

## 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.

### 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 disdaining 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 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty 777:1, 3, 6**

1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;  
drink the water I will give.  
If you knew what gift I offer,  
you would come to me and live."

3 "Come to me, believers burdened;  
find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer,  
turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Jesus, ever flowing fountain,  
give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer  
there is joy no tongue can tell.

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer,  
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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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.**

**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



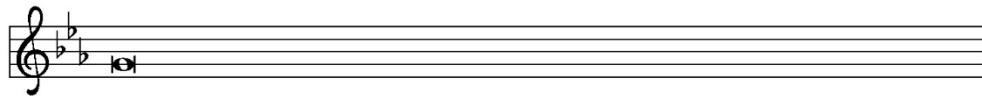
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



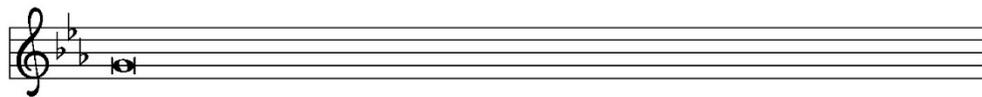
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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**

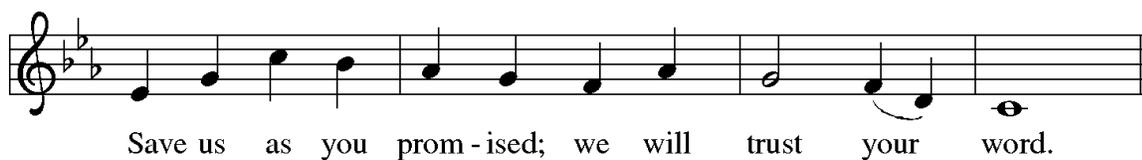
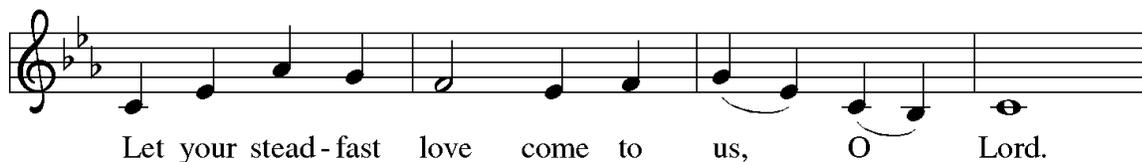
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD****LENTEN ACCLAMATION****GOSPEL John 4:1-42**

The holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” <sup>2</sup> (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and started back to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> But he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no

husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller**

**HYMN OF THE DAY I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say 611**

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

### **INSTALLATION OF THE 2026 COUNCIL** *Title Slide*

The following people have been *elected and appointed* by the congregation to the church council and to serve as officers. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these siblings in Christ will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

### **OSL Council and Officers 2026** *need slide listing council members*

Beth Mason (President), Lindsay Barnhart (Vice President), Katie Benson (Treasurer), Terry Mason (Treasurer), Gayle Holte, Bob Dodge, Dan Krueger, Jason Hausler, Jeff Jaeger

*Council members hear these words from Pauls' first letter to the Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

You have been elected and appointed to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

- You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.
- You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.
- You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.
- You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected and appointed?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

*I invite the congregation to stand as you are able.*

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected and appointed leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

I now declare you installed as council members and officers of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

### **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.*

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, we pray especially for the Middle East, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

O God, by your Spirit you have formed us into a community of faith and blessed us with leaders to help shape and govern our life together. Guide our newly installed council in their work, give them wisdom as they make decisions on our behalf, and grant them a spirit of joy in all that they do. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. 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.

