

GATHERING

PRELUDE Do with Me as Thy Goodness Prompts Thee (J.S. Bach); Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness (Walther)

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- New hymn of the day – from ACS; welcome Sara McCullough for a Ministry Matters Moment
- 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 evening.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN All My Hope on God Is Founded 757:1-3

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| 1 All my hope on God is founded
who will all my trust renew,
who through change and chance will guide
me,
only good and only true.
God unknown, God alone,
call my heart to be thine own. | 2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we fashion,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r. |
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- 3 Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;
deep thy wisdom, passing thought;
splendor, light, and life attend thee,

beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from thy store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

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



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12 *Reader*

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well. A reading from First Kings.

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 119:129-136 *Reader*

Our Psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 119. We read together responsively by whole verse.

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;**

it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant

because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,**

as you always do to those who love your name.

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,**

and I will keep your commandments.

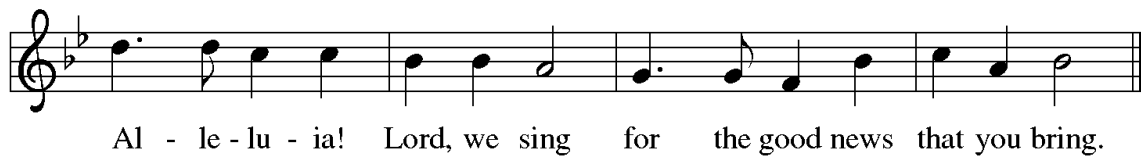
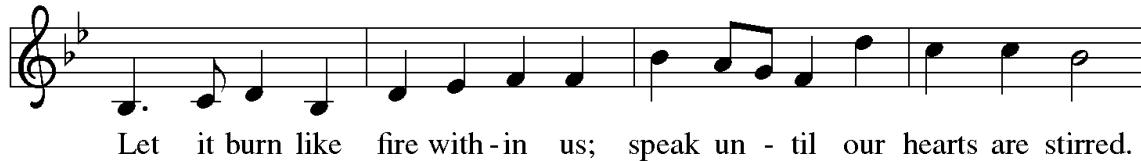
¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant

and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,**

because people do not keep your teaching.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field ACS 952

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| 1 | The reign of God, like farmer's field,
bears weeds along with wheat;
the good and bad are intertwined
till harvest is complete. | | | | from deep within it rises up,
like yeast in swelling dough. |
| 2 | The reign of God is like a pearl
on barren land concealed.
If once you find that precious pearl,
go out and buy that field. | | 4 | | Like mustard tree, the reign of God
from tiny seed will spread,
till birds of ev'ry feather come
to nest, and there be fed. |
| 3 | Though hidden now, the reign of God
may, yet unnoticed, grow; | | 5 | | The reign of God is come in Christ;
the reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us, kindling hearts,
the reign of God is here! |

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APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith 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 *Reader*

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our wisdom, we pray for bishops, pastors and deacons, those preparing for seminary, church councils, and all who serve in leadership roles within your church. Give them hearts that yearn for your kingdom and the willingness to point others to you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our creator, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us in each other and in your beloved creation. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places that all creatures of the earth may flourish. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our advocate, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity. Inspire them by the story of your Son to work towards creating communities in which all people are treated with dignity and respect. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our comforter, dismantle the barriers to care. Support doctors, nurses, and mental health care workers; remove the stigma of addiction, increase awareness of the struggles faced by those with chronic illness, limited mobility, and long-term pain; ease the burden of those who are sick and suffering in any way. *We pray especially for Perry Hodgson, Bonnie Barker, Addison Hughes, Gordon Smith and Erica Peterson.* God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God our redeemer, teach us to trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. Foster within this community, a spirit of welcome and hospitality that turns strangers into friends. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our savior, we give you thanks for the gifts of faith and hope that come through your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise you, for the lives of those who have gone before us and who now enjoy the riches of your love in eternity. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT Worship in the Park – Sara McCullough

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

MEAL**OFFERING** **Shall We Gather at the River – Paul Gulsvig****OFFERTORY** **Commonwealth Is God's Commandment** **ACS 1036:1**

1	Commonwealth is God's commandment; common goods are meant to share. Tables set and doors wide open welcome angels unaware.	Refrain Plead for the peace of all creation. Pray for a place where grace is found. Shanti, pax, shalom, maslaha: common good is holy ground.
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

