

GATHERING**PRELUDE***His Eye is on the Sparrow***Michaela Gifford****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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN***God Is Here!*** (526 vs. 1-3)

- 1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

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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***Glory to God***

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD**FIRST READING****Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts. A reading from Deuteronomy.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY**Psalm 25:1-10**

Our psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 25. We read together responsively by whole verse.

¹ To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and up-right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON***“To Be a Neighbor”*****Pastor Keith Ruehlow****HYMN OF THE DAY*****Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*** (708 vs. 1-3)**Refrain**

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.
Refrain

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,

neighbors are nearby and far away.
Refrain

3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.
Refrain

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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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. We also remember those grieving the death of loved ones and those harmed or displaced by flood waters in Texas, New Mexico and North Carolina. Give them the mercy of neighbors to meet the days ahead. Renew the strength of all involved with rescue and relief efforts.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing *especially Carly Weber, William Haas, Lori Lemke, Amy Schneider, Jan Krueger, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren and Erica Peterson*. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT—Launching of the CAT survey--Gayle Holte

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

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Michaela Gifford

OFFERTORY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (712)

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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 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

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us 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 out 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*

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.

***Let Us Break Bread Together* (471)**

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.
Refrain

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.
Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

For the Fruit of All Creation (679)

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring

for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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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.**

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by
your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN***O God of Mercy, God of Light*** (714 vs. 1-3, 5)

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| <p>1 O God of mercy, God of light,

in love and mercy infinite,

teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.</p> <p>2 You sent your Son to die for all,
that our lost world might hear your call;
oh, hear us lest we stray and fall!</p> | <p>We rest our hope in you.</p> <p>3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught:
to feel for those his blood has bought,
that ev'ry deed and word and thought
may work a work for you.</p> <p>5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.</p> |
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Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE***Trumpet Song***

Michaela Gifford

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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - June	June
Income	\$122,563.74	\$26,358.27
Expenses	\$106,340.58	\$24,352.28
Over/short	\$16,223.16	\$2,005.99

**Lintel
Project
Fundraiser:
\$146,482.81
raised to
date!**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Deb Hyde; Carly Weber; William Haas (Pr. Sarah's nephew); Lori Lemke; Amy Schneider; Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother); Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother); Char Ovren; Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy to the Fuerstenberg's on the death of Henry's father, Dave Fuerstenberg who passed away on July 5, 2025

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

THIS WEEK AT OSL

July 13, Sunday	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am CAT Assistance, 10:15am
July 14, Monday	Quilters/Crafters, 9am
July 15, Tuesday	CAT Assistance, 1pm
July 16, Wednesday	Dementia Chorus meeting, 9:30am
July 17, Thursday	Quilting Queens, 9am Transition meeting, 1:30pm

Vacation Bible School *July 28-31, 2025, 9am-2:30pm*

(see Denise for details)

We are co-hosting VBS again this year at Christ Lutheran Church. Registrations are being accepted now. Pass this information on to friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers are needed! You can pick the days and time slots you have available to help. Training is Sunday night at 5:30pm at Christ Lutheran.

Links to register and to volunteer can be found in the Messenger and on the OSL website.

VBS is also in need of dish soap containers. Please drop them in the pail under the skylight.



A variety of Kwik Trip Gift Cards are available for order. Contact Denise Vick to place your order directly. Denise@oslme.com

The "CAT" IS HERE!

The CAT (Church Assessment Tool) launches **TODAY**. This 30-minute survey will provide important information as OSL moves faithfully into the future.

EVERY OSL MEMBER age 16 and older is encouraged to take the online survey. The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurSaviorLuthMeno. The link will also be available on the OSL website and our Facebook page. Help is available for those who need it on Sunday mornings after worship and on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3pm. Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

The link will be active from July 13-August 3, so plan to participate now! More information can be found in the Messenger or talk to any member of the Transition Team.

Little Church

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an organization that works to make sure all kids have a bed to sleep in. In addition to building beds, the organization collects bedding. Throughout July and August, funds collected in our Little church will go to support this impactful work.