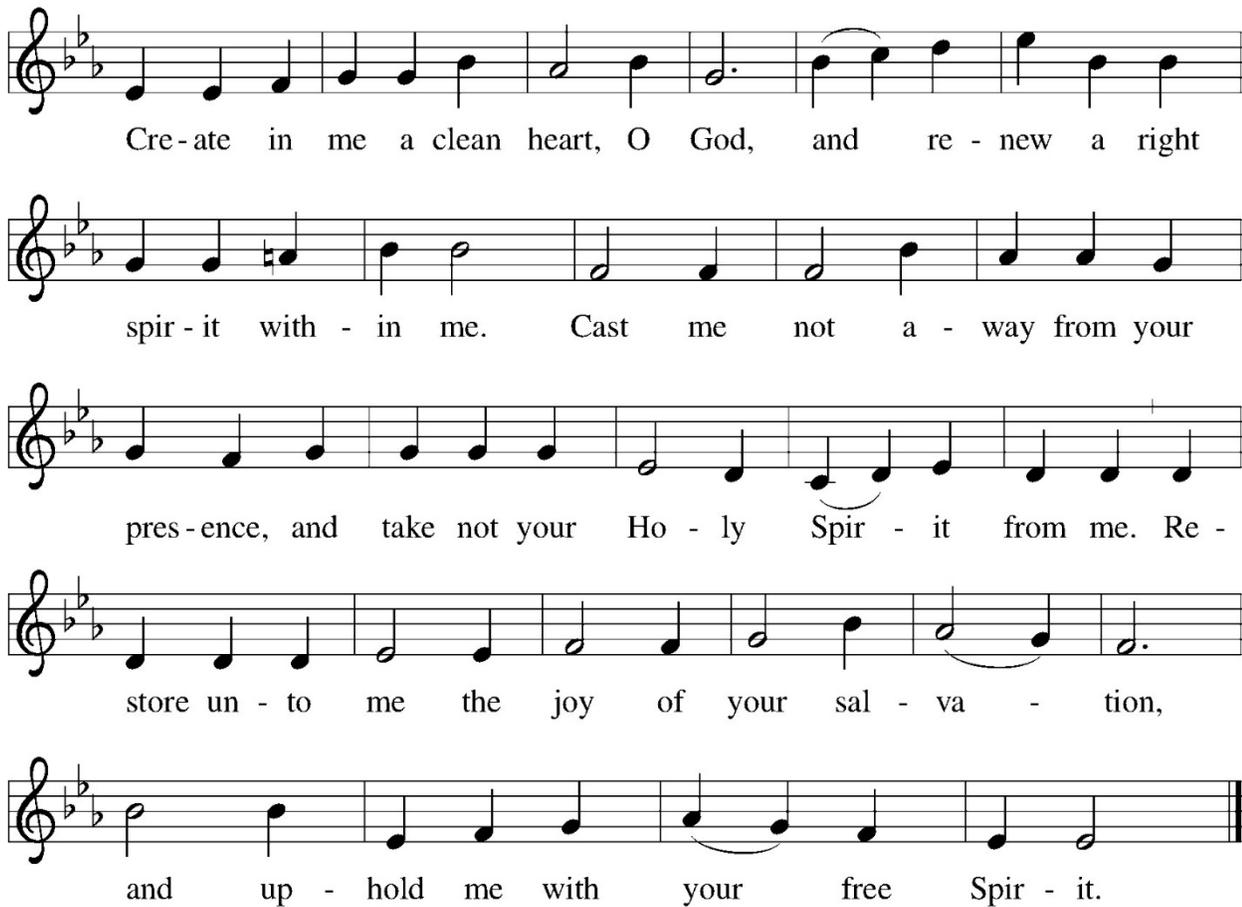
**And also with you.**

### BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

## MEAL

OFFERING     As the Deer – OSL Choir

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.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

