded eyes. Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts. Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

One: Hear these words of assurance: God is a God of unending surprise. Through the love of God woven in the life of Christ Jesus +, your sins are forgiven. With the power of the Holy Spirit, open your heart to hear the Good News.

All: Amen.

We greet one another using words of the Apostles.

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.

We gather with the call to worship:

One: God is in this house today,

All: For God longs to be in relationship with us.

One: God is in this house today,

All: For God loves the sinners and the saints.

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All: For God sees all, claims all, and loves all.

One: God is in this house today.

All: So let us worship Holy God.

One: Let us pray. Gracious God,

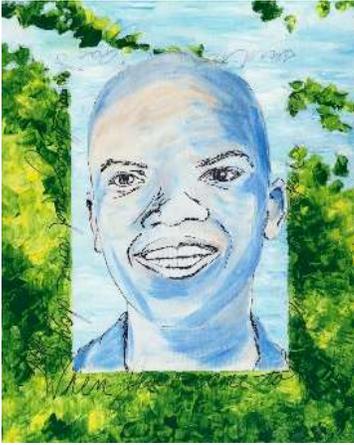
Zacchaeus valued money over people and power over equality. He was a sinner, but so are we. Like Zacchaeus, we are quick to prioritize the wrong things—Valuing our to-do lists over family time, Our own success over a relationship with you, And wealth over generosity. We lose sight of what really matters. We lose sight of love. Forgive us for our ignorance and impatience. Call us back to the life you long for us to lead. With humility and gratitude we pray,

All: Amen.

We Hear & Proclaim God's Word

In this series, we will focus on one specific text that speaks to God at work unraveling our lives and assumptions and weaving us into new creations.

A Word from: LUKE 19:1-10



One: Word of God, Word of life

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

Sermon Response:

Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Offering:

Our offering to God is what we offer back to God in gratitude for our lives and gifts.

Sharing Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

We Join Together at the Table

Prayers of the People & Word of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing Communion

Communion elements will be handed to you in small dishes. There is a package of crackers and a small cup of wine. As instructed, we will share in the bread and wine together. After worship, please dispose of the trash and put the bowl in the dishwasher.

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

One: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

All: Amen.

We are Sent to Share the Good News

We prepare to be leave one another and be sent into the world

Blessing

One: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: Amen.

Dismissal:

One: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

About LuMin

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We are LuMin – St. Louis, a progressive faith community serving the universities of St. Louis. We exist to build relationships, deepen ones' faith, expand one's mindset and inspire service to all the world because God loves us. We are a Reconciling in Christ Community and we welcome all folks as God's beloved. We are a ministry of the ELCA and supported by the Central States Synod.

This Week:

Monday 11am – 2pm Campus House Open

3-5 pm Wash U Med School "office hours"

Tuesday 11am – 1 pm SLU North "office hours"

3pm – 5 pm SLU South "office hours"

Wednesday 11 am – 1 pm Wash U "office hours"

4 pm – 8 pm Campus House Open

7 pm – 8 pm Wednesday Check-in

Friday 11 am - 2 pm Campus House Open

Sunday 3 pm – 9 pm Campus House Open

7 pm – Pre-worship Gathering

8 pm - Worship