

UNRAVELLED

SEEKING GOD WHEN OUR PLANS FALL APART

October 18th, 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 gather with the call to worship:

One: So much in life is unpredictable.

All: Life begins and ends.

One: The weather changes.

All: Love surprises us.

One: Doors close.

All: Others open.

One Life is unpredictable, But what we can count on is finding God in this space;

All: For this is God's house, and all are welcome.

One: So bring your questions and concerns, your doubts and wonderings, For in the midst of this unpredictable life, we can predict this:

All: Love lives here. Let us worship God.

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 pray together as we center ourselves to hear the Word proclaimed.

One: Let us pray. Gracious God, You ask us to follow you, and we respond with logistical questions—

All: How long? Where to? Will we return?

One: You ask us to love each other, and we respond with excuses—

All: I don't know how. We don't see eye to eye.

One: You ask us to dream and we get stuck in our own heads—

All: Change will never come. Is it worth it?

One: You ask us to believe, and like Thomas, we ask for proof—

All: Unless I see the nails in his hands, I cannot believe.

One: Forgive us for our small-minded ways.

All: Open our eyes as you open our hearts.

One: Unravel our doubt. Unravel our unbelief.

All: Lead us to rest in you. Gratefully we pray, 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: JOHN 20:19-29



¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Jesus appears to Thomas and the disciples

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

One: Word of God, Word of life

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Why does Thomas always get blamed?

Sermon Response & Offering:

Our response to the Good News is 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: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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: Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

All: Amen.

Dismissal:

One: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God.

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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