

GATHERING**PRELUDE** Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God (Zachau)**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!
- 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,
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 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service 712:1-3

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| 1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart. | 2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power |
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to our world to make it whole.

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness

dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

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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



- 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,

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8** *Reader*

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category. A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY **Psalm 67** *Reader*

Our psalmody this morning is Psalm 67. We read together responsively by whole verse.

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY God We Gather as Your People ACS 1036

1 God, we gather as your people to raise
our song above,
 and we dare to claim the promise of your
love.

 Though the day may not yet be here,
 we trust it soon will be, when your
children will be free.

Refrain

 Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
 fling the church doors open wide.
 May there be room enough for ev'ryone
inside.

 For in God there is a welcome, in God we
all belong.
 May that welcome be our song.

2 Oh, we sing for all the children, that one
day they be free;

 and we sing for generations yet to be,
 that they never have a reason to doubt
that they are blest.

 May they, in your love, find rest. *Refrain*

3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut
short by fear and shame,
 so afraid of who they are and whom they
love.

 May the message now be banished that
your love is for the few;
 may their faith in you renew. *Refrain*

4 God, we're working for the future when
children far and wide
 can live their lives with dignity and pride.
 As they grow in strength and stature, may
they join us hand in hand,
 as against all hate we stand. *Refrain*

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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*

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, states, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind, *especially* Pat Edwards, Toby Ellison, Rod Smeltzer, Perry Hodgson, Addison Hughes, Gordon Smith, and Erica Peterson, and comfort those who mourn, especially the family of Jim Anderson. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the saints before us whose work is done, especially JimAnderson, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Confirmation Retreat: Sept 12th at Luther Park
- OSL Canoe Trip Recap and Planning Meeting Aug 23rd after worship

MEAL

OFFERING **Just a Closer Walk with Thee – Jed Lyon, Saxophone; Dale Freberg guitar**

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.	<i>Refrain</i> 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.

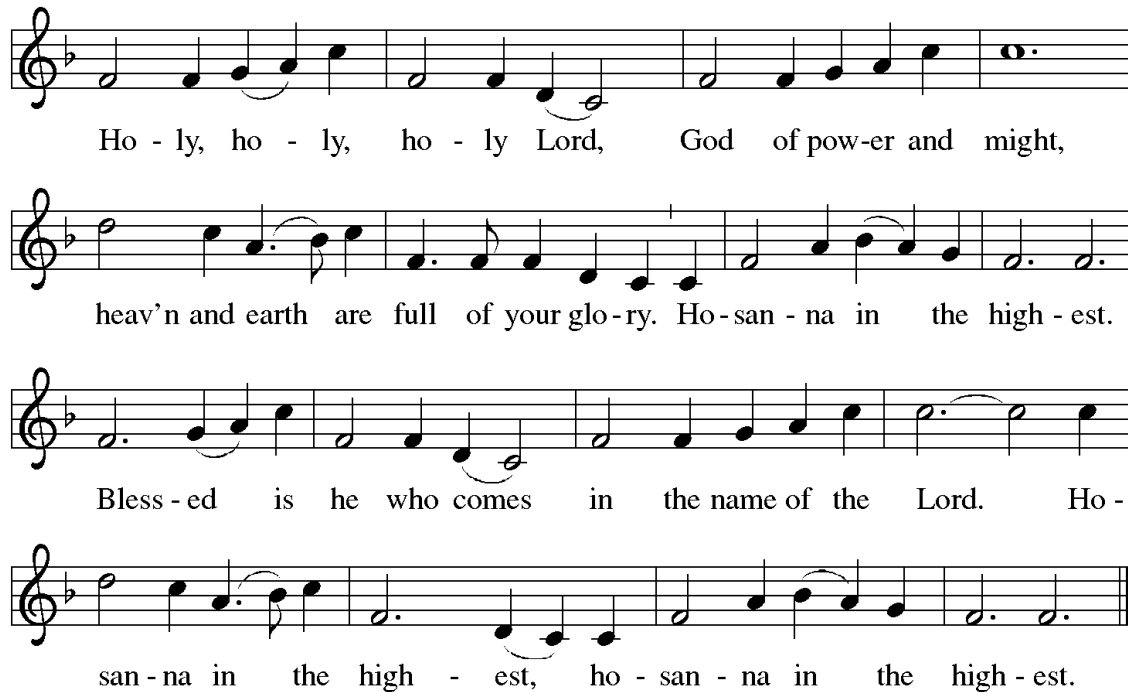
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

