

GATHERING**PRELUDE***How Great Is Our God*

OSL Band

GATHERING MUSIC*A New Commandment***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. Welcome to Eric Klein, Executive Director of Luther Park Bible Camp. Welcome to our musicians for today: our OSL Band and our SS children who will be sharing special music this morning!
- 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.

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.**SONG OF PRAISE***Praise the Father, Praise the Son***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD**KID'S TIME****Pastor Heather Wigdahl****FIRST READING****Psalm 98**

Our first reading is Psalm 98. We read responsively by whole verse.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION---- *Majesty*

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

**Eric Klein,
Executive Director of Luther Park Bible Camp**

SONG OF THE DAY

Freedom Has Come

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Heather: At this time we would like to recognize our Sunday school teachers and helpers. I invite Denise Vick, our Director of Children and Family Ministry, to come forward.

Denise:

Would all of our Sunday school teachers and helpers please stand. In baptism you were made a member of the body Christ and invited to participate in God’s mission in the world.

Over this past year you have lived out our baptismal vocation: using your gifts and passion to teach the students entrusted to your care. Today we give thanks for the work that you have done. *Would you please join me in thanking them.*

I invite you to stand as you are able.

Let us pray:

O God of wisdom, as we come to the end of another program year we give you thanks for these teachers and helpers who have been engaged with the youth of Our Savior's. Bless them with your grace and love and refresh their hearts and minds during these summer months that they may be renewed in their faith. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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. After each petition, our sung prayer response will be: *The Spirit Intercedes for us.*

We sing to the Lord:

Prayer Response: **The Spirit Intercedes for Us** (*ELW 180; Olson*)

O God, your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ELCA, ecumenical and interreligious partners. Bless our shared ministry with Luther Park. Be at work through Eric, and the whole staff. Instill faith, service and love in all who participate in camp life and programs.

Help us to be good stewards of your beautiful creation – at Luther Park, and in our own backyards, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.

We sing to the Lord:

Prayer Response: **The Spirit Intercedes for Us** (*ELW 180; Olson*)

O God, our world is divided and conflicts rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders. Help all seek justice and peace, looking for compromise and considering the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation.

God of love, so many of our human siblings are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us become conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially this morning for *Marilyn McQuiston, Paul Girolamo, Mark Larson, Dale Rage, Cindy Paulson and Betsy Ciccarelli.*

We sing to the Lord:

Prayer Response: **The Spirit Intercedes for Us** (*ELW 180; Olson*)

O God, we give you thanks this day for our Sunday School ministry, as the program year concludes this morning, and for our Confirmation ministry, which celebrates 9 of our confirmands this afternoon in their affirmation of baptism rite. Bless Addy, Claire, Autumn, Preston, Addy, Everett, Spencer, Chloe, and Maverick, as they affirm your unbounded love and good purpose for them.

We sing to the Lord:

Prayer Response: **The Spirit Intercedes for Us** (*ELW 180; Olson*)

Gracious God, give us thankful hearts for those with whom we get to share life and faith. We thank you for those who have gone before us, too. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

We sing to the Lord:

Prayer Response: **The Spirit Intercedes for Us** (*ELW 180; Olson*)

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

Jesus Loves Me

SS children and OSL band

OFFERTORY

Create In Me

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 ----Glory**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.*

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

*Behold the Lamb
He'll Be There
Beautiful Savior*

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 SONG *Hallelu, Halleluia, Praise Ye the Lord* SS children and OSL Band

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

SENDING MUSIC

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

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Manilyn McQuiston; 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 SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

Thank you to Eric Klein for preaching this morning.

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 | We are moving towards a new weekly email
 | update to replace our monthly newsletter;
 | therefore, no Scope will be sent in May.
 | Stay tuned!
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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.

Listen to Church

715-430-2720

Dial in to listen live to our 9am worship.

CALENDAR EVENTS

May 5, Sun	Worship w/ Teacher & Volunteer Recognition, 9am
	Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
	Sunday school celebration, 10:15am
	Affirmation of Baptism, 2pm
May 12, Sun	Welcome New Members, 9am

New Member Welcome May 12, 9am

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).

Thank you from Lutheran Campus Ministry!

On Saturday, April 27, the students at LCM served a chicken dinner at the Moose Lodge. With your generosity, we raised a total of \$1,122.25 Thank you to all those who came to support LCM. We are very grateful!

Candy Bars are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall. \$1 each.

2024 Vacation Bible School

*July 29-August 1st
9-2:30pm*

This is a collaborative ministry between Peace, Christ, OSL and New Hope/Little Elk Creek. We need volunteers! Contact Denise Vick (denise@oslme.com) to learn more.