

GATHERING**PRELUDE***Andante*

Ruth Ann 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 and thank you to Ruthann Ledgerwood who is filling in for Michaela as she takes some time away.
- 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

L: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

C: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

L: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

L: and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

C: Shower us with your Spirit,

L: and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.**PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM---*Claire Noelle Miller***

P: On this past Wednesday, *Claire Noelle Miller* was baptized with water in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. She was surrounded by her parents, sponsors, and grandparents who promised to support, nurture, and pray for her. Today I ask you, People of God, do you also promise to support *Claire* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, O God, that by your Holy Spirit and the power of your living Word, *Claire*, has been washed in the waters of baptism and given new life. All glory and praise to you, Almighty Father, through Christ Jesus by your Holy Spirit, in your church without end. **Amen.**

Present blanket and acknowledge gift of baptismal box

P: With great joy I present to you, the newest member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, *Claire Noelle Miller*.

GATHERING HYMN

Have No Fear, Little Flock (764)

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| 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock! | 3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above! |
| 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock! | 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God! |

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
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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,

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise. A reading from Genesis.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said,

“You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 33:12-22

Our Psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 33.

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!
Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- ¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for you steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**GOSPEL****Luke 12:32-40**

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****Pastor Sarah Miller****HYMN OF THE DAY*****Ask the Complicated Questions*** (ACS 1005)

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| 1 | Ask the complicated questions.
Do not fear to be found out;
for our God makes strong our
weakness,
forging faith in fires of doubt. | 3 | Knock on doors of new ideas,
test assumptions long grown stale,
for Christ calls from shores of wonder,
daring us to try and fail. |
| 2 | Seek the disconcerting answers,
follow where the Spirit blows;
test competing truths for wisdom, | 4 | For in struggle we discover
truth both simple and profound; |

in the knocking, asking, seeking,

we are opened, answered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

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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

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.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. Pour out your Spirit of wisdom and grace upon the newly elected presiding bishop of the ELCA Yehiel Curry and the newly elected secretary Rev. Cecee Mills that they may lead the church into your promised future.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need *especially Jerry Hughes, Deb Johnson, Jan Krueger, Char Ovren and Erica Peterson*. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We praise you for the gift of baptism. Breathe your Spirit into all the baptized *especially Claire*, that we may more fully know your love and grace. Strengthen our faith and give us courage to live boldly as your people for the sake of others.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen.

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 THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

RuthAnn Ledgerwood

OFFERTORY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (712 vs. 1)

- 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.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984

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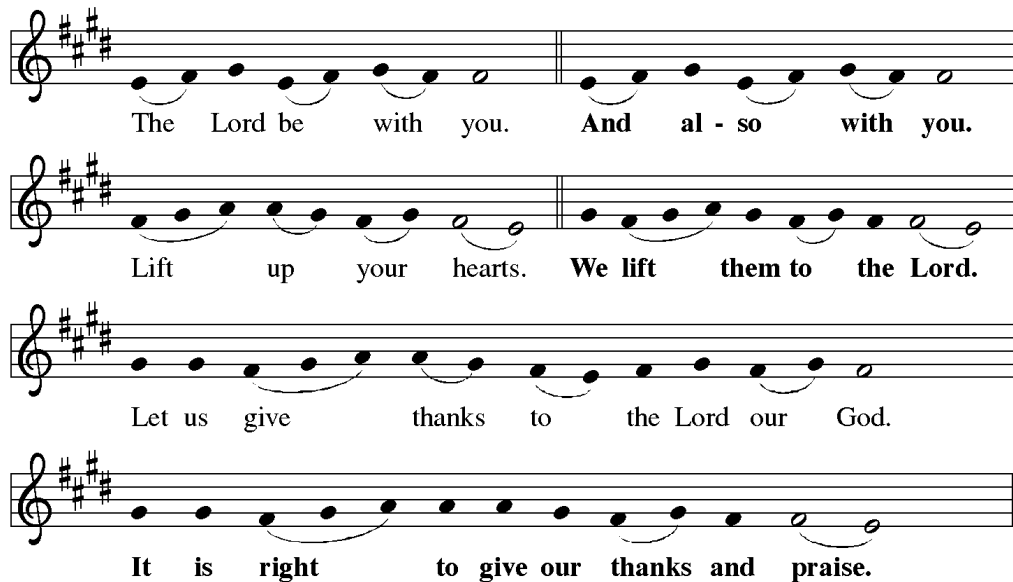
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OFFERING PRAYER

