

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.
- Welcome to our communion milestone kiddos and families.
- 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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdainning the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross 335:1, 2, 4

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| 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain. | 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain</i>
In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river. | 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. <i>Refrain</i> |

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

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.

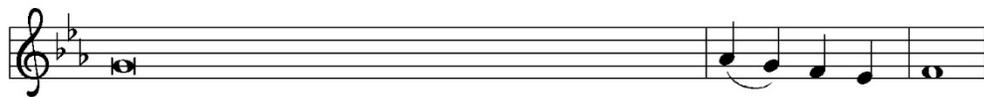
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



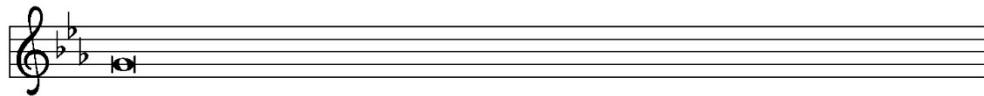
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



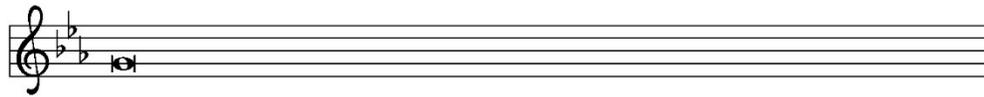
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Pr. Sarah***WORD****FIRST READING** **Genesis 12:1-4a**

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. A reading from Genesis.

¹ The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY **Psalm 121**

Our Psalm for this morning is Psalm 121. We read together responsively by whole verse.

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

The word of the Lord.

Thank be to God.

though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

- 2 We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

- 3 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,

stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Reader*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss, *especially Blake Behrens, Rich Moen, Bill Miller, Teresa Kraft, Loren Barker, Jan Krueger, Johnny Foster and Erica Peterson.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Nurture us in faith during this time of worship that our relationship with you and with each other might be strengthened. Bless us as we leave to tend to the work of the kingdom and to share the good news of Jesus in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

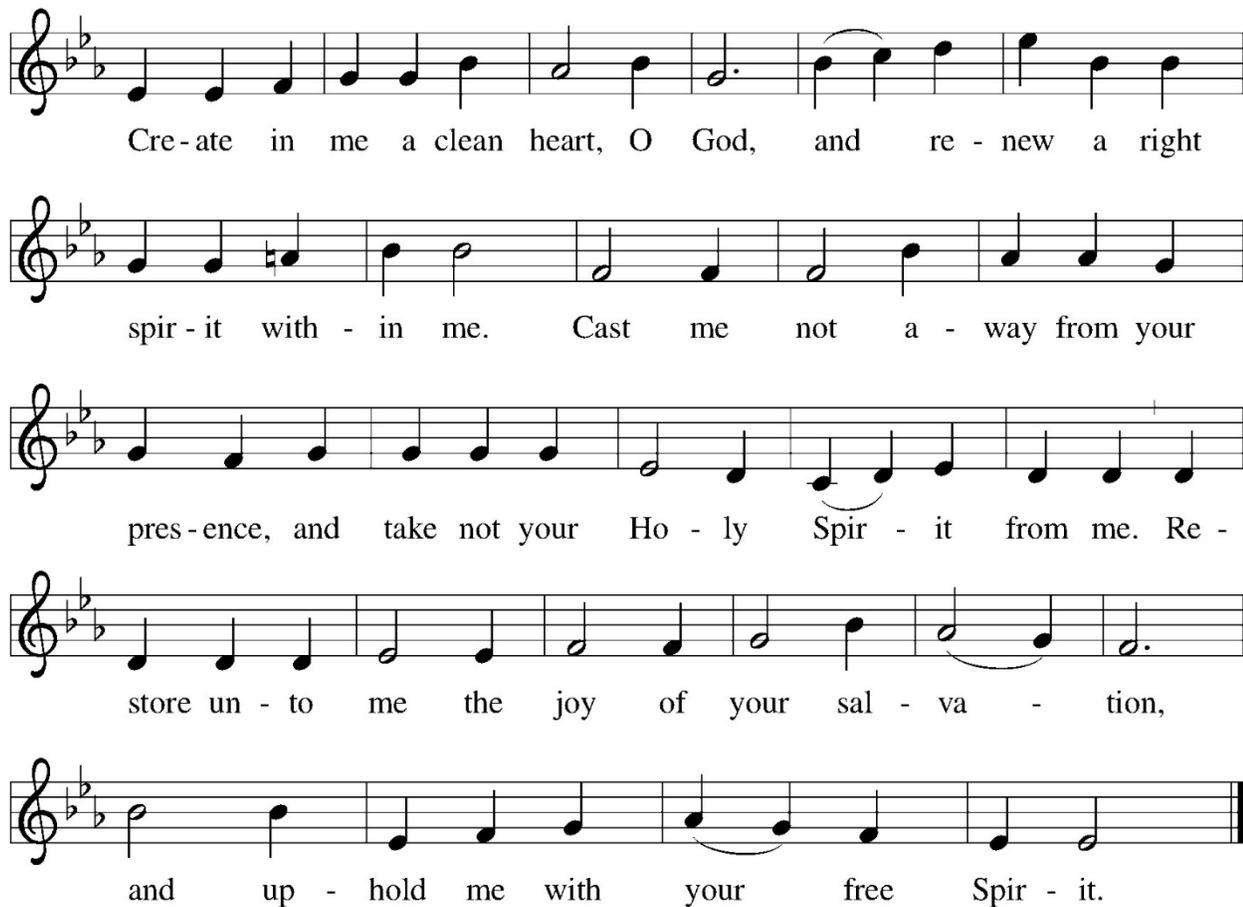
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Create in Me 188



