# GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### 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**

#### We All Are One in Mission (576)

 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love. 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name. Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace, so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace. 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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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 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 God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

### WORD

#### FIRST READING

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported. A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;

#### Isaiah 66:10-14

rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—
<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.
<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:
I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.
<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass;and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

#### PSALMODY

#### Psalm 66:1-9

*Our psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 66. We read together responsively by whole verse.* <sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;

be joyful, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

<sup>6</sup> God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

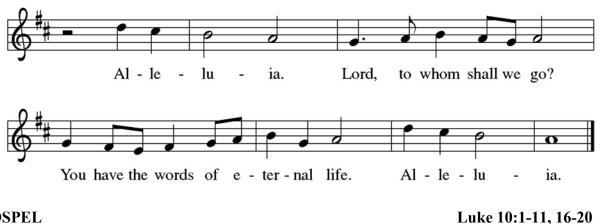
<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

<sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup> He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

SERMON

**Pastor Sarah Miller** 

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### *To Be Your Presence* (546)

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!

to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!

4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,

to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

3 To be your presence is our mission blest,

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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the triune God 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**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.

God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any need *especially William Haas, Lori Lemke, Ed Olson, Amy Schneider, Jan Krueger, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren and Erica Peterson.* Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt.

# God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you.

#### God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

You call us by name and we are yours, O God. We give you thanks for the gift of baptism and for our new life in you. We pray for especially for *Cecilia Jennings and Rhodes Rutten* who we will be baptized here this week. May your Spirit rest upon them and lead them in the way of faith and love. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you.

### God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

#### MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT—CAT Survey—Karl Palmer

#### **BRIEFING THE MINISTERS**

# MEAL

#### OFFERING

#### **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**

Let us pray,

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**

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**

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:

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#### 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.

# *The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.* **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.

# This Is My Song (887)

 This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is;

here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,

your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.

O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;

myself I give you; let your will be done.

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#### Blest Be the Tie that Binds (656)

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

#### **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,

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 July 6, 2025

+ bless you and give you peace. Amen.

#### SENDING HYMN

## Sent Forth by God's Blessings (547)

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Sent forth by God's blessing,	2	With praise and thanksgiving
our true faith confessing,		to God ever-living,
the people of God from this dwelling take		the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will
leave.		face—
The supper is ended.		our faith ever sharing,
Oh, now be extended		in love ever caring,
the fruits of this service in all who believe.		embracing God's children, the whole human
The seed of Christ's teaching,		race.
receptive souls reaching,		With your feast you feed us,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.		with your light now lead us;
Your grace shall incite us,		unite us as one in this life that we share.
your love shall unite us		Then may all the living
to work for your kingdom and answer your		with praise and thanksgiving
call.		give honor to Christ and his name that we
		bear.
	our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your	our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your

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**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### POSTLUDE

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FINANCIAL UPDATE			
	Mar - May	MAY	
Income	\$96,205.47	\$24,335.58	
Expenses	\$81,923.74	\$27,519.61	
Over/short	\$14,281.73	(\$3,184.03)	

# PRAYER CONCERNS

William Haas (Pr. Sarah's nephew); Lori Lemke; Ed Olson; Amy Schneider; Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother); Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother); Char Ovren; Erica Peterson (Cheryl Menill's granddaughter)

### BAPTIZED IN HIS NAME

On Wednesday, July 9, the baptisms of: Rhodes Jennings Rutten, son of Samuel & Erin Rutten, and, Cecilia Rose Jennings, daughter of Cody Jennings & Steffany Remler

#### IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

# The "CAT" is coming!

Beginning NEXT Sunday, July 13 you will have the opportunity to participate in the 'CAT" (Church Assessment Tool) survey. This survey will provide valuable insight for determining church staffing needs and mission/ ministry plans for the future. Every OSL member age 16 and older is encouraged to take the online survey. The link for the survey will be available via an email sent next week, on the OSL website and OSL Facebook page. It will be active from July 13-August 3. Help will be available for those who need assistance with internet access and/or survey completion on Sunday momings and Tuesday aftemoons during this time.

More information can be found in the Weekly Newsletter. Plan now to participate in this important survey!

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THIS WEEK AT OSL		
July 6, Sunday	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am	
July 7, Monday	Quilters/Crafters, 9am Finance meeting, 6pm	
July 8, Tuesday	Church Council meeting, 6pm	
July 9, Wednesday	Baptisms of Rhodes Jennings Rutten and Cecilia Rose Jennings	
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#### Vacation Bible School July 28-31, 2025 9am-2:30pm

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.

See Denise for details.

#### Little Church

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is an organization that works to make sure all kids have a bed to seep 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.