

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to those who are here in person, and all those joining us via our Live Stream, and Listen to Church.
- 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**  
**Show us your lovingkindness.**  
**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**  
**that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine.”  
In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN*****Word of God, Come Down on Earth*** (510)

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| <p>1 Word of God, come down on earth,<br/>living rain from heav'n descending;<br/>touch our hearts and bring to birth<br/>faith and hope and love unending.<br/>Word almighty, we revere you;<br/>Word made flesh, we long to hear you.</p> <p>2 Word eternal, throned on high,<br/>Word that brought to life creation,<br/>Word that came from heav'n to die,</p> | <p>crucified for our salvation,<br/>saving Word, the world restoring,<br/>speak to us, your love outpouring.</p> <p>3 Word that speaks God's tender love,<br/>one with God beyond all telling,<br/>Word that sends us from above<br/>God the Spirit, with us dwelling,<br/>Word of truth, to all truth lead us;<br/>Word of life, with one bread feed us.</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,

**Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WORD****FIRST READING****1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today. A reading from First Corinthians.*

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the

members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 19

*Our Psalm for this morning is Psalm 19. We read together responsively by whole verse.*

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

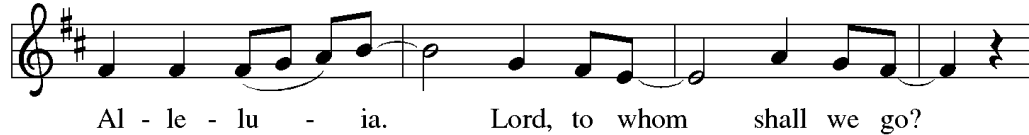
<sup>12</sup> **Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL

**Luke 4:14-21**

The holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

### SERMON

**Pastor Sarah Miller**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (843)

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;

praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong yet gentle word;  
praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;

from this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

*Let us 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

*With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.*

*A brief silence.*

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As your word and presence restore the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery, console those who grieve and revive those who are sick or suffering *especially Jan Krueger, Al Scheidler, Carol Schindler, John Teune, Carol Evans, Jo Johnson, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, and Erica Peterson.*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world *especially Sunday school teachers and confirmation small group guides, fellowship hosts, lay visitors, council, and committee members.*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church and beloved friends and family who have died.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT**

*Money Matters* – Mark Kalscheur

**BRIEFING THE MINISTERS****MEAL****OFFERING***Walk in Light*

OSL Choir

**OFFERTORY***As Saints of Old* (695:1)

- 1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought  
of orchard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today firstfruits would bring,  
the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home,  
of mind and heart and hand.

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray,

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **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, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en 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.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

*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.*

Join our prayers and praise with your servants of every age that rejoicing in your light we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, 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*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### *We Come to the Hungry Feast* (479)

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| <p>1 We come to the hungry feast<br/>hungry for a word of peace.<br/>To hungry hearts unsatisfied<br/>the love of God is not denied.<br/>We come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> <p>2 We come to the hungry feast<br/>hungry for a world released<br/>from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,</p> | <p>the poor in body, poor in mind.<br/>We come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> <p>3 We come to the hungry feast<br/>hungry that the hunger cease,<br/>and knowing, though we eat our fill,<br/>the hunger will stay with us; still<br/>we come, we come to the hungry feast.</p> |
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### *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* (461)

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| <p>1 All who hunger gather gladly;<br/>holy manna is our bread.<br/>Come from wilderness and wand'ring.<br/>Here in truth we will be fed.<br/>You that yearn for days of fullness,<br/>all around us is our food.<br/>Taste and see the grace eternal.<br/>Taste and see that God is good.</p> | <p>2 All who hunger, never strangers;<br/>seeker, be a welcome guest.<br/>Come from restlessness and roaming.<br/>Here in joy we keep the feast.<br/>We that once were lost and scattered<br/>in communion's love have stood.<br/>Taste and see the grace eternal.</p> |
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Taste and see that God is good.

- 3 All who hunger, sing together,  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.

Here in peace we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

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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,

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

#### *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (551)

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| <p>1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;<br/>we go in Jesus' name<br/>to bring glad tidings to the poor,<br/>God's favor to proclaim.</p>       | <p>3 We go to be the hands of Christ,<br/>to scatter joy like seed<br/>and, all our days, to cherish life,<br/>to do the loving deed.</p> |
| <p>2 We go to comfort those who mourn<br/>and set the burdened free;<br/>where hope is dim, to share a dream<br/>and help the blind to see.</p> | <p>4 Then let us go to serve in peace,<br/>the gospel to proclaim.<br/>God's Spirit has empowered us;<br/>we go in Jesus' name.</p>       |

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>		
	<b>Mar - Dec</b>	<b>December</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$313,036.70</b>	<b>\$54,671.36</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$296,980.52</b>	<b>\$29,501.04</b>
<b>Over/short</b>	<b>\$16,056.18</b>	<b>\$25,170.32</b>

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother);  
 Al Scheidler (Donna Lark's son);  
 Carol Schindler;  
 John Teune (Pr. Heather's father);  
 Carol Evans (Jean Conklin's sister-in-law);  
 Jo Johnson (Kim Fruit's sister);  
 Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother);  
 Char Ovren; Tim Lutz; Rich Ebbinga;  
 Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

**IN SUPPORT**

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,  
 missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

*Mark your calendars and plan to join us on February 16th for our Annual Meeting, following worship.*

**Lutheran Campus Ministry's  
 Monday Night Meal—February 3rd**

*Two assistants are needed to work with Denise Vick to serve and clean up the meal at The Ministry. Also needed are food and drink donations. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board under the skylight.*

**Christ Lutheran Church Celebration  
 February 12, 2025  
 Dinner - 5pm  
 Dedication Service - 6pm**



Join Christ Lutheran as they celebrate the gracious gift of a beautiful Baldwin Baby Grand Piano. All are welcome—bring family, friends, and neighbors for a night of great food, music and community spirit. More details can be found in the weekly Messenger.

**THIS WEEK AT OSL**

Jan. 26, Sun	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am Troop meeting, 6pm
Jan. 28, Tues	Neighbors of Dunn County Communion Service, 3:30pm
Jan. 29, Wed	Confirmation, 6pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm

*Be sure to join us on Sunday, February 2nd and then stay for a reception as we say goodbye to Pr. Heather.*

**Luther Park Bible Camp 2025**

Registration is open for Luther Park! If your child would like to go to camp this summer, the OSL Women would like to help make this possible by offering a \$100 camp scholarship to anyone attending Luther Park. Simply contact Denise Vick or Pr. Sarah to get OSL's scholarship code. When you register, use this code to get \$100 off the registration fee.

**FALL/WINTER OFFICE HOURS**

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