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



The musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

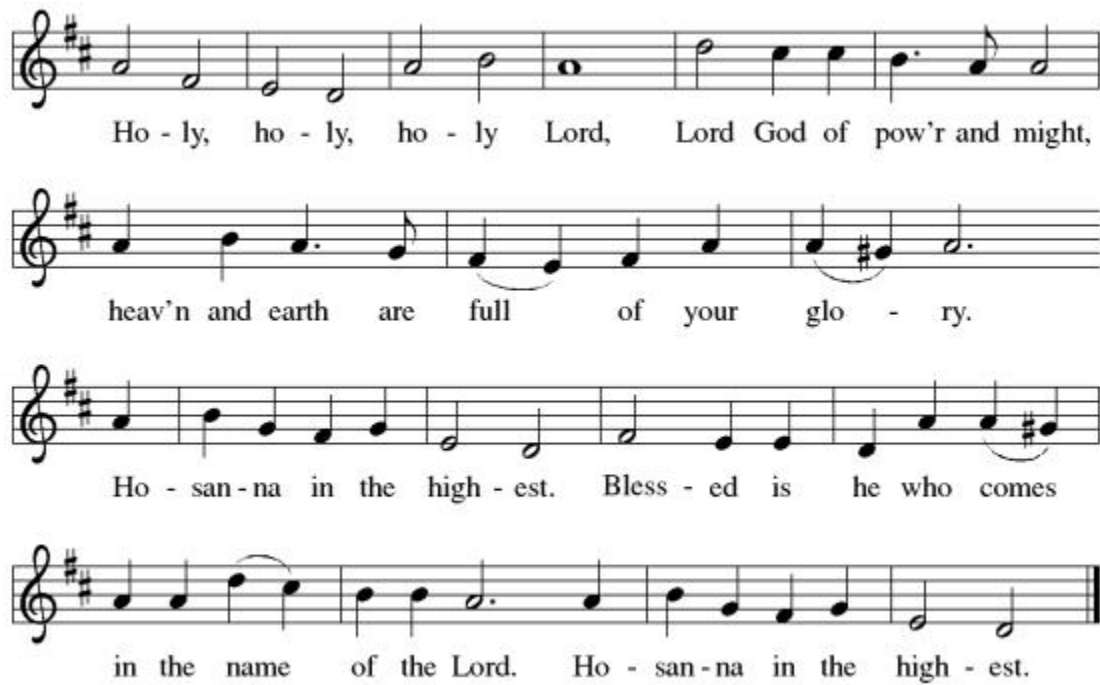
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**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

