

GATHERING

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Minor (Fischer); Verset in F Major (Zipoli)

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Welcome to the Hickethier family here to celebrate Kemper's baptism
- Welcome to Sunday School teachers, helpers and students and their families.
- Welcome OSL Choir
- 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.

INVOCATION

Let us enter into worship in the name of the Triune God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our worship begins today as we welcome Kemper into the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. I invite the baptismal party to meet me at the font.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Kemper Jon Hickethier

PRESENTATION

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined to God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Who presents this child for baptism?

Sponsors: We present Kemper Jon Hickethier for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you Cash and Paris, desire to have Kemper baptized into Christ.

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring him to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted to share life with him in community with God's faithful people, to bring him to worship and the Lord's Supper, to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to nurture him in faith and prayer, and to place in his hands the holy scriptures, all so that Kemper may learn to love and trust God, to proclaim Christ through word and deed, to care for others and the world God made, and to work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help Kemper grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Kemper in the Christian faith and help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Kemper and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you now to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you away from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood

you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to new life in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Kemper Jon Hickethier, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

PRAYER

Let us pray,

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new life. Sustain Kemper with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Kemper, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

WELCOME

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome this newly baptized child of God:

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

GATHERING HYMN We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus 451:1-2

1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious,
we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united
in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

2 In the water and the witness,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus
who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray,

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pr. Sarah

WORD

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10-4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites? A reading from Jonah.

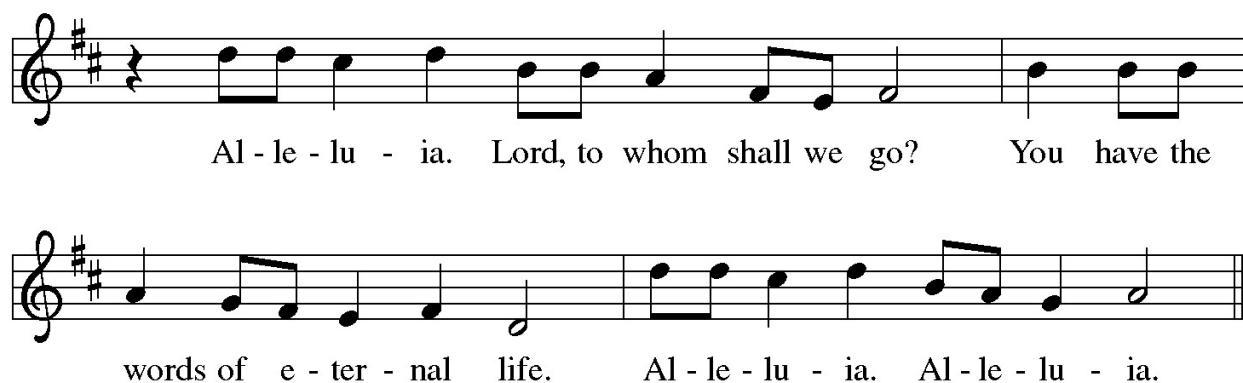
¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16**

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller**HYMN OF THE DAY There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy 588:1-3**

1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

2 There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

3 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS *Sarah and Denise*

Sarah: I invite our Sunday School teachers, subs, and helpers to stand.

Hear these words from the book of Proverbs.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Denise: Friends in Christ, you have committed your time, your energy, and your gifts to the youngest disciples and the Sunday School ministry of Our Savior's Lutheran Church – thank you. As we begin this new year, we pray that you will carry out this ministry with joy in your heart and an abundance of love for the children in your care.

Let us pray,

Gracious God, bless these Sunday school teachers, subs, and helpers. Pour out upon them your wisdom and grace. Strengthen them in their own faith, empower them to teach faithfully, encourage them to embody the love of Jesus for their students, and help them learn and grow together. We ask these things in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Reader*

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

God who is gracious and merciful, you call your church to share your wide-reaching love with all people. Teach us to treat others with dignity and respect, challenge us to choose compassion over judgment, and lead us to be grateful for the blessing of a diverse community. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures and renew areas ravaged by natural disasters. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who saves, bring healing to a hurting world. Protect those living with mental illness, strengthen those going through any kind of treatment, encourage those who are despairing, and ease the burdens of those who are sick or suffering, and comfort those who grieve *especially Chuck Smith, Al Scheidler, Pat Edwards, Perry Hodgson, Erica Peterson and the families of Richard Lynch and Norman Willert.*

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who raises us to new life, pour out your Spirit upon all the baptized, especially Kemper. Nurture us in faith, inspire us in our vocations, and give us joy as we live out our call to love and serve your world.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven, especially Richard and Norman. United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

OFFERING Ye Heavens Adore Him – OSL Choir

OFFERTORY As the Grains of Wheat 465:1

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*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.*

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

**Jesus Loves Me 595**

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us 431

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us
to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed
whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory's height,
to power, wealth, and fame,
you walked a different, lowly way,
another's will your aim.

