

GATHERING

PRELUDE NEED TITLE

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Welcome Don Wisner, for preaching this morning
- 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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Change My Heart, O God ELW 801 (sung twice)

Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.
You are the potter;

I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.

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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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11 Reader

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary. A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 119: 33-40 Reader

Our psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 119. We read together responsively by whole verse.

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

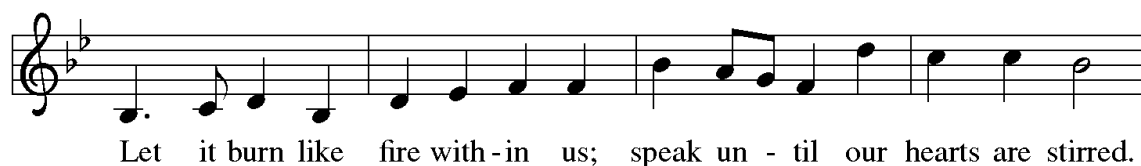
³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**40 Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20 *Don*

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SERMON **Pastor Don Wisner**

HYMN OF THE DAY **You Are Mine** **581**

1. “I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as
my choice.

Be still and know I am here.

2. “I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your
light.
Come and rest in me.

Refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you
home;
I love you and you are mine.

3. "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all
run free.
And all will know my name. *Refrain*
4. "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your
pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! *Refrain*.

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*

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

A brief silence.

*Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open
us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.*

Your mercy is great.

*Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands,
marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities and ecosystems recovering from
wildfires. Hear us, O God.*

Your mercy is great.

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. Bring healing upon those we now to be in particular need this day, *especially Tim Lutz, Al Scheidler, Pat Edwards, Toby Ellison, Perry Hodgson, Addison Hughes, and Erica Peterson.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your Son Jesus Christ dignified our labor by sharing our toil. We pray for good and productive work in our daily professions, for just and safe working conditions for all, for living wages, and for honor and dignity in our employment. Work against all forces that seek to exploit those who labor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, our hearts ache at the news of another mass shooting this time in Minneapolis. We pray for those who have been impacted by this senseless violence: bring healing to those who have been injured, comfort those who are bereaved, and give solace to a grieving community. Impel us by your Spirit to work for an end to gun violence that all may know and live in peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

- Rally Sunday – volunteer appreciation/training; Bible Presentation for 3yr and 7th graders
- Rotary Feeds at Christ Lutheran
- Adult Education opportunities
- Confirmation Orientation this Wednesday; Retreat on Saturday
- Little Church – LCM Monday night meals

MEAL

OFFERING Allegro Assai – J.S. Bach, Lydia Miller, violin

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,

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.

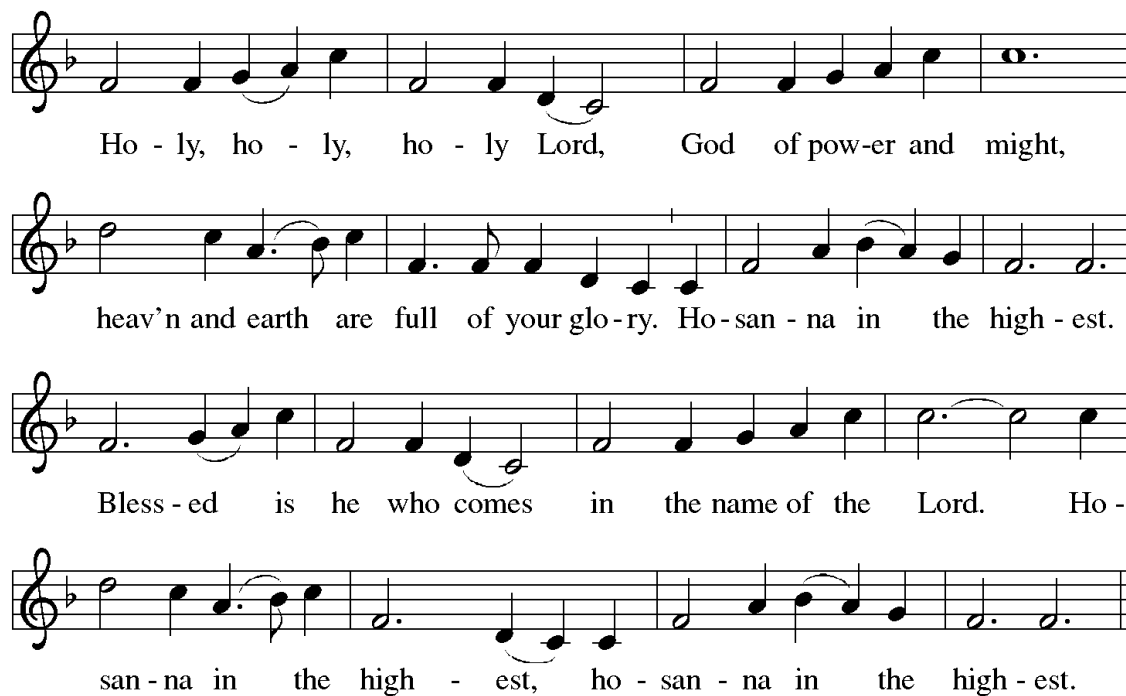
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken 603

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| 1 God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still. | from the pain of earlier living;
set us free and grant us peace. |
| 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess. | 4 Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith. |
| 3 You in us are bruised and broken:
hear us as we seek release | 5 Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew! |

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Where Charity and Love Prevail 359

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| 1 Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound. | let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return. |
| 2 With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn; | 3 Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one. |

4 Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.

5 Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

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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 Go My Children 543

1 "Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are
my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you
are my own.

2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace
and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace
and pure.

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful
and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

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DISMISSAL

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2026 9:00am Service

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

POSTLUDE NEED TITLE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tim Lutz, Al Scheidler, Pat Edwards, Toby Ellison, Perry Hodgson, Addison Hughes (granddaughter of Bob and Mary Dodge), and Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke,
missionaries in Japan

Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish

Tim Lutz health updates are available on Caring-Bridge.org. Go to: "Timothy's CaringBridge"

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, Sept 6	Worship, 9:00am Coffee Fellowship, 10:15am
Monday, Sept 7	Labor Day, Closed
Tuesday, Sept 8	MOOW meeting, 5:00pm Council meeting, 6:00pm
Wednesday, Sept 9	Confirmation orientation, 6:00pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
Thursday, Sept 10	Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm Bells rehearsal, 6:30pm
Friday, Sept 11	
Saturday, Sept 12	Confirmation Kick off at Luther Park

Thank you to Pr. Don Wisner for preaching and to Lydia Miller for her gift of music this morning.

OSL Adult Education begins Sunday, September 13th . Revelation

Led by Pr. Dale Freberg

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. Sundays, Sept 13, 20, 27; Oct 11; Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Dec 13

The Little Church

The funds collected in the month of September will go to support Monday night meals at Lutheran Campus Ministry; UW-Stout. A free home cooked meal is served to students every Monday evening at 6:00pm, followed by a faith discussion.



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 takes place at Christ Lutheran. Sign up with QR code or see the Messenger.

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 or see Messenger.



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. To apply, please send a resume and completed application to Pr. Sarah Miller at sarah@oslme.com.

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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)

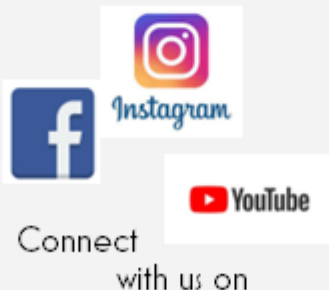
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