

GATHERING

PRELUDE Wondrous King, All Glorious (Metzger)

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Thank you Jean and Eleanor Enyeart for 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 Lift High the Cross 660:1, 3, 4

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain
trode,

our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:

praise to the Crucified for victory! *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.

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:9-21 Reader

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people. A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 26:1-8 Reader

Our psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 26. We read together responsively by whole verse.

¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O Lord, and try me;**
examine my heart and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,**
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell**
and the place where your glory abides.

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 16:21-28

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song 808:1, 3, 4

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| 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey. | For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant. |
| 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. | 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey. |

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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 the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters (*especially*). Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied with your tender care. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit *especially Al Scheidler, Pat Edwards, Toby Ellison, Perry Hodgson, Addison Hughes, Gordon Smith, and Erica Peterson*. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. 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.

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT Sunday School – Denise Vick

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

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

MEAL

OFFERING O Lovely Peace (Handel) – Jean and Eleanor Enyeart

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.

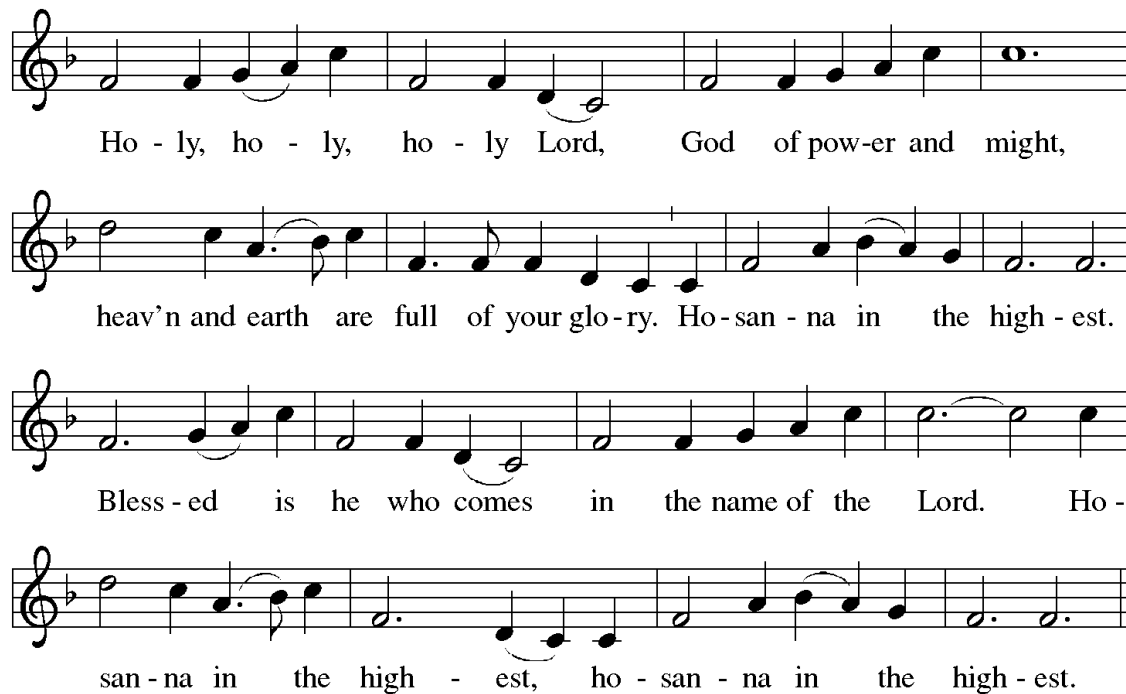
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

Jesus, Still Lead On 624

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| 1 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand
to the promised land. | 3 When we seek relief
from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore
where we weep no more. |
| 2 If the way be drear,
if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe
to our home we go. | 4 Jesus, still lead on,
till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand
in the promised land. |

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

Blest Be the Tie that Binds 656

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| 1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above. | 3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear. |
| 2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares. | 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign |

through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, 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 Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen 548

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| 1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia;
God, the wonder of our days. | 3 Rise, remember well the future
God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture,
Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia;
Spirit, grace by whom we live. |
| 2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow
after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed
to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia;
Christ, our present, past, and goal. | 4 Service be our sure vocation;
courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination
from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Rise, O church, a living faith. |

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Gavotte in Bb Major (Handel)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Al Scheidler, 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 Bancke,
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.

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Welcome to a new year of children, youth and family ministry at Our Savior's! We are excited to learn, grow, and serve in faith together during this upcoming year. If you are looking for more information or are interested in supporting these ministries, please reach out to Denise Vick!

3yr- Old Bible Presentation

We invite all our 3yr-olds and their families to join us in worship on Sunday September 13th to receive a Story Bible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is for children in 4k- 6th grade. Students meet downstairs in the Rec Room at 10:15am. **Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 20th!** Questions about Sunday School? Contact Denise Vick.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is for youth in 7th and 8th grades and meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30pm (come at 5:45pm for dinner!) Questions about our confirmation program, contact Pr. Sarah.

Wednesday, Sept 9th - Confirmation Orientation, 6:00pm
Saturday Sept 12th (optional, but highly recommended!) - Confirmation Retreat at Luther Park; RSVP by August 30th

Sunday, Sept 13th - Bible presentation for 7th graders during worship

Wednesday, Sept 16th: Confirmation begins!

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

High school ministry is for youth in 9th- 12th grade and their friends. The HS Ministry meets on Wednesday nights in the HS youth Room from 6:00-7:30pm (come at 5:45pm for dinner!) **HS Ministry begins on Wednesday, September 16th!** Questions about our HS Ministry? Contact Pr. Sarah.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Aug 30	Worship, 9:00am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
Monday, Aug 31	Women in Action, 8:00am
Tuesday, Sept 1	Mission Endowment Fund meeting, 6:00pm
Wednesday, Sept 2	ADRC meal prep, 9-11am
Thursday, Sept 3	AM'ers, 9:00am ADRC meal pick up
Friday, Sept 4	
Saturday, Sept 5	

Thank you to Eleanor & Jean Enyeart for providing special music during worship!

OSL Adult Education beginning Sundays, starting September 13th. The book of Revelation led by Pr. Dale Freberg. See the Messenger for details.



Rotary Feeds Food Packing Event—September 13th Peace Lutheran, Christ Lutheran, and OSL are partnering with the Rotary Club to pack 10,000 meals! The event will take place at Christ Lutheran. Sign up with QR code or see the Messenger for a link.

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.



A Little Pantry. A Big God. Five Faithful Years
As we celebrate five years of our Little Free Pantry, August collections from The Little Church will go directly to the Little Free Pantry.

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.

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ASSISTANTS***Katie Benson**Nels Paulson**Margaret Paulson***CAMERA***Vacant***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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