

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Pieces for Trumpet by Isaac Posch;
Nicholas Little and Soren Miller, trumpeters; Michaela Gifford, keyboard

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 and thank you to our brass quartet and to the OSL choir for sharing your gifts of music with us this morning. (Brass quartet: Nicholas Little, Nathan, Soren, and Henry Miller)
- 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † 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 † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN**A Mighty Fortress (504)**

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.</p> <p>2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.</p> | <p>3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.</p> <p>4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray,

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING****Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. This renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets. A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Romans 3:19-28**

Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ. A reading from Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

John 8:31-36

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ask the Complicated Questions (ACS 1005)

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| <p>1 Ask the complicated questions.
Do not fear to be found out;
for our God makes strong our
weakness,
forging faith in fires of doubt.</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>test competing truths for wisdom,
for in tension new life grows.</p> <p>Knock on doors of new ideas,
test assumptions long grown stale,
for Christ calls from shores of wonder,
daring us to try and fail.</p> |
| <p>2 Seek the disconcerting answers,
follow where the Spirit blows;</p> | | |

4 For in struggle we discover truth both simple and profound; in the knocking, asking, seeking, we are opened, answered, found.

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THREE YEAR OLD BIBLE PRESENTATION

At this time I invite all of our children who are receiving Bibles and their parents to come forward.

Parents, in holy baptism, you promised to place the Holy Scriptures into the hands of your child. And we, the church promised to help and support you as you raise your child in faith. And so today we have a Story Bible to give to your child. We encourage you to sit with your child and read these stories of faith together. Parents you may give the story Bible to your child.

Let us pray,

Gracious God, your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Bless these Bibles and the children that receive them. Speak your Word through these pages. Draw children and parents deeper into your love, fill their hearts and minds with holy wondering as they read these stories together, and encourage them to live as your children, now and forever. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Parents and students you may return to your seats. As they do so, I invite the rest of the congregation to stand as you are able.

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.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, you have made the world with all its marvelous order and chaos. Help us to honor the goodness of your creation and to protect its many habitats. As the seasons change, send out your Spirit to renew the earth and its creatures.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic injustices, oppression, and violence. Turn the hearts of those who occupy seats of power towards peaceful and equitable resolutions to problems that we may live well together.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond *especially Bill Miller, Kandis Miller, Char Ovren, Deb Johnson, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, Ardelle McAlpine, and Erica Peterson.* Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Reforming God, continue to challenge and lead this community of faith in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that your communal, grace-filled word remains at the heart of our ministry.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you.

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

- Thanksgiving meals + blankets

OFFERING

MEAL
OSL Choir

OFFERTORY

Create In Me

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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.

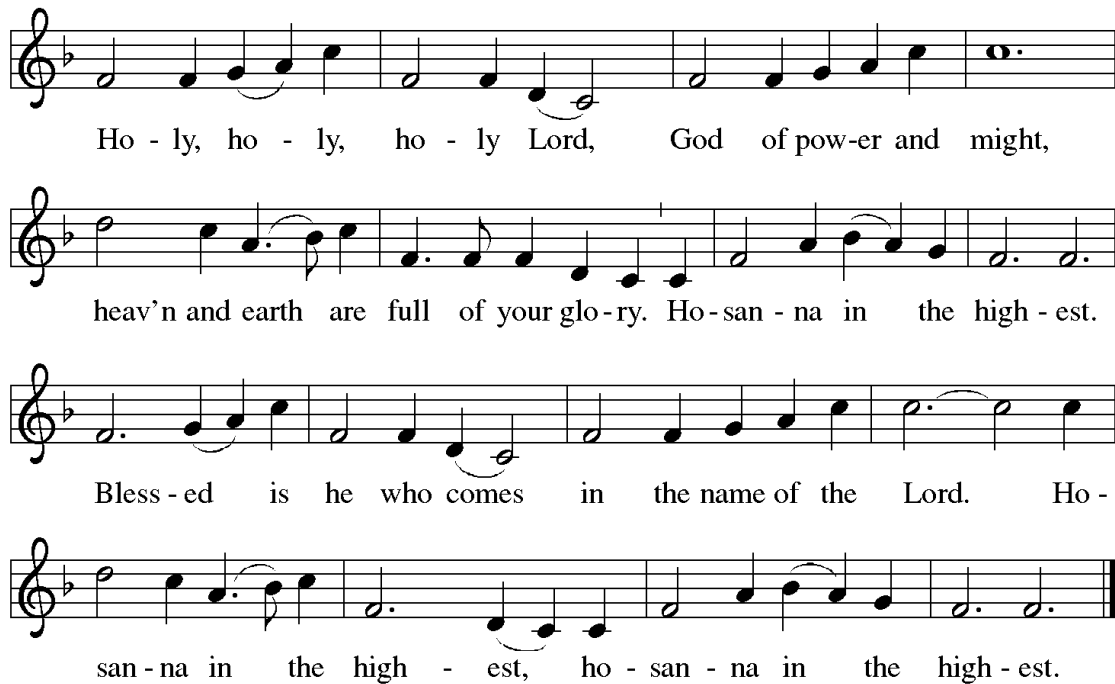
We lift them to the Lord.

