

GATHERING**PRELUDE** Musette (Handel) and Fugue in G Major (Buxtehude)**WELCOME**

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Welcome and thank you Henry Miller!
- 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 Oh, Worship the King 842:1, 3, 5

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| 1 Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with
praise. | it streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain. |
| 3 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, | 5 O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their
lays, |

with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, 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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18**

On Mount Horeb, Elijah experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer and instructed him to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor. A reading from First Kings.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 85:8-13

Our Psalmody this morning, is taken from Psalm 85. We read together responsively by whole verse.

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

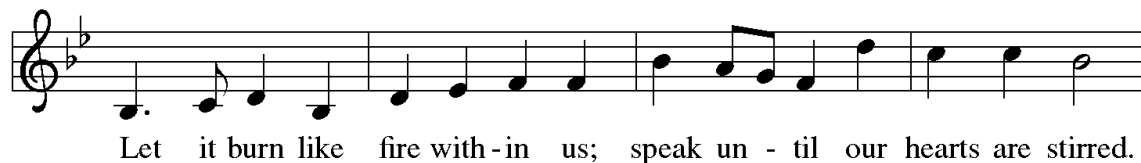
¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the Lord
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller**HYMN OF THE DAY My Life Flows on in Endless Song 763:1, 2, 4**

1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,

I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. We pray especially for those places impacted by wildfires in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, in Washington state, and in Spain and France. Move our hearts with compassion to join in the of protecting your good creation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Bring healing to those who are sick or suffering in any way *especially Rod Smeltzer, Perry Hodgson, Addison Hughes, Gordon Smith, and Erica Peterson*. Comfort those who are grieving, especially the family of Nancy Bjornson and Rob and Amy Mondlock at the death of their daughter, Mary. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, other church leaders, and staff members with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us, especially Nancy Bjornson and Mary Mondlock. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. 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 **Allegro (Barat) – Henry Miller, trombone**

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

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

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.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand 773

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light,

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

- 2 When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

- 3 When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I'll stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993;

Music: George N. Allen 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me 767

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
upon life's way;
direct, protect, and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favor
I go astray;
so take my hand, O Savior,
and lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.

Close by your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
my steps toward home,
then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me
unto the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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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 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 774

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

 Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning
 on Jesus,*)
 safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning
 on Jesus,*)
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to
 day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune (Handel)

PRAYER CONCERNS

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 Nancy Bjornson upon her funeral, and to Rob and Amy Mondlock at the death of their daughter, Mary.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Aug 9	Worship , 9:00am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
Monday, Aug 10	Women in Action, 8:00am
Tuesday, Aug 11	Council meeting, 6:00pm
Wednesday, Aug 12	
Thursday, Aug 13	
Friday, Aug 14	
Saturday, Aug 15	

Thank you to Henry and Pastor Sarah Miller, for providing special music during worship today!

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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Vacant***SOUND SYSTEM***Dale Freberg***COMMUNION
ASSISTANTS***Marge Kunkel
Barbara Solsaa
Judy Kirk***CAMERA***Vacant***FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	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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