

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

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD**FIRST READING**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them. A reading from Genesis.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come

down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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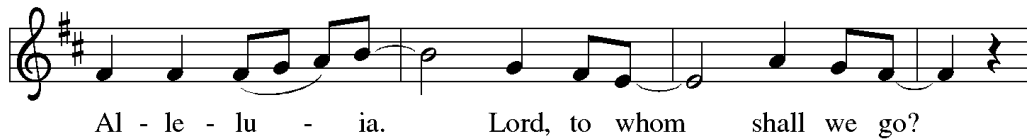
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Our psalm this morning is select verses from Psalm 37. We read together responsively by whole verse.

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.
- ⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- ¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**
- ¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- ³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**
- ⁴⁰ You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL****Luke 6:27-38**

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****Barbara Solsaa****HYMN OF THE DAY*****God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* (603)**

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| <p>1 God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.</p> <p>2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,</p> | <p>for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.</p> <p>3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release
from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace.</p> |
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4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.
God, encourage and renew!

5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:

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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.

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care *especially Alice Kennedy, David Manor, Lori Lemke, Ted Watland, Jan Krueger, Al Scheidler, Carol Evans, Jo Johnson, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga and Erica Peterson.*

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless our *Ministry Outside Our Walls Committee and the Menomonie Area Mission Coalition*, that they may be a voice for those in need in our communities.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace.

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.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

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.

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light (815)

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| <p>1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.</p> | <p>2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.</p> |
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- Refrain*
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
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| <p>3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Let Us Break Bread Together (471)

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| <p>1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.</p> | <p>O Lord, have mercy on me.</p> |
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- Refrain*
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
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| <p>2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.</p> | <p><i>Refrain</i></p> |
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3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

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

Praise and Thanks and Adoration (783)

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| <p>1 Praise and thanks and adoration,
Son of God, to you we give,
for you chose to serve creation,
died that sinners all might live.
Dear Lord Jesus, guide my way;
faithful let me day by day
follow where your steps are leading,
find adventure, joys exceeding!</p> | <p>2 Hold me ever in your keeping,
comfort me in pain and strife;
through my laughter and my weeping,
lift me to a nobler life.
Draw my fervent love to you;
constant hope and faith renew
in your birth, your life and passion,
in your death and resurrection.</p> |
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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Jan	January '25
Income	\$347,529.39	\$30,382.39
Expenses	\$334,234.76	\$36,914.63
Over/short	\$13,294.63	(\$6,532.24)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Alice Kennedy (Denise Vick's aunt);
 David Manor (Pam Manor's son);
 Lori Lemke; Charlene Amundson;
 Ted Watland (Glen Miller's brother-in-law);
 Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother);
 Al Scheidler (Donna Lark's son);
 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

Thank you to Barbara Solsaa for preaching during worship this morning!

Be sure to join us on March 2nd for *Transfiguration Sunday* as our Sunday school students, confirmands, and high school students help lead worship!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **March 5**. Our theme this year is *Hope*. Plan to join us for supper starting at 5:15 and worship at 6:30pm.

**Communion Instruction Class
 Wed., Feb. 26 @ 4pm**

Open to any youth interested in learning about communion. Pre-registration required. Email denise@oslme.com if you are interested in attending.

Communion recognition during worship on March 2nd.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Feb. 23, Sun	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am Faithful Fiber Friends, 10:15am Troop meeting, 6pm
Feb. 24, Mon	Quilters/Crafters, 9am Council meeting on transition, 6pm
Feb. 25, Tues	Neighbors of Dunn County Communion service, 3:30pm
Feb. 26, Wed	Communion Instruction class, 4pm Confirmation, 6pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
Feb. 27, Thurs	Bell Angels rehearsal, 6:30pm

Join us during Lent for an exploration of Romans 12. We will be using the book, *Marks of a Christian* as our guide. We'll meet on March 16th and 30th after worship to have some conversation. A \$10 donation is requested to help defray the cost of the books.



**OSL Faithful Fiber Friends
 February 23
 10:15-12:15pm**

OSL Faithful Fiber Friends are inviting all knitters, crocheters, etc. to a monthly gathering in the Fireside Room every 4th Sunday of the month. We will meet from 10:15-12:15 (right after worship). Bring your projects and join us. All are welcome. A table will be set up on Sunday, Feb. 9th, to answer any questions.