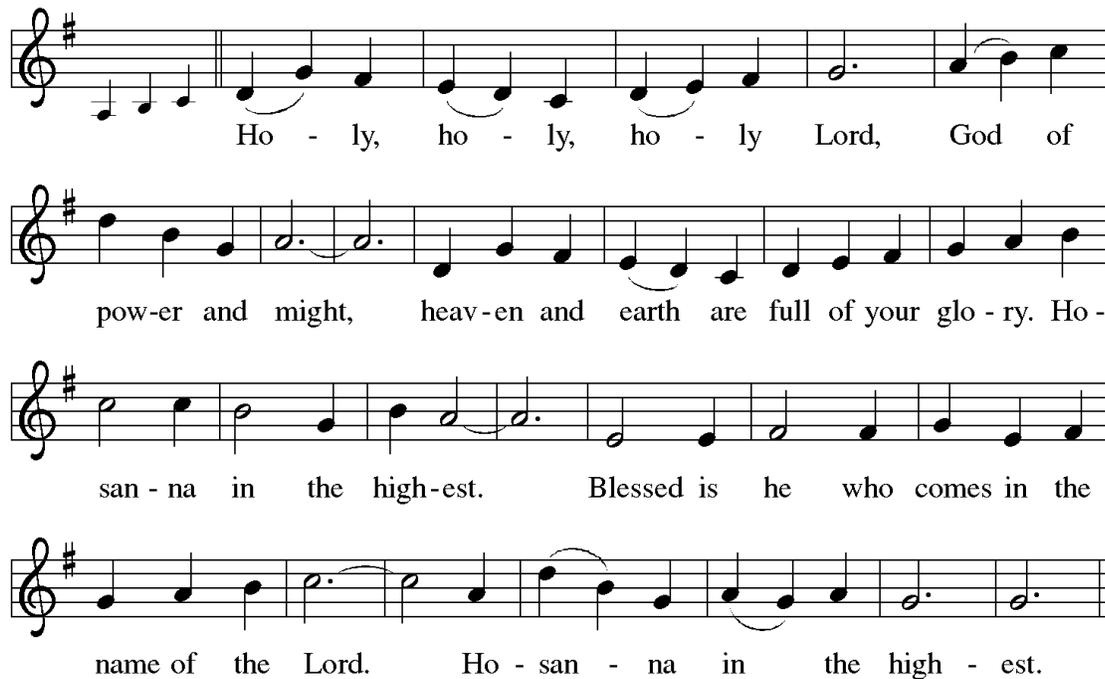
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the  
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,  
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In the fullness of time you sent your chosen servant to preach the good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcasts and the despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

*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 this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