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw

us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

COMMUNION MILESTONE *Denise and Sarah*

Denise: Here at this table Jesus makes a place for everyone. Through this sacrament of Holy Communion we are connected to each other and to the whole church throughout the world as we share the same meal and receive Christ's gifts of love and grace. Today we celebrate with some of our young members who have completed a communion class and had a chance to learn about these amazing gifts God has shared with us. Students have decorated a special chalice that they will use today and they have made the communion bread for all of us to eat.

Denise: At this time, I invite **INSERT NAMES HERE** and their families to stand. Family members I invite you to lay a hand on your child in blessing. Now I invite the rest of the congregation to stand as well.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, thank you for making a place for us at your table and for sharing your food with us. Thank you for blessing us with the gifts of your love and grace and forgiveness and for surrounding us with a community of faith that supports us. Bless NAME/these children as *he/she/they* come(s) forward to your table that through this sacrament *he/she/they* may come to know you better and grow in faith, love and service. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *Sarah*

Gathered around this table, we remember that ...

*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.*

Pour our upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of al 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.

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.

Jesus Loves Me 595

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
 for the Bible tells me so;
 little ones to him belong,
 they are weak, but he is strong.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
 heaven's gates to open wide;
 he will wash away my sin,
 let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
 yes, Jesus loves me,
 yes, Jesus loves me,
 the Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
 close beside me all the way;
 when at last I come to die,
 he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

I Come with Joy 482

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.

to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread,
 in Christ's communion bread.

2 I come with Christians far and near

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

- 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.

- 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.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

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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,

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Restore in Us, O God 328

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| <p>1 Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.</p> | <p>3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.</p> |
| <p>2 O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow'r.</p> | <p>4 Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.</p> |

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS
Blake Behrens, Rich Moen (Becky Behren's father), Bill Miller (Glen Miller's brother), Teresa Kraft (Laila Davis' daughter), Loren Barker, Jan Krueger (Dan Krueger's mother), Johnny Foster (Brittany Cisneros' brother), Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)
IN SUPPORT
Elijah Stuart, in Air Force basic training
Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan
Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish
God's blessings to Emmett Nodolf as he celebrates his communion milestone.
New Tables for the Dining Hall We have new tables in our dining hall downstairs thanks to some generous donors—thank you! Thanks also to the crew that helped take down the old tables, unload and set up the new tables. We appreciate you all!
Join us for an Informational Meeting on the OSL Canoe Trip Down the Namekagon River. Wednesday, March 4th 7:00-7:30pm
VIBRANT VOICES is looking for assistance with serving snacks on Thursdays through April 16 (with the exception of April 2nd). Serving time: 1-3pm. Please let the OSL office know if you are interested.
Funds collected this month in our Little church will go to support the Menomonie area School Lunch Angel Fund. The Angel Fund provides assistance to families struggling with meal debt. Every donation, no matter the size, goes directly to a family that needs assistance.

THIS WEEK AT OSL	
Sunday, March 1	Worship with Communion Blessing, 9am Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am Personnal Committee Mtg, 10:15am
Monday, March 2	Women in Action, 9am
Tuesday, March 3	Grain Bin Quilters Retreat, 7:00am
Wednesday, March 4	Grain Bin Quilters Retreat, 7:00am Lenten Supper, 5:15pm Lenten worship, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7:00pm High School Fellowship, 7:00pm Canoe trip meeting, 7:00pm Choir, 7:00pm
Thursday, March 5	Grain Bin Quilters Retreat, 7:00am AMers, 9:00am Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm Bells Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Friday, March 6	Grain Bin Quilters Retreat, 7:00am
Saturday, March 7	Menomonie Singers Choral Retreat, 8:40am

Calling all vocalists! Join us in leading Holden Evening Prayer service on Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent. Rehearsal begins at 6pm prior to worship. Contact Michaela with any questions.

Midweek Lenten schedule at OSL
Lenten Supper 5:15-6pm
Worship 6:30pm
With Holden Evening Prayer
Presenter Linda Lindquist

New Member Class If you are interested in becoming a member of OSL, join us April 19th in the conference room following worship for a new member class and a chance to learn more about OSL. Then join us in worship on Sunday, April 26th, as we formally welcome you to the congregation!

COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY
Katie Benson

<p>READER Marni Waznik</p> <p>USHERS <i>Joy Bergstrand</i> <i>Dave Bergstrand</i></p> <p>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Marni Waznik Bonnie Freberg Barb Burntvedt</p>	<p>POWER POINT <i>Mary Solberg</i></p> <p>SOUND SYSTEM <i>Dale Freberg</i></p> <p>CAMERA <i>Will Hughes</i></p> <p>ACOLYTES <i>Yarezi Cisneros</i></p>
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FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	Mar - Jan	January
Income	\$383, 878.81	\$35,931.07
Expenses	\$309, 691.49	\$33,432.92
Over/short	\$54, 187.32	\$2,489.15

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