

GATHERING

PRELUDE **Sicilienne (Faure) Dean Langby, cello ; Catherine Gulsvig, piano**

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Welcome Dean Langby – sharing 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.

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 **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 645:1, 2, 4**

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| 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone. | come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness,
hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today. |
| 2 To this temple, where we call you, | 4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son, |

praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:

one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, 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,

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:1-6 Reader

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end. A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 138 Reader

- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

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 16:13-20

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are

you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 597:1, 3, 4

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| 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. | 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain</i>
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand. | 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! <i>Refrain</i> |

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

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.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day and bring healing and hope to those who are sick or suffering,

especially Pat Edwards, Toby Ellison, Perry Hodgson, Addison Hughes, Gordon Smith, and Erica Peterson. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS *Denise*

Pr. Sarah

As a new school year begins we ask for God's blessings upon all students, teachers and school staff. I invite Denise Vick and students to come forward and for educators and school staff to stand.

Denise:

Going back to school brings with it big feelings, and those feelings can be different for everyone! Whether you're starting school for the first time, moving to a new school, staying at the same school, we can feel happy, or nervous, or scared, or curious. Sometimes, we can even feel all those feelings at the same time, and that's okay. But no matter where we go or how we are feeling God is always with us. As we start a new year at school, we want to give you this special backpack tag so that whenever you look at it, you can remember God loves you and is always with you, no matter what.

First let's bless the backpack tags and then we'll pray.

God of wisdom: Bless these backpack tags and the students, educators, and staff that carry them. As they ride the bus or drive to school, as they learn or teach, in every moment of worry and in every moment of joy may these tags be a visible reminder of your presence and your love.

I invite students to help me hand out backpack tags and then return to your families but remain standing as I lead us in prayer.

Denise

Let us pray,

God, our rock, you are the foundation of all wisdom. At the start of this new school year, give students an eagerness to learn, respect for teachers and their classmates, love for your world, and faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend. Give educators and staff the strength to face the challenges that a new year brings, patience to lead their classrooms and students faithfully, insight and compassion to draw out the gifts and talents of their students, and faith in Jesus as their best supporter. Throughout this school year, watch over students, teachers, and staff and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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 *Après un Reve (Faure) – Dean Langby, cello and Catherine Gulsvig, piano*

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.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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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.

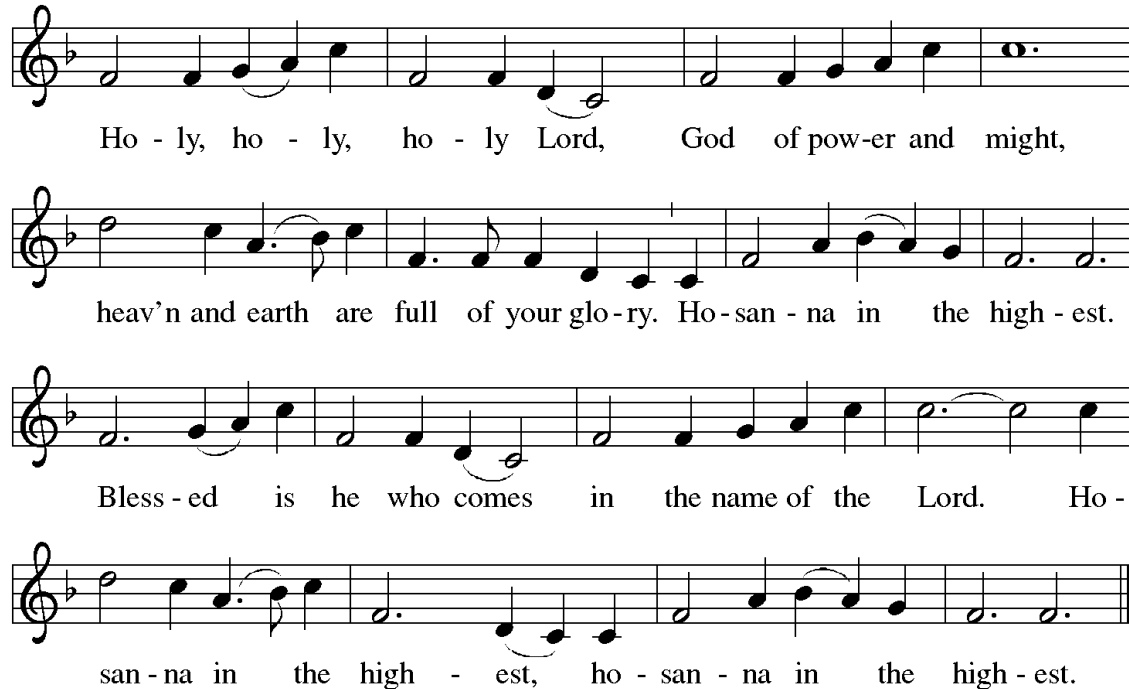
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Built on a Rock 652

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| 1 | Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling--
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting. | | Were two or three to seek his face,
he in their midst would show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing. |
| 2 | Not in our temples made with hands
God, the Almighty, is dwelling;
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple. | 4 | Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom. |
| 3 | We are God's house of living stones,
built for his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation. | 5 | Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear God's Word
where he this promise is bringing:
I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen |

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How Small Our Span of Life 636

- 1 How small our span of life, O God,
our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart,
the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep,
a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep
to see the sun no more.
- 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned
by your infinity;
our tick of time on earth is caught
in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly
through depths of cosmic space,
while aeons roll and ages pass,
you hold us in your grace.
- 3 O Christ, you left eternity
to plunge in time's swift stream,
to share the shortness of our span,
our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years with love;
you loved us to the end
and touch us with your risen life
that ours may time transcend.
- 4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith
that lights our transient years,
illuminating our pilgrimage
through mists of doubt and fears;
for hope that sees a life beyond
the swiftly passing days;
for love, both human and divine,
that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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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 Son of God, Eternal Savior 655:1-3

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.

Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Bransle de Bourgogne* from *Suite Francaise* (Poulenc)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pat Edwards, Toby Ellison, 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

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.

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.

Let's come together! On Sunday, September 13th OSL, Peace and Christ Lutheran churches are going to work together at Rotary Feeds Food Packing Event. The event will take place at Christ Lutheran Church. More details will be coming soon!

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.**

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.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Aug 23	Worship, 9:00am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am Canoe Trip Review, 10:15am Faithful Fiber Friends, 10:15am
Monday, Aug 24	Women in Action, 8:00am
Tuesday, Aug 25	Neighbors of Dunn County service, 3:30pm
Wednesday, Aug 26	High School ministry planning meeting, 5:00pm
Thursday, Aug 27	
Friday, Aug 28	
Saturday, Aug 29	

*Thank you to **Dean Langby** for providing special music during worship!*

Join us Immediately After Worship Today for Canoe Trip Planning!—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. All are welcome to share ideas, listen, and dream together about next summer's journey.

Please mark your calendars for the Bash for a Cause fundraiser supporting Vibrant Voices. Wednesday, September 9th 4-7pm at BeeHive Homes of Eau Claire, 5059 Stonewood Drive, Eau Claire. See detailed information by scanning the QR code.



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.

A Little Pantry. A Big God. Five Faithful Years. As we celebrate five years of our Little Free Pantry, we're collecting hygiene items to support our neighbors—because caring for our community means seeing the whole person. Thank you for your generosity. August collections from The Little Church will go directly to the Little Free Pantry.

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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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