## **GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** 

Come, Christians, Praise the Lord

**OSL** Bells

## **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.
- Welcome and thank you Pr. Don Wisner and OSL Bells for being here this morning.

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have caused our neighbors harm.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

#### Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\pm$  Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

## Gather Us In

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,

(532: 1, 2, 4)

- called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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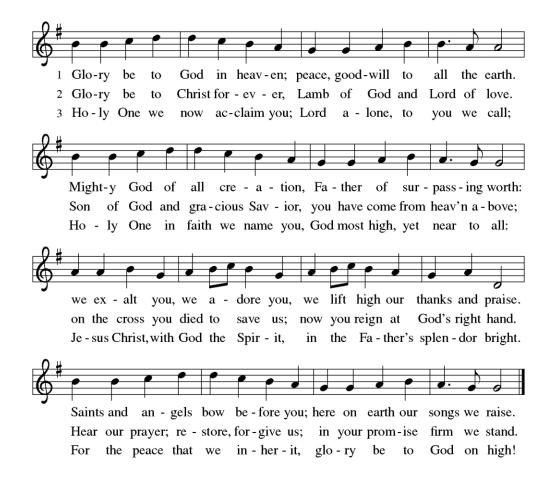
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#### **GREETING**

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



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

# Let us pray,

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# WORD

## FIRST READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath. A reading from Amos.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,

and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

14Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
15Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

The holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

SERMON Pastor Don Wisner

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

# **Take My Life, That I May Be** (685: vs. 1-4)

- 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Together let us confess the faith of church 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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, when the waters roar and foam and threaten to overtake us, you promise to be our help and refuge. Give hope and strength to all who have been impacted by Hurricanes Milton and Helene as they face the daunting challenges that are ahead. Protect rescue and aid workers, help loved ones find each other, and bring healing to devastated communities. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today and give healing to those in any need *especially Kandis Miller, Char Ovren, Deb Johnson, Charles Freeman, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, Ardelle McAlpine and Erica Peterson.*God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land especially the Council of Three Fires including the Ho-Chunk, Menomonee, Dakota and Anishinaabe. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

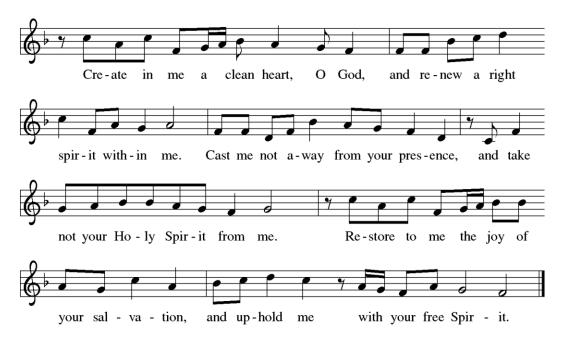
**BRIEFING THE MINISTERS** 

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT Women's Thankoffering – Mary Busalacchi

**MEAL** 

**OFFERING** Colors of Joy OSL Bells

**OFFERTORY** Create In Us



#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

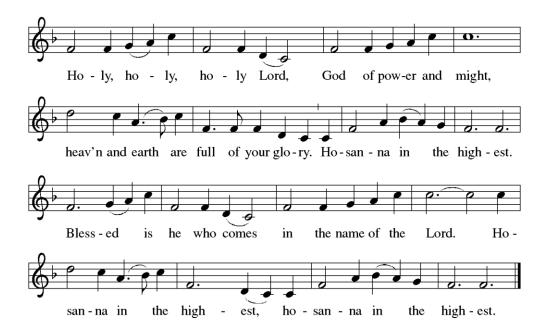
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### **HOLY HOLY HOLY**



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour our upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, 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.



# Son of God, Eternal Savior (655)

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace; hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.

  By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

# We Come to the Hungry Feast (479)

1 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.

To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.

We come, we come to the hungry feast.

- We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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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, Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## **SENDING**

#### **BENEDICTION**

God all mighty,
God most merciful

→ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace. Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN

# Rise Up, O Saints of God! (669)

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!
  Despair engulfs earth's frame;
  as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
  the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace;

- redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod; and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Aug	AUGUST
Income	\$176,728.50	\$29,353.03
Expenses	\$182,221.49	\$37,170.40
Over/short	(\$5,492.99)	(\$7,817.37)



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Kandis Miller, Char Ovren, Deb Johnson, Charles Freeman (Kim Holten's father), Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, Ardelle McAlpine (Donna Lark's sister), Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

# IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

Thank you to **Pr. Don Wisner** for preaching and to the **OSL Bells** for their music this morning.

Volunteers needed for Tuesday's Table
Servers and cleanup people are needed.
Please sign up on the bulletin board under
the skylight.

## Painters Needed

On October 18 & 19 (Friday & Saturday) we will be painting the downstairs dining room walls. If you can help paint, please contact Joy Bergstrand at 715-235-6038.

# In the Footsteps of Paul

Join Pr. Sarah for a 3-week study to learn about Paul and her sabbatical trip to Greece. Meets in the Friendship room on October 6, 13, and 20th during the education/fellowship hour.

It's not too late to join us. Life Lessons from Mark Bible study starts this Wednesday at 6:00pm in the conference room. No preparation needed for the first session—just come!

#### FALL/WINTER OFFICE HOURS

9sm—3pm, Mon, Tues, Thurs 11—5pm, Wed

THIS WEEK AT OSL		
Oct. 13, Sun	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday school, 10:15am Adult Education Class, 10:15am Troop meeting, 6pm	
Oct. 14, Mon	Finance meeting, 6pm	
Oct. 15, Tues	NODC service, 3:30pm Tuesday's Table, 4:45pm Church Council, 6pm	
Oct. 16, Wed	Reading Club, 1pm Writers Group, 1pm Adult Bible Study, 5:30pm Confirmation, 6pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	
Oct. 17, Thurs	Quilting Queens, 9am	
Oct. 19, Sat	Menomonie Art Music Society, 2pm	



# Blanket Drive

With the arrival of some cooler weather, we are again collecting NEW blankets of any size to help keep our neighbors warm. Blankets will be

collected between now and Thanksgiving and distributed in part with our Thanksgiving meal baskets. Drop blankets off in the designated tote in the Friendship Room.

# Visitation Ministry Team

OSL has 9 dedicated volunteers who are visiting members who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes. We currently have 10 members receiving monthly visits. In addition, the visitation team assists with church services at NODC.

Please contact the office or one of the pastors if you know of someone who could benefit from a visit.