

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Here is our water of life!

Alleluia!

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 flowing rivers.

The ark carried life through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Here is our water of life!

Alleluia!

At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through him you open the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

With glad hearts we praise you,

through Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Here is our water of life!

Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us (789)

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
- 4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole.

Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

Our first reading is Psalm 23. We read together responsively by whole verse.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the day¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

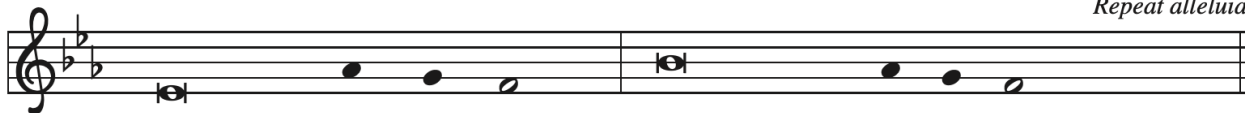
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

John 10:10b-18

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ^{10b} “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to

take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (502:1, 2, 4, 6)

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| <p>1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.</p> | <p>4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.</p> |
| <p>2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.</p> | <p>6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.</p> |

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

APOSTLES' CREED

Together we confess our faith using the words of the 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 OF INTERCESSION

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.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower the church in its ministries around the world. Make us faithful partners with global companions and coworkers in the gospel.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, and conservation organizations as they tend to the well-being of the world around us. Encourage all people in the task of caring for creation.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and use it for the benefit of all.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and those who are vulnerable. Embrace in your tender care those with compromised immune systems, those struggling with difficult diagnoses, those who mourn *especially the family of Barb Chung*, and all who are in need of healing, *especially Deb Hyde, Kris Davidson, Kim Holten, Miranda Brokish, Paul Girolamo, Mark Larson, Dale Rage, Cindy Paulson and Betsy Ciccarelli.*

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from those things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve those in need in our community.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors who have shared their faith with us *especially Barb*. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

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.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Flower Fundraiser
- Thanks to all who participated in the OSL work day at Habitat for Humanity

MEAL**OFFERING**

Good Shepherd

OSL Choir

- **Reconciling Works**

OFFERTORY *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (674:1)

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe
again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe
again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Refrain

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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OFFERING PRAYER

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. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

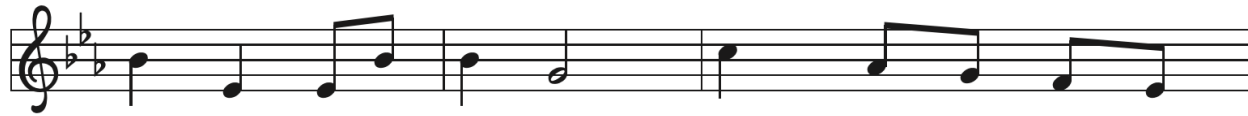
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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 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:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. 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 the 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 your holy ones of all times and places we praise you O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Be Known to Us Lord Jesus*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Shepherd Me, O God (780)*Refrain*

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I
want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and
love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary
soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness
and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your
name. *Refrain*

3 Though I should wander the valley of
death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and
my hope. *Refrain*

4 You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r
to hold. *Refrain*

5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (484)*Refrain*

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

2 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

3 Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

5 You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. *Refrain*

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray,
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. **Amen.**

SENDING**BENEDICTION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN*God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (536)

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| <p>1 God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i>
Till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again,)
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet,)
till we meet, (till we meet again.)
God be with you till we meet again.</p> | <p>2 God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.
<i>Refrain</i></p> <p>3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Deb Hyde; Kris Davidson (Elna Johnson’s daughter); Kim Holten (OSL bookkeeper); Miranda Brokish (Kim Holten’s extended family); Paul Girolamo; Mark Larson & Dale Rage (brother-in-law’s to Liddy & John Achter); Cindy Paulson; Betsy Ciccarelli (Sheri Homstad’s daughter-in-law)

IN SYMPATHY

To Doug Larson & family on the death of his sister, Barbara Chung

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

CALENDAR EVENTS

- April 21, Sun Worship, 9am
Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
Sunday school, 10:15am
NYG Meeting, 11:15am
Menomonie Singers Concert, 2pm
- April 22, Mon DKG Meeting, 4:30pm
- April 23, Tues NODC Service, 3:30pm
- April 24, Wed EOY Confirmation party, 6pm

***LCM Fundraiser at Moose Lodge
April 27, Saturday
5-7:00pm***

LCM is teaming up with the Moose Lodge to serve a charcoal chicken dinner. The cost is \$15 per plate which includes: 1/4 chicken, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw and dessert. All proceeds go to support LCM ministry! Hope to see you there!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Mar - Feb	FEBRUARY
Income	\$368,566.04	\$38,355.64
Expenses	\$358,842.97	\$30,396.57
Over/short	\$9,723.07	\$7,959.07

OSL Work Day

Thanks to all who were able to work or provide lunch for our Habitat work day!

Save the Date

2024 Vacation Bible School, July 29-Aug. 1st.

Graduation Photos

Parents of high school seniors please email Denise Vick (denise@oslme.com) a baby/toddler photo and a senior photo of your graduate by **May 8th** along with a short sentence about post-graduation plans. We’ll include these in a slideshow as part of our graduation blessing during worship on May 19th.

***Annual Flower Fundraiser
April 7—May 5***

NYG students are selling Gift Cards to Farmstead Greenhouse in Knapp. Gift Cards are \$35 and are good for a 12” hanging basket or planter basket.

On Sunday, **May 12th**, we will be welcoming new members during our worship service! If you wish to join Our Savior’s please contact the church office (office@oslme.com).

To support the work and ministry of OSL, select one of the options below:

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