Build a Longer Table ACS 1062

1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
 feeding those who hunger, making room
 for all.
 Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
 Christ breaks walls to pieces; false
 divisions end.

2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
 where the weak find shelter, mercy will
 not fail.
 For any place where justice is denied,
 Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all
 inside.

3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer
 fence.

Love protects all people, sparing no
 expense.

When we embrace compassion more than
 fear,

Christ tears down our fences: all are
 welcome here.

4 When we lived as exiles, refugees
 abroad,

Christ became our doorway to the reign
 of God.

So must our tables welcome those who
 roam.

None can be excluded; all must find a
 home.

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In Christ There is No East or West 650

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 in him no south or north,
 but one community of love

throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere

their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God

are surely kin to me.

- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

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 Jesus Shall Reign 434:1, 3, 4

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;

and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Praise Be to You, Jesus Christ (Buttstedt)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pat Edwards, Toby Ellison, Rod Smeltzer, Perry Hodgson, 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

IN SYMPATHY

To the family of Jim Anderson upon his death.
Funeral is being held on August 17 at 11:00am.

The Mission Endowment Committee will be meeting on Tuesday September 1st. All 3rd quarter grants should be submitted to the office by Thursday, August 27th.

We're Hiring! OSL is seeking a part-time Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry to help nurture a safe, faith-filled environment for our kids and families. Full job details are available through the website and Messenger. To apply, please send a resume and completed application to Pr. Sarah Miller at sarah@oslme.com.

Calling all Confirmands! Join us at Luther Park for a Confirmation Kick-off retreat on September 12. Please RSVP to Denise Vick (denise@oslme.com) by Sunday, August 30.

**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, Aug 16	Worship, 9:00am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Jim Anderson visitation, 2-5pm at Olson's Funeral Home
Monday, Aug 17	Women in Action, 8:00am Jim Anderson visitation, 10:00am, funeral at 11:00am
Tuesday, Aug 18	Tuesday's Table, 5:00pm
Wednesday, Aug 19	
Thursday, Aug 20	
Friday, Aug 21	
Saturday, Aug 22	

Backpack Blessing Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place on August 23. We'll pray for all students, educators, and school staff as the new year begins. Backpack blessing tags will be available as a reminder that OSL loves you and is praying for you throughout the school year.

Sunday School begins on September 20th! We are seeking eight volunteers to serve as Sunday School teachers for the 2026-2027 school year. If you feel called to help or would like more information, please speak with Denise Vick for details.

OSL will host **ADRC Meal Prep** on Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 9-11:30am. Join us as we prepare six easy-to-cook dishes for caregivers supporting loved ones with dementia. All supplies are provided—just bring willing hands. **Sign up on the volunteer board under the skylight.**

Canoe Trip Planning Gathering—August 23 If you're interested in helping plan our Summer 2027 canoe trip, or if you'd simply enjoy hearing stories from those who joined us on this year's adventure, please join us on August 23 immediately following worship. All are welcome to share ideas, listen, and dream together about next summer's journey.

COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY*Gayle Holte***READER***Gayle Holte***POWER POINT***Loren Barker***USHERS***Joy Bergstrand
Dave Bergstrand***SOUND SYSTEM***Dale Freberg***COMMUNION
ASSISTANTS***Susan Zavada
Becky Kneer
Jane Kingzett***CAMERA***Jeff Vick***FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	Mar-Jul	July
Income	\$167,514.37	\$31,709.62
Expenses	\$144,562.79	\$33,867.25
Over/short	\$22,951.58	(\$2,157.63)

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