

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Song Without Words

Erin Hall-Rhoades, cello

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

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN*God of Grace and God of Glory* (705 vs. 1, 4)

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| <p>1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.</p> | <p>to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.</p> |
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Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

- 4 Save us from weak resignation

GREETING & 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 and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD**FIRST READING****1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ. A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 13.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

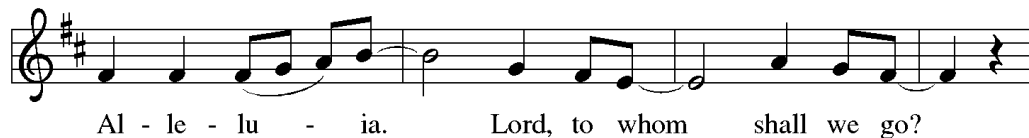
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Psalm 71:1-6***Our second reading is Psalm 71. We read by whole verse.*

- ¹ In you, O LORD, have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- ² **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- ⁴ **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**
- ⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.
- ⁶ **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you
Have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****GOSPEL****Luke 4:21-30**

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them

was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Heather Wigdahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

He Comes to Us as One Unknown (737 vs. 1, 4, 5)

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| <p>1 He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred,
a pulse of being stirred.</p> <p>4 He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving name,
for ev'ry child of earth,</p> | <p>for ev'ry child of earth.</p> <p>5 He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Savior and our Lord,
our Savior and our Lord.</p> |
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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.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Help us to take notice and take part in the new thing you are always doing among us.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

God of wonder, your creation sustains us and all living things. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

God of justice, embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need.

*God of grace,
hear our prayer.*

God of love, provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness especially *Charlene Amundson, Ted Watland, Jan Krueger, Al Scheidler, Carol Schindler, John Teune, Carol Evans, Jo Johnson, Johnny Foster, Charl Oren, Tim Lutz, Rich Ebbinga, Erica Peterson* and all the families and communities grieving after the devastating plane crash in D.C. this week. Send your spirit of comfort and love to all who mourn.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of new life, we pray for all the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of new beginnings, we pray *Pastor Heather and her family* as they begin a new journey. We thank you for her ministry among us. We thank you for all the ways she has blessed this community and for all the ways we have blessed her.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all.

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

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

OSL Choir

OFFERTORY

Arise, Your Light Has Come (314 vs. 3, 4)

3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!

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OFFERING PRAYER

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 to 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

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.

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness and joy.

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)

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.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

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*

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. *Refrain*

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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Text: Anonymous

Abide with Me (629)

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| <p>1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.</p> <p>2 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.</p> <p>3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;</p> | <p>O thou who changest not, abide with me.</p> <p>4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!</p> <p>5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.</p> <p><small>Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847</small></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.

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**BLESSING AND FAREWELL FOR PASTOR HEATHER****Council President Lindsay Barnhart:**

Pastor Heather, in October of 2012, Our Savior's Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you along with your family, Matt and Eleanor, have been important to our life together, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

Lindsay:

People of God, and member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Heather from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Lindsay:

Pastor Heather, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Our Savior's Lutheran Church?

Pastor Heather: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Thanksgiving and Sending—Pastor Sarah

Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Heather among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Pastor Heather, Matt and Eleanor, along with all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Irish Blessing

OSL Choir

SENDING HYMN

O God Our Help in Ages Past (632)

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| 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home: | 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun. |
| 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure. | 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day. |
| 3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same. | 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home. |

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Agitata da due venti/Griselda

Erin Hall-Rhoades, cello

Use the QR code for giving:



FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Dec	December
Income	\$313,036.70	\$54,671.36
Expenses	\$296,980.52	\$29,501.04
Over/short	\$16,056.18	\$25,170.32

PRAYER CONCERNS

Charlene Amundson; Ted Watland (Glen Miller's brother-in-law);
 Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother);
 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);
 Johnry Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother);
 Char Ovren; Tim Lutz; Rich Ebbinga;
 Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
 missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Feb. 2, Sun	Worship, 9am Reception for Pr. Heather; Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am
Feb. 5, Wed	Confirmation, 6pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm Council meeting w/Synod Representative, 7:15pm
Feb. 6, Thurs	AM'ers Bible Study, 9am Pack meeting 23, 6:30pm

After worship, be sure to join us on for a reception in the Friendship room as we say goodbye to Pr. Heather.

THANK YOU to all musicians for sharing your gifts with us and enlivening our worship.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on February 16th for our Annual Meeting following worship.

Lutheran Campus Ministry's Monday Night Meal—February 3rd


Food and drink donations are needed for our upcoming LCM meal. Please sign-up on the bulletin board under the skylight. Contact Denise Vick with questions.



OSL Faithful Fiber Friends February 23 10:15-12:15pm

OSL Faithful Fiber Friends are inviting all knitters, crocheters, etc. to a monthly gathering in the Fireside Room every 4th Sunday of the month. We will meet from 10:15-12:15 (right after worship). Bring your projects and join us. All are welcome. A table will be set up on Sunday, Feb. 9th, to answer any questions.

Christ Lutheran Church Celebration February 12, 2025
 Dinner - 5pm
 Dedication Service - 6pm



More details can be found in the weekly Messenger.

Communion Instruction Class Wed., Feb. 26 @ 4pm

Open to any youth interested in learning about communion. Pre-registration required. Email denise@oslme.com if you are interested in attending.

Communion recognition during worship on March 2nd.