

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Savior Like a Shepherd, Lead Us
Marni Waznik and Michaela Gifford

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.
- Welcome to the OSL Choir; thank you Marni and Michaela for your special music
- 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*** (385:1, 3, 4)

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| 1 | Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 3 | Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: | |
| 4 | Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | |

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GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

2. Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and
might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer. A reading from Acts.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 23

Our psalmody this morning is Psalm 23. We read responsively by whole verse.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL**John 10:22-30**

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****Pastor Sarah Miller****HYMN OF THE DAY*****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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NICENE CREED

Together we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed...

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism and send us forth as signs of your love.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need of your shepherding care *especially Paula Shull, Jan Krueger, Johnny Foster, Char Ovren, Rich Ebbinga, and Erica Peterson*. Comfort those who mourn, *especially Glen Miller at the death of his brother-in-law, Ted Watland*.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, *especially Ted*, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- All Congregational meeting today to approve the updated lintel project
- Graduation Milestone next week in worship
- THANK YOU OSL Choir for your faithful leadership throughout the program year

MEAL

OFFERING

The Lord is My Shepherd

OSL Choir

OFFERTORY *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (674:1)

1	Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.	Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
	<i>Refrain</i>	

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OFFERING PRAYER*Let us pray,**Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.****PROPER PREFACE****Leader:** 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; whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. 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**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE*Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus your anointed. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for the Spirit poured out on all nations.*

*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.*

With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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.

This is the day! Today we feast again with our risen Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever. Amen and alleluia!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Shepherd Me, O God – Marni and Michaela

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (789)

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| <p>1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.</p> | <p>3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.</p> |
| <p>2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.</p> | <p>4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,</p> |

you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (502)

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| <p>1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.</p> <p>2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.</p> <p>3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.</p> | <p>4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.</p> <p>5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!</p> <p>6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.</p> |
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Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

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,

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (544)

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| <p>1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.</p> | <p>2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice hearing,
ears attentive to your word;
by your blood new life receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the Lord.</p> |
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3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.
Partners in your new creation,

seeking peace in ev'ry nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be.

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Palms

Marni and Michaela

Use the
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for giving:



FINANCIAL UPDATE	
	March 2025
Income	\$35,236.09
Expenses	\$26,280.69
Over/short	\$8,955.40

PRAYER CONCERNS
Paula Shull; Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother); Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother); Char Ovren; Rich Ebbinga; Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter)
IN SYMPATHY
To Glen Miller on the death of his brother-in-law, Ted Watland
IN SUPPORT
Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan
Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

THIS WEEK AT OSL	
Sunday, May 11	Worship, 9am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Congregation meeting, 10:15am Troop meeting, 6pm
Monday, May 12	Quilters/Crafters, 9am Finance meeting, 6pm
Tuesday, May 13	Church Council meeting, 6pm
Thurs., May 15	Quilting Queens, 9am Bell Angels rehearsal, 6:30pm

Special Congregational Meeting
May 11
(following worship)
to approve the updated Lintel Project

Sunday school students, teachers, helpers, and subs: your thank you gifts are on the small table in the friendship room; be sure to pick yours up. *Thank you for being a part of our Sunday school ministry.*

Hanging Basket Gift Card Sale
This Sunday, May 11th is the **last day** to pick up a gift card. \$38/basket. Farmstead Greenhouse is our partner again this year.

Looking for a great grad gift?
May is the last month we will be selling our Kwik Trip \$20 gift cards and \$36 car wash cards. Pick yours up at the youth table.

Thank you to the OSL Choir for sharing your gifts and enlivening our worship throughout the program year.

Thank you to Marni Waznik and Michaela Gifford for providing special music during worship.

Do you know of someone in our congregation who could benefit from a visit by our visitation ministry team? If you do, please reach out to one of the pastors or the office and they will connect with the coordinator of the visitation team.

Little Church
Throughout May we are collecting donations in our Little Church for Feed Our Friends in Malawi.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS, July 28-31, Led by the Star. Make your calendars and plan to attend.