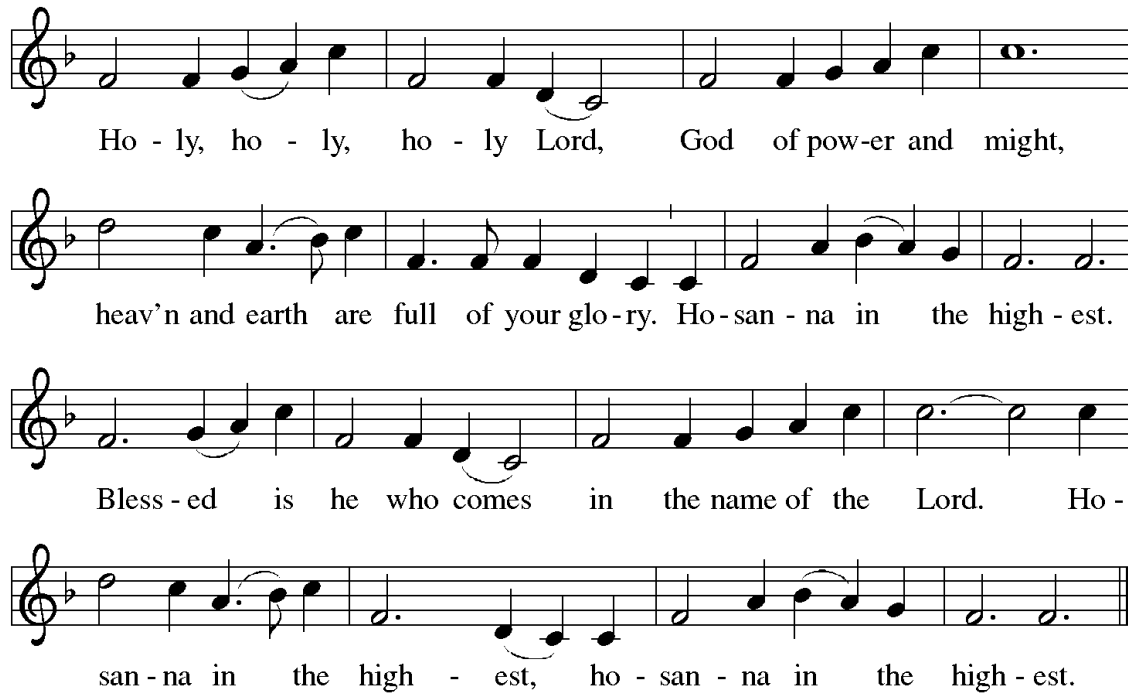
We lift them to the Lord.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*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.*

Remembering therefore his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all 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



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Be Thou My Vision 793

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| <p>1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 thou my best thought both by day and by
 night,
 waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.</p> | <p>3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
 great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.</p> |
| <p>2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high
 tow'r,
 raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my
 pow'r.</p> | <p>4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
 may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</p> |

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring 691

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| <p>1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring
 to place upon your table.
 We do not worship as we ought
 but only as we're able.</p> | <p>What once was common, daily food
 becomes a holy treasure.</p> |
| <p>2 The vines were planted, seeds were sown.
 They grew in your good pleasure.</p> | <p>3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares
 we lift in prayer before you.
 Lord, by your grace now come to us,
 as humbly we adore you.</p> |

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

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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,

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory 705:1, 3, 4

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| 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. | Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
let we miss your kingdom's goal. |
| 3 | Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul. | 4 Save us from weak resignation
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. |

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Perry Hodgson, Bonnie Barker, Addison Hughes (granddaughter of Bob and Mary Dodge), Gordon Smith (brother of Donna Lark), and Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

We're Hiring! We are looking for an additional part-time Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry who is excited to share the love of Jesus with the youth and families of our community. Responsibilities encompass a range of tasks aimed at providing a safe environment in which the youth of OSL can grow in faith and love. Specific job responsibilities can be found in the job description by clicking this QR code. See website and Messenger for more details.

**A Little Pantry. A Big God. Five Faithful Years.**

As we wrap up our celebration of 5 years of our Little Free Pantry, we are collecting hygiene items for our neighbors. Because caring for our community goes beyond food — it means seeing the whole person.

We are collecting: Boxes of Kleenex/tissues - bars of soap-toothpaste and toothbrushes

You can leave your donations on the shelf in the Friendship Room

Thank you for your generosity!

Collections from **The Little Church** during July and August will go to the Little Free Pantry.

**THIS WEEK AT OSL**

Sunday, July 26	Worship , 9:00am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
Monday, July 27	Women in Action, 8:00am
Tuesday, July 28	Neighbors of Dunn Co. 3:30pm
Wednesday, July 29	
Thursday, July 30	
Friday, July 31	
Saturday, August 1	

Attention OSL Key Holders: For the safety and good stewardship of our church building, OSL is completing a key audit. If you have a church key, please visit the church office to present your key, share how you use it, and confirm whether continued access is needed.

An email with these details was sent to all key holders. If you have a key and did not receive that message, please notify the church office so we can update our records. Thank you for helping us care for our shared space! Our key audit deadline is Sunday, August 9th.

Worship in the Park—Sunday, August 2

Join us for a special outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 2 at 9:00am under the Wilson Park Pavilion. Learn how you can support the faith journeys of college students through Lutheran Campus Ministry. Coffee and pastries will be provided following worship. Bring a lawn chair!

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	Mar-Jun	June
Income	\$135,772.18	\$23,329.18
Expenses	\$110,434.57	\$24,376.28
Over/short	\$25,337.61	(\$1,046.39)

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