

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Angel Medley
Angels From The Realms Of Glory
Angels We Have Heard On High
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

OSL Bells

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to Pastor Don Wisner, who will be sharing our preached word for today and to our OSL Bells joining in music leadership today.
- 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.

ADVENT PRAYER

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning. As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace. **Amen.**

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

ADVENT HYMN

He Came Down (253)

An invitation for all children present in worship today to come forward. For this season of Advent, as we light our advent candles each week, we will sing our Advent hymn, and ring along with jingle bells!

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| <p>1. He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.</p> | <p>3. He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.</p> |
| <p>2. He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.</p> | <p>4. He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.</p> |

Text: Cameroon traditional

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel. A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 33:

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Psalms 25:1-10

Our second reading is taken from Psalm 25. We read 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.

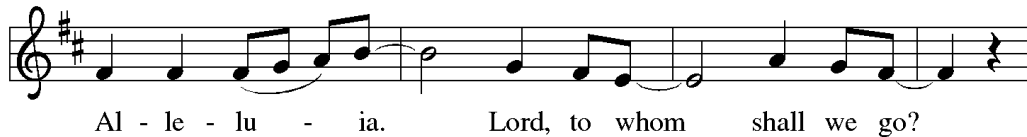
⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

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.**

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL****Luke 21:25-36**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****Pastor Don Wisner****HYMN OF THE DAY*****This Is My Father's World*** (824)

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| <p>1. This is my Father's world
and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.</p> | <p>2. This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.</p> |
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3. This is my Father's world;
oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world;
why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is king, let heaven ring;
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the sun and moon, in sprouting leaves and bare branches, in the roaring sea and quiet breeze.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage efforts to enact policies that benefit the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or grieving the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering *especially Vic Christianson, Carol Evans, Jo Johnson, Johnny Foster, Marie Aakre, Annette Weiss, Ted Bensen, Dale Seppa, Char Ovren, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, Erica Peterson and to Roxie Till at the death of her brother, Eugene Vilz*. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the diversity of thought and identity in our communities.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died, *especially Eugene*. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

Advent Hope

OSL Bells

Savior Of The Nations Come
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter (294 vs. 3)

3. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man

I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—
give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894

OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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


Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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.

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Christ, Be Our Light (715)

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| <p>1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i>
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.</p> | <p>3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

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My Lord, What a Morning (438)

- Refrain*
My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall. Refrain
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| <p>1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,</p> | <p>2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. Refrain</p> <p>3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,</p> |
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looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

Amen.

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (244) with OSL Bells

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| <p>1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.</p> <p>2 The watchers on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.</p> <p>3 The saints, who here in patience</p> | <p>their cross and sufferings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.</p> <p>4 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!</p> |
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Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater,
1823-1907

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on The Mountain

Michaela & Merlyn

FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Oct	October
Income	\$228,845.97	\$23,335.00
Expenses	\$236,376.78	\$27,181.98
Over/short	(\$7,530.81)	(\$3,846.98)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Vic Christianson; Carol Evans (Jean Conklin's sister-in-law); Jo Johnson (Kim Fruit's sister); Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother); Marie Aakre; Annette Weiss; Ted Bensen; Dale Seppa (Joel's father); Char Ovren; Tim Lutz; Rich Ebbinga; Erica Peterson (Cheryl Memill's granddaughter)

IN SYMPATHY

To Roxie Till and family on the death of her brother, Eugene Vitz. Memorial service at Olson Funeral Home Dec. 3, 11am.

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

Upcoming Special Music at OSL

- Dec. 8 Sunday school students
- Dec. 15 OSL Choir
- Dec. 22 Amelia Freeman, soprano
- Dec. 29 Mami and Bryan Waznik

*Mark your calendars and be sure to join us on Sunday, December 15th at 11am for our Sunday School Christmas Program:
The Holy Family is Here*



This year, OSL will be sponsoring a Christmas Tree at the Wakanda Wonderland event on December 14th. We are looking for a small group of creative folks who might be interested in helping decorate our Christmas Tree. If you are interested, please connect with Mami Waznik or Roxie Close.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Dec. 1, Sun	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday school, 10:15am Troop meeting, 6pm
Dec. 3, Tues	Mission Endowment Fund meeting, 6pm
Dec. 4, Wed	Confirmation, 6pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
Dec. 5, Thurs	Baking/lefse prep, 8am AM's Bible Study— Cancelled Pack 23 meeting, 6:30pm
Dec. 6, Fri	Lefse frying/prep work for sale/potluck lunch, 8am-3pm
Dec. 7, Sat	Scandinavian Bake Sale, 9-10:30am

Thank you to Pr. Don Wisner for preaching and to the OSL Bells & Merlyn Aude for their music this morning.

KWIK TRIP Gift Card Sales

now through December 15th
Gas/Gas and Food/Food only/Car wash cards are available for purchase; order forms available in the Friendship room. Orders are placed weekly and will be available for pickup on Sundays before/after worship. Support our youth! See Denise with questions.

Thursday & Friday Help Needed

Volunteers are needed for our **Scandinavian Bake Sale** on December 7th.

Many opportunities to volunteer. See the sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board under the skylight. Homemade baked goods are also needed. Questions: contact Dorma Albrecht.