## GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

Song of Faith

RuthAnn Ledgerwood

### 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 RuthAnn Ledgerwood who is serving as our keyboardist 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.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come. Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God... we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.** 

We give you ...thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.** 

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.** 

# June 1, 2025

## **GATHERING HYMN**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (39

- A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia! Alleluia! and with his faithful foll'wers see

! (393 vs. 1, 2, 4) their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 "You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia! Alleluia! "Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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**

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. *Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

2. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  Let us pray,

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# WORD

## FIRST READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides. A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Congregation**: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

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

Luke 24:44 – Acts 1:11

<sup>44</sup> [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped

him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

[Luke continues:] <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

### SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (808 vs. 1, 3, 4)

 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:

you alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I

journey.

3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,

to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

**Pastor Sarah Miller** 

4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,

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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**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### A brief silence.

God of empowerment, you have blessed the church with art, poetry, and music. Inspire leaders and congregations to seek more ways to be your creative hands and feet on earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

God of abundance, your love can be seen in each plant, each creature, and every landscape. Nurture crops as they develop. Protect new animal life. Restore habitats destroyed by natural disaster or human neglect.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you are enthroned above all. Bring an end to divisions that break down the human family. Enable cooperation between governments and international organizations to pursue peace and equity. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, you console all who are hurting. Help us recognize the deep hurts of grief, loneliness, broken relationships, and trauma in our midst. Guide us in caring for one another

especially Ed Olson, Amy Schneider, Jan Krueger, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren, Rich Ebbinga and Erica Peterson.

Hear us. O God. Your mercy is great.

God of change, you promised to be with your disciples as they faced an unknown future. Amid graduations and other transitions, sustain your people with your presence and love. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give you thanks for the lives and examples of our beloved siblings in Christ. Nourish and deepen our shared faith in your promises. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT

Pie Social – Donna Albrecht

**BRIEFING THE MINISTERS** 

# MEAL

**OFFERING** 

A Gaelic Blessing

RuthAnn Ledgerwood

## **OFFERTORY**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (674 vs. 1)

1 Let us talents and tongues employ, Jesus lives again, earth can breathe reaching out with a shout of joy: again, bread is broken, the wine is poured, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, Refrain

pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

#### Let us pray,

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you. Congregation: **And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts. Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.** Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Congregation: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.** 

#### PROPER PREFACE

**Leader:** 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, who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest. 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, cherubin and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus your anointed. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for the Spirit poured out on all 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.

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.

This is the day! Today we feast again with our risen Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever. Amen and alleluia!

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## *I Come with Joy* (482)

- I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.The love that made us, makes us one,

and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
- 5 Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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Beautiful Savior (838)

## Ascension of Our Lord

# June 1, 2025

- Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
- Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

### **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,

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.** 

## SENDING

## BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing (543)

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

# Ascension of Our Lord

Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Showers of Blessing

RuthAnn Ledgerwood

Use the QR code for giving:



FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Apr	April
Income	\$71,695.55	\$36,283.43
Expenses	\$54,208.51	\$27,642.87
Over/short	\$17,487.04	\$8,640.56

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Ed Olson; Amy Schneider; Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother); Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother); Char Ovren; Rich Ebbinga; Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

## IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

2024-25 Sunday School Offerings: Today at 10:45am, we will be present a check to the Dunn County Humane Society Everyone is welcome to attend. Arrive by 10:45am for a photo opportunity and a tour.

ADRC Meal Preparation

We are partnering with ADRC again to prepare meals for caregivers of someone with dementia. The date is Friday, June 13th from 9am-noon. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board under the skylight. Thank you for helping out.

### Schneider Meal Train

A meal train has been set up to support the Schneider family as Amy recovers. You can sign-up to provide a meal or learn how to drop off cards at this website:

https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/lvgmmm

#### Tuesday's Table Volunteers Needed—June 17

Volunteer sheets are on the bulletin board under the skylight. Contact Judy (judy@oslme.com) with any questions.

Do you know of someone in our congregation who could benefit from a visit by our visitation ministry team? If you do, please reach out to one of the pastors or the office and they will connect with the coordinator of the visitation team.

## THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sun., June 1	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
Mon., June 2	Quilters/Crafters, 9am
Tues., June 3	M & M meeting, 5pm Mission Endowment meeting, 6pm
Thurs., June 5	Bell Angels rehearsal, 6:30pm

Thank you to RuthAnn Ledgerwood for serving as our keyboardist this morning!

Please join Connie and Larry Barnhart at a wedding reception in the Friendship room for their church family on Sunday, June 8th following worship. The reception will be hosted by their families.

Global Health Ministries Volunteer Workday, Thursday, June 12th Carpool to Fridley, Minnesota with other OSL members. Contact becky.kneer@gmail.com for more info.



#### Pie Social 2025 Tuesday, June 17th

Volunteers needed to help before, during, and afterwards, starting at 4:30pm. Sign-up sheets, for items needed and to help volunteer, are under the skylight.

#### Little Church

Working through ReconcilingWorks, OSL became a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation in 2024. Throughout the month of June we will be collecting funds to support the ongoing work of this organization that advocates for and seeks to foster greater inclusion in the church for members of the LGBTQIA community.