

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free (453)

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| 1 | We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more. | Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need. |
| 2 | We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed. | 3 We are nourished by water,
all living things,
and by life that the Spirit
abundantly brings. |

As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.

All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

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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,

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation. A reading from Amos.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

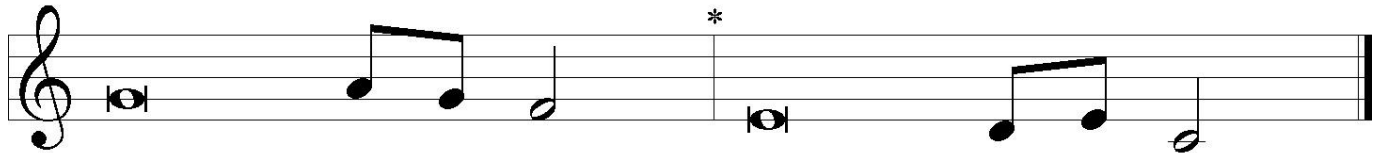
⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 113 (LBW Psalm tone 1)

Our Psalm this morning is Psalm 113. We sing together responsively by whole verse.



¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

² **Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴ **The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ **but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹ The Lord makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment (ACS 1036)

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| <p>1 Commonwealth is God's commandment;
common goods are meant to share.
Tables set and doors wide open
welcome angels unaware.</p> | <p>2 Sharing lavish gifts and blessings,
love that not one mite withholds,
stretch out arms to friends and strangers:
God has sheep of many folds. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
| <p><i>Refrain</i>
Plead for the peace of all creation.
Pray for a place where grace is found.
<i>Shanti, pax, shalom, maslaha:</i>
common good is holy ground.</p> | <p>3 Genders, races, tribes, and nations,
hear the Holy One who calls,
biding all to work together,
bridging lives and breaching walls.
<i>Refrain</i></p> |

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM----Mya Jean Tanko

SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones *especially Bonita Sadowski, Jan Krueger, Johnny Foster, Erica Peterson and the family of Cindy Leonard*. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

God of life, in the waters of baptism you make us your beloved children. Nurture all the baptized, especially *Mya*, in the life of faith and empower us to shine the light of your love in the world.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints *especially Cindy and all* who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Congregational meeting on Sept 28th

MEAL**OFFERING***Here I Am, Lord***OSL Choir****OFFERTORY***Let All Things Now Living* (881 vs.2)

2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

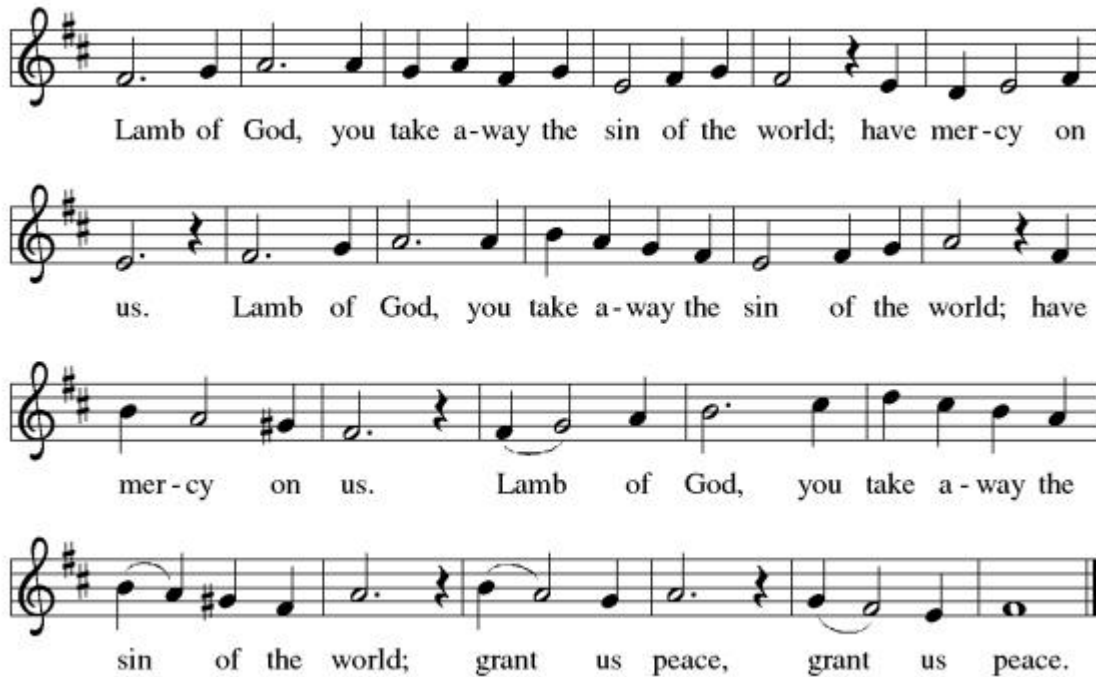
Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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