2 You came, the image of our God,
to heal and to forgive,
to shed your blood for sinners' sake
that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came,
the law of love to bring:
a different rule of righteousness,

a different kind of king.

- 3 Though some would make their greatness felt
and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last
and service be our call.
O Christ in workplace, church, and home,
let none to power cling;
for still, through us, you come to serve,
a different kind of king.

- 4 You chose a humble human form
and shunned the world's renown;
you died for us upon a cross
with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years,
our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign,
a different kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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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,

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God our Parent root you deep in grace.
God our Neighbor stand with you in strength.
God our Advocate sustain you in hope
and bless you ☩ unto everlasting life.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Rise Up, O Saints of God 669:1-4

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| <p>1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.</p> | <p>3 Rise up, O saints of God!
The kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.</p> |
| <p>2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.</p> | <p>4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.</p> |

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

9:00am Service

DISMISSAL

Gathered Ones: Go out in joy. Scatter the love of God.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fugue in A Major (Zachau)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Chuck Smith, Al Scheidler, Pat Edwards, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

IN THANKSGIVING

For the baptism of Kemper Hickethier.

IN SYMPATHY

To the family of Richard Lynch and the family of Norman Willert upon their death

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 4k-6 grade, starts today downstairs.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY, 9-12 grade, starts on Wednesday nights starting this week in the HS youth room from 6:00-7:30pm

OSL Adult Education in the conference room.
Revelation

Join Pr. Dale Freberg this fall as he helps us find the comfort and hope declared by the Lamb to the people of God in all times and places.

Deacon Lidix Montoya is a member of the synod staff. In her role, she oversees the Neighbor-to-Neighbor ministry, which helps to create bridges between Lutheran communities in and Hispanic neighbors. She also leads congregational conversations and trainings on the topics of anti-racism and social justice. Deacon Lidix will be with us during most of October and will be leading a book study on *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo on October 25th. Copies of the book are available in the office for a suggested donation of \$5 to help defray the cost of the books.

WELCA Thankoffering will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27th. OSL women will serve in worship that morning as ushers, communion assistants and reader, a thank offering will be collected, and refreshments will be provided by the women following the service. Quilts and kits prepared for mission will also be blessed during worship.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Sept 20	Worship, with Baptism of Kemper Hickethier, 9:00am Sunday School Resumes, 10:15 Adult Education, Revelation, 10:15 Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
Monday, Sept 21	Women in Action, 8:00am
Tuesday, Sept 22	NODC, 3:30pm
Wednesday, Sept 23	Confirmation at Riverside Park, 5:45pm High School at OSL, 5:45pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
Thursday, Sept 24	Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm OSL Bell rehearsal, 6:30pm
Friday, Sept 25	
Saturday, Sept 26	

*Thank you to the **OSL Choir** for sharing your gifts and enlivening our worship service!*

Toby Ellison extends heartfelt thanks to his OSL family for your prayers and support. He is recovering well and deeply appreciates the care and encouragement you've shared during his healing.

OSL MONEY COUNTING TEAM

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers that would be willing to serve on the OSL Money Counting team. Each Sunday after worship, 2 team members meet to count and deposit the financial gifts received throughout the week. If you would like to learn more or are interested in serving, please reach out to Pr. Sarah.

The Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) committee approved \$13,414 in grants for third quarter that will provide food and supplies to local organizations to care for those less fortunate. Fourth quarter grant applications are due to the church office by November 25th for the November 30th meeting.

Do you know of someone who may benefit from a visit by our OSL visitation team? Please contact the church office to get connected with someone from the team!

The Little Church

The funds collected in the month of September will go to support Monday night meals at Lutheran Campus Ministry.

COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY*Katie Bensen***READER***Marge Kunkel***POWER POINT***Loren Barker***USHERS***Joy Bergstrand
Dave Bergstrand***SOUND SYSTEM***Dale Freberg***COMMUNION
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	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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