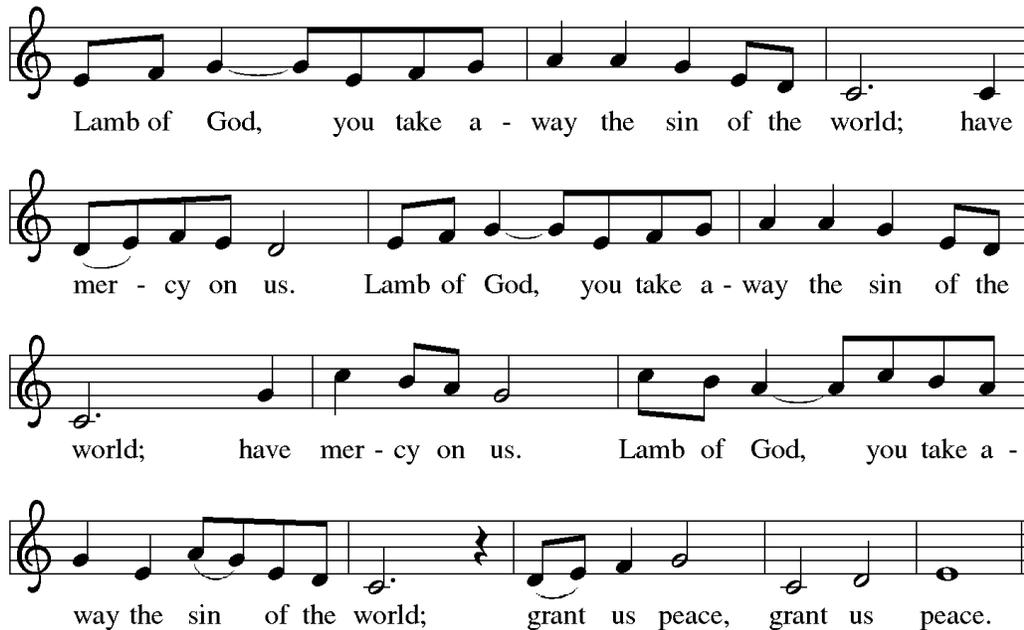
**Christ will come again.**

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.**

**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.

**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me 623**

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| <p>1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br/>let me hide myself in thee;<br/>let the water and the blood,<br/>from thy riven side which flowed,<br/>be of sin the double cure;<br/>cleansing me from its guilt and pow'r.</p> | <p>3 Nothing in my hand I bring;<br/>simply to thy cross I cling.<br/>Naked, come to thee for dress;<br/>helpless, look to thee for grace;<br/>foul, I to the fountain fly;<br/>wash me, Savior, or I die.</p>            |
| <p>2 Not the labors of my hands<br/>can fulfill thy law's demands;<br/>could my zeal no respite know,<br/>could my tears forever flow,<br/>all for sin could not atone;<br/>thou must save, and thou alone.</p>       | <p>4 While I draw this fleeting breath,<br/>when mine eyelids close in death,<br/>when I soar to worlds unknown,<br/>see thee on thy judgment throne,<br/>Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br/>let me hide myself in thee.</p> |

**O Blessed Spring 447**

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| <p>1 O blessed spring, where word and sign<br/>embrace us into Christ the Vine:<br/>here Christ enjoins each one to be<br/>a branch of this life-giving Tree.</p> <p>2 Through summer heat of youthful years,<br/>uncertain faith, rebellious tears,<br/>sustained by Christ's infusing rain,<br/>the boughs will shout for joy again.</p> <p>3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,<br/>when limbs their heavy harvest hold,</p> | <p>then through us, warm, the Christ will move<br/>with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.</p> <p>4 As winter comes, as winters must,<br/>we breathe our last, return to dust;<br/>still held in Christ, our souls take wing<br/>and trust the promise of the spring.</p> <p>5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,<br/>be praised for this blest mystery:<br/>that word and water thus revive<br/>and join us to your Tree of Life.</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,

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**

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 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer 618**

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| <p>1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,<br/>pilgrim through this barren land.<br/>I am weak, but you are mighty;<br/>hold me with your pow'rful hand.<br/>Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,<br/>feed me now and evermore,<br/>feed me now and evermore.</p> <p>2 Open now the crystal fountain<br/>where the healing waters flow;</p> | <p>let the fire and cloudy pillar<br/>lead me all my journey through.<br/>Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,<br/>shield me with your mighty arm,<br/>shield me with your mighty arm.</p> <p>3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,<br/>bid my anxious fears subside;<br/>death of death and hell's destruction,<br/>land me safe on Canaan's side.</p> |
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Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,

I will raise forevermore.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.

**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

No Sunday School on the following dates:

- \* March 15—Spring Break
- \* March 22—Spring Break
- \* March 29—Palm Sunday
- \* April 5—Easter Sunday

**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!

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.

**Easter Sanctuary Flowers**-proceeds collected will support UW-Stout's Fostering Success program, which helps former foster youth build stability and move confidently into their future.

### THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, March 8	Worship, 9:00am Fellowship, 10:15am Sunday School, 10:15am
Monday, March 9	Women in Action, 9am Finance committee, 6:00pm
Tuesday, March 10	Council, 6:00pm
Wednesday, March 11	Lenten Supper, 5:15pm Lenten worship, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7:00pm High School Fellowship, 7:00pm Choir, 7:00pm
Thursday, March 12	Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm
Friday, March 13	
Saturday, March 14	Menomonie Singers Retreat, 9:00am

*Thank you to the **OSL Choir** for sharing your gifts and enlivening our worship this morning!*

#### Midweek Lenten schedule at OSL

**Lenten Supper 5:15-6pm**

**Worship 6:30pm**

**With Holden Evening Prayer**

**Presenter Linda Lindquist**

**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.

**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.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY**

*Katie Benson*

**READER**  
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*Jane Kingzett*

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*Luke Radzikinas*

**ACOLYTES**  
*Yaretiz Cisneros*

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	<b>Mar - Jan</b>	<b>January</b>
Income	\$383, 878.81	\$35,931.07
Expenses	\$309, 691.49	\$33,432.92
Over/short	<b>\$54, 187.32</b>	<b>\$2,489.15</b>

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