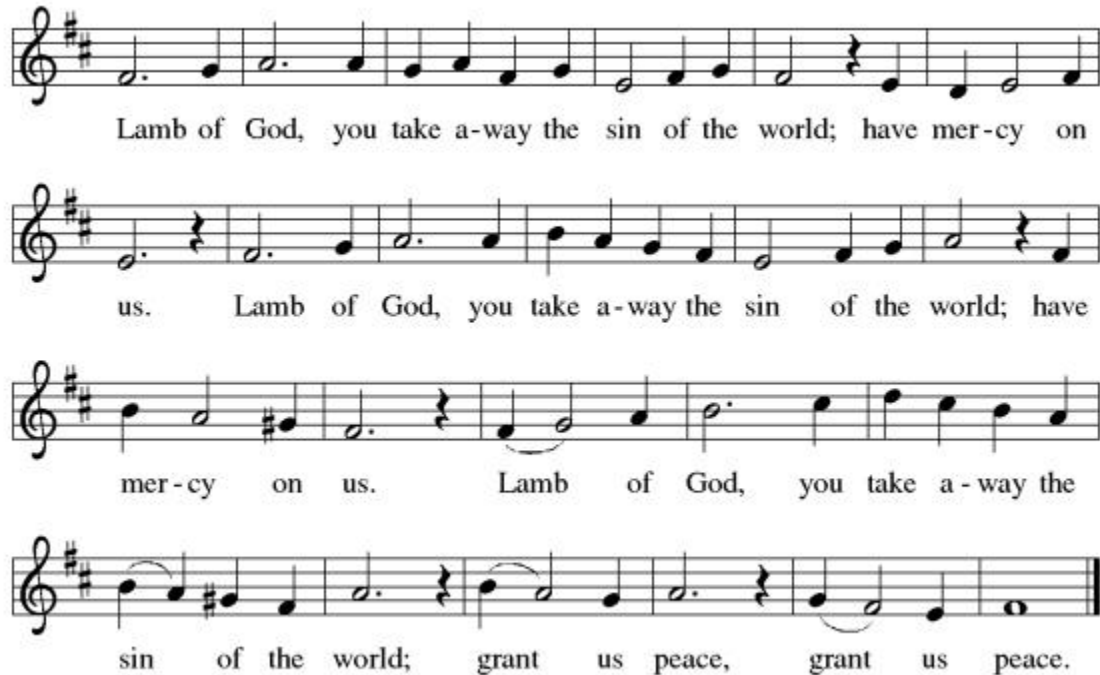
Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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



***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (807)**

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| 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove. | wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood. |
| 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, | 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above. |

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (461)

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

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

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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,

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

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| 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." |
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3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

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

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thine Be the Glory

RuthAnn Ledgerwood

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:
\$158,928
raised to
date!**

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Deb Johnson; Carly Weber; Amy Schneider;
Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother); Johnny
Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother); Char Ovren;
Erica Peterson (Cheryl Memill's granddaughter)

IN THANKSGIVING

for the baptism of Claire Noelle Miller, daughter
of Adam and Andrea Miller, Wed., August 6

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

Sean and Katie Olson (son of OSL members
Tom and Kristi Olson) served as missionaries in
Uganda 2019-2020 working with *Amazima
Ministries*. While there they lived with students
from vulnerable communities as they attended
boarding school. They helped manage student
life outside of academics and worked to build
relationships with students' families.

Join Sean and Katie on *Sunday, August 24th*,
after worship in the Friendship Room to hear
about their experiences and ministry.

VBS was a great success!

We had a week filled with faith, fun, and laugh-
ter! A HUGE thank you to all who made VBS a
week to remember, especially those who volun-
teered their time and who donated items/money
in support. We had 20 attendees and 32 youth/
adult volunteers. We couldn't have done it with-
out you!

Next year's dates have been chosen—**Tuesday—
Friday, June 9-12, 2026**. Mark your calendars!

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, August 10	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
Monday, August 11	Quilters/Crafters, 9am Finance meeting, 6pm
Tuesday, August 12	Church Council meeting, 6pm
Wednesday, August 13	Transition Team meeting, 1pm Personnel meeting, 2pm

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

Special Word of Thanks!

Thank you to all OSL members who chose to
participate in the CAT survey. Data from the
survey will now be compiled and interpreted
by representatives of Mustard Seed Consulting
who will make a presentation to church leaders
on August 19th. A summary report will be
shared with the congregation the following
Sunday, August 24th.

Thank you again for making the time to offer
your reflections on the mission and ministry of
OSL through the survey. Continue to pray for
our leadership teams making important deci-
sion about OSL's future.

***Tuesday's Table
Volunteers Needed!***

Volunteers are needed for Tuesday's Table on
August 19. Four servers and four clean up help-
ers are needed; times are listed on the sign-up
sheet found under the skylight. Any questions,
see Judy in the office.

Little Church

Throughout August, funds collected in our Little
church will go to support Sleep in Heavenly Peace.