Son of God, Eternal Savior (655)

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| 1 | Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need. | held in solemn trust will be. |
| 2 | As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty | |
| 3 | Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain. | |
| 4 | Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing | |

that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:

here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Be Thou My Vision (793)

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| <p>1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by
night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> | <p>3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.</p> |
| <p>2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high
tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my
pow'r.</p> | <p>4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</p> |

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God (669)

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| <p>1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.</p> | <p>the word of hope proclaim.</p> |
| <p>2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,</p> | <p>3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.</p> |
| <p></p> | <p>4 Give heed, O saints of God!</p> |

Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

- 5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Mar - Aug	August
Income	\$184,645.24	\$29,692.00
Expenses	\$163,886.30	\$33,818.99
Over/short	\$20,758.94	(\$4,126.99)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bonita Sadowski;
Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother);
Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother);
Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

IN THANKSGIVING

for the baptism of Mya Jean Tanko, daughter of
Tyler & Jenny Tanko

IN SYMPATHY

to the family of Cindy Leonard, whose funeral is
Friday, Oct. 3rd, St. Michael's Lutheran Church,
Roseville, MN

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

***Congregational Meeting—Sunday,
September 28th***

A special meeting has been called by the OSL Church Council for the purpose of electing a Call Committee on Sunday, September 28 following worship. A slate of members recommended by the Transition Team and Church Council will be presented at the meeting.

Study of Matthew's Gospel

Join your OSL family this fall as we engage in a study of Matthew's Gospel. Pastor Sarah will start things off with a forum on Sunday, October 5th following worship. This will be followed by a series of six small group sessions on Wednesday nights beginning October 8th from 5:30-6:30pm. These sessions will also be available remotely. Sign up in the church office and pick up a book. We are asking for a \$10 donation to cover the cost. Contact Gayle Holte with any questions.

Little Church

Throughout September and October, funds collected in our Little church will go to support the *Rotary Feed Event on October 29, 2025 at OSL*.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, September 21	Worship w/baptism of Mya Jean Tanko, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am
Monday, September 22	Quilters/Crafters, 9am
Tuesday, September 23	Neighbors of Dunn County communion, 3:30pm Menomonie Area Mission Coalition meeting, 5pm
Wednesday, September 24	Personnel meeting, 3pm Confirmation, 6pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
Thursday, September 25	Taco Hog prep., 9am OSL Bells rehearsal, 6:30pm Pack 23 meeting, 6:30pm
Friday, September 26	Homecoming Taco Bar during Homecoming parade, 3pm

Kwik Trip Gift Cards

Kwik Trip gift card and carwash card orders will be taken September 21 and 28.

Menomonie Homecoming Parade!

Join us Friday Sept. 26th for tacos and caramel apples during the homecoming parade. Help is needed on Thursday Sept. 25 from 9-11am to prep and on Friday, Sept. 26 to serve and clean up. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board under the skylight. See Denise Vick for more information.

Communion Instruction

We will be offering a communion instruction class for interested students on October 1st from 4-5pm. The class is geared towards 1st graders and older, but anyone is welcome. Contact Denise Vick if you are interested in participating. We will hold a communion blessing for those that complete the class in worship on Sunday October 5th.