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


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Lamb of God*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power (651)

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| <p>1 Oh, praise the gracious pow'r
 that tumbles walls of fear
 and gathers in one house of faith
 all strangers far and near:</p> | <p>that claims us as God's own,
 a living temple built on Christ,
 our rock and cornerstone: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p><i>Refrain</i>
 We praise you, Christ!
 Your cross has made us one!</p> | <p>5 Oh, praise the tide of grace
 that laps at ev'ry shore
 with visions of a world at peace,
 no longer bled by war: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>2 Oh, praise persistent truth
 that opens fist'd minds
 and eases from their anxious clutch
 the prejudice that blinds: <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their
 source,
 praise Christ the crucified: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>3 Oh, praise inclusive love,
 encircling ev'ry race,
 oblivious to gender, wealth,
 to social rank or place: <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p>4 Oh, praise the word of faith</p> | |

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The Church of Christ in Every Age (729)

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| <p>1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.</p> <p>2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.</p> <p>3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,</p> | <p>and clothed in Christ's humanity.</p> <p>4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.</p> <p>5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.</p> |
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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, O Church, Like Christ Arisen OSL Choir, congregation, and brass

Vs. 1 all; vs. 2 and vs. 3 choir; vs 4 all

1. Rise, O Church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace,
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia
God, the wonder of our days.
2. *Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia
Christ, our present, past, and goal.*
3. *Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia
Spirit, grace by whom we live.*
4. Service be our sure vocation;
Courage be our daily breath;
Mercy be our destination
From this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia
Rise, O church, a living faith.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Sep	September
Income	\$205,510.97	\$28,781.84
Expenses	\$208,927.86	\$26,552.21
Over/short	(\$3,416.89)	\$2,229.63

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 Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
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Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Oct. 27, Sun	Worship w/3-year-old Bible presentation, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday school, 10:15am Directory photos (10:15-2pm) Troop meeting, 6pm
Oct. 28, Mon	LCM Ministry Meeting, 5:30pm
Oct. 30, Wed	Adult Bible Study, 5:30pm Confirmation, 6pm Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm



Thanksgiving Meals & Blanket Drive
 It's turkey time! Look for the turkey board this Sunday and grab a feather for a needed food item. Bring to OSL the week of November 10-14. In addition we are also collecting new blankets, any size. Drop off all items in the Friendship room.

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!

Cash and carry KWIK Trip car wash cards are available in the Friendship room today. \$36/card.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

The wait is over! A new church directory is in process. We will begin collecting photos soon with many time slots available to fit your schedule. The email you received lists dates and times available for you to sign up. If you did not receive an email, please contact the church office.

FALL/WINTER OFFICE HOURS

9am—3pm, Mon, Tues, Thurs
 11—5pm, Wed

THANK YOU to all our musicians for sharing your gifts with us and enlivening our worship.



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.