

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to those who are here in person, and all those joining us via our Live Stream, and Listen to Church.
- 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

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

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus (451)

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| <p>1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious,
we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united
in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.</p> | <p>God has made a new beginning
from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.</p> |
| <p>2 In the water and the witness,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus
who is risen from the dead,</p> | <p>3 Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen</p> |

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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 anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them. A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

- ¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
- ⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 29

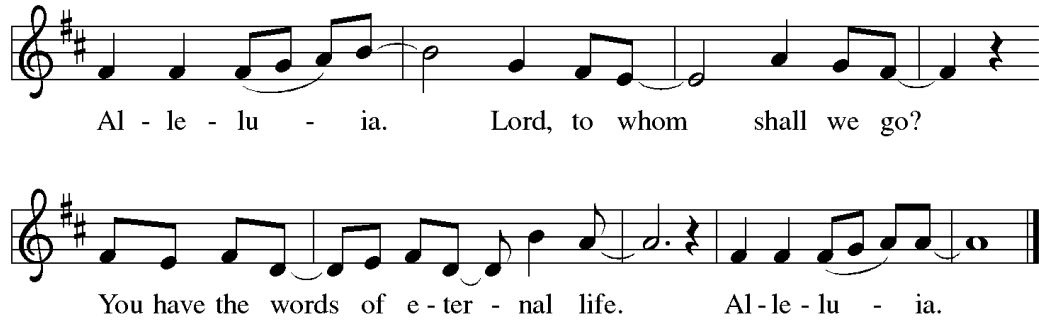
Our Psalm for this morning is Psalm 29. We read together responsively by whole verse.

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD
 bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
 And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
 the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- ¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
 give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**GOSPEL****Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

SERMON**Pastor Sarah Miller****HYMN OF THE DAY*****Once Led to Your Font***

1. Once led to your font to die and to live
called down to the water for washing,
O, God, lead us out to serve and to
give,
sent forth from the bath for the living.
2. Addressed by your word, caught tight
and set free,
reshaped by our Savior’s embracing,
O God, lead us out, and speak by our
deeds,
sent forth with your word for the
nations.
3. Both welcomed and fed at your table
of grace,
your supper brings life and salvation.
O God, lead us out to nourish and
cheer,
sent forth from your meal for creation.
4. By your washing made pure; by your
feeding made whole;
by your calling made willing and able;
O God, lead us out to make your world
ring

with echoes of bath, word, and table.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith, the faith in which we baptize, 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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission, Global Missionaries, and our companion Synod in Malawi.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

Your voice sounds over the creation. Speak and bring an end to the wildfires especially those ravaging the area around Los Angeles. Protect firefighters and first responders; bring aid and comfort to those who have lost homes and businesses; heal destroyed land and ecosystems. Lead us into faithful practices that care and sustain the earth and all its creatures.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all undergoing treatment, recovering from surgery or who are ill *especially Al Scheidler, Carol Schindler, John Teune, Carol Evans, Jo Johnson, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, and Erica Peterson*. Comfort all who grieve *especially the family of Phlayne Olson*. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugee, inspire congregations to provide welcome to those in the LGBTQIA+ community, and equip the baptized to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You grant us peace. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints, *especially Phlayne*, whom you have created, formed, and named.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

Come, Heavenly Dove

OSL Choir

OFFERTORY

As Saints of Old (695:1)

- 1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,

of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned into wine he revealed your glory. 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

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

*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.*

Join our prayers and praise with your servants of every age that rejoicing in your light we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, 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 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.

Baptized and Set Free (453)

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
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.</p> | <p>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!</p> |

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I Come with Joy (482)

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| <p>1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.</p> <p>2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.</p> <p>3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,</p> | <p>and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.</p> <p>4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.</p> <p>5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.</p> |
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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,

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

SENDING**BENEDICTION**

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN*Sent Forth By God's Blessing* (547)

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| <p>1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take
leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended</p> | <p>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</p> |
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to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will
face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,

embracing God's children, the whole human race.

With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we
bear.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Use the QR code for giving:



FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Nov	November
Income	\$258,475.64	\$29,300.26
Expenses	\$266,746.50	\$30,326.53
Over/short	(\$8,270.86)	(\$1,026.27)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Al Scheidler (Donna Lark's son);
 Carol Schindler;
 John Teune (Pr. Heather's father);
 Carol Evans (Jean Conklin's sister-in-law);
 Jo Johnson (Kim Fruit's sister);
 Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother);
 Char Ovren; Tim Lutz; Rich Ebbinga;
 Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

IN SYMPATHY

To the family of Phlayne Olson whose funeral was January 11th

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
 missionaries in Japan
 Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Jan. 12, Sun	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am Troop meeting, 6pm
Jan. 13, Mon	Finance meeting, 6pm
Jan. 14, Tues	Church Council meeting, 6pm
Jan. 15, Wed	Chippewa Valley Writers Group, 1pm Reading Club, 1pm Confirmation, 6pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm Confirmation Parent meeting, 7pm
Jan. 16, Thurs	Quilting Queens, 9am Pack 23 meeting, 6:30pm

Directory Photo Opportunities
Walk-ins only:

January 12th 10:15 to 11:30am
 or
 January 19th 10:15 to 11:30am

These are the final opportunities to have your photo taken for the OSL Directory.



Registration is open for Luther Park! If your child would like to go to camp this summer, the OSL Women would like to help make this possible by offering a \$100 camp scholarship to anyone attending Luther Park. Simply contact Denise Vick or Pr. Sarah to get OSL's scholarship code. When you



Throughout the month of January we will be collecting funds in our Little Church to support the *Menomonie School District Nutrition Angel Fund*.

This fund helps cover meal expenses for students/families who are struggling with meal debt.

FALL/WINTER OFFICE HOURS

9am—3pm, Mon, Tues, Thurs
 11—5pm, Wed