

GATHERING**PRELUDE** Voluntary in G (Stanley)**WELCOME** *Sarah*

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Welcome Sara McCullough!
- 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 *Deacon Lidixe*

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** **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending** 678

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| 1 | God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, | offring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days. |
| 2 | Skills and time are ours for pressing | |

toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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GREETING *Deacon Lidixe*

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

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



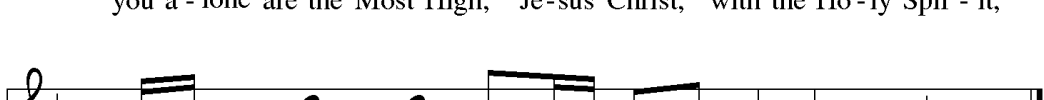
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Reader*

In this letter, most likely the first letter written by Paul, Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities. A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,
⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 96:1-9 *Reader*

Our psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 96. We read together responsively by whole verse.

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22 *Sarah*
The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller**HYMN OF THE DAY We Give Thee but Thine Own 686**

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| 1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 3 The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing. |
| 2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give. | 4 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee. |

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

APOSTLES' CREED *Deacon Lidixe*

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*

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give boldness and courage to lay preachers, seminarians, deacons, pastors, and bishops, that they may speak your word of love and healing in the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans and for the diversity of life within them. Safeguard coral reefs and kelp forests from the dangers of climate change. Protect marine habitats from pollution and exploitation. Empower oceanographers and marine biologists in their work advocacy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world. Give them insight to make decisions that promote the well-being and security of their communities. Teach them to act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We turn to you in times of need. Grant safety and courage to those who work in dangerous environments. Sustain those whose work is to care for others. Accompany those going through treatment. Comfort those whose hearts are weighed down with grief. Heal those who are injured, sick, or suffering; *especially Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine, Kris Lemke, Jake McQuiston, Kelly Warfel, Chuck Smith, Pat Edwards, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We sing a new song to the Lord. We give thanks for the music ministry of this congregation; for the members of the OSL Choir and Bell choir, for all who share special music, and for our music leaders, Jean Enyreat, Merlyn Aude, and Catherine Gulsvig. Encourage them in their work that with them we might sing your praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We put our hope in you. We give thanks for the life and witness of those who have gone before us (*especially*). Help us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE *Deacon Lidix*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT Music Ministry – Jean Enyreat

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS *Sarah*

OFFERING Prelude and Fugue in G Minor (Bach)

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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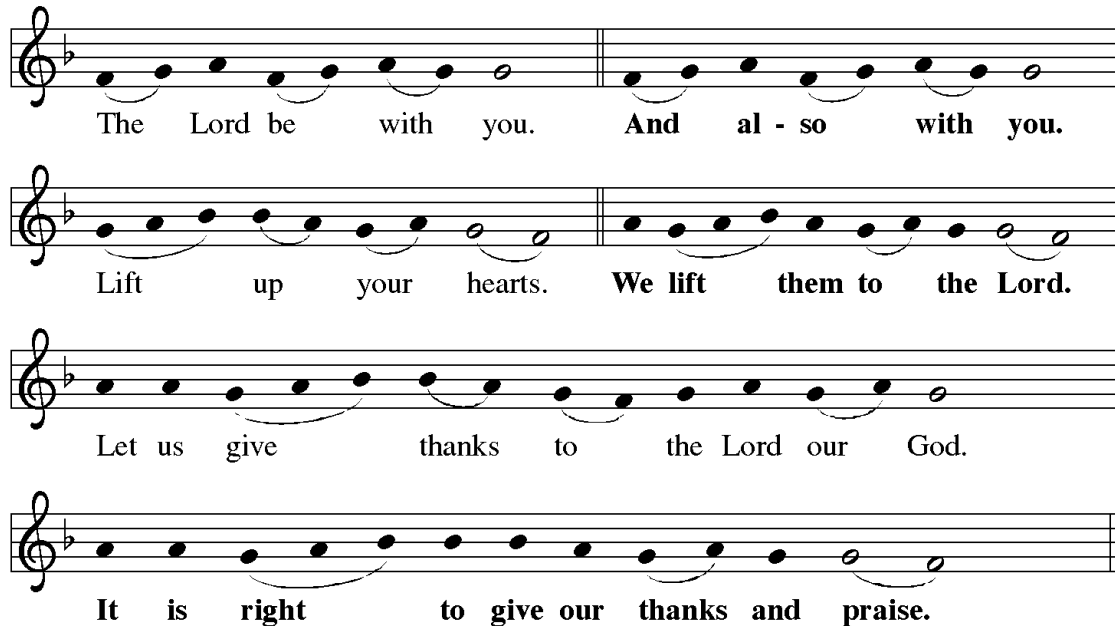
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OFFERING PRAYER *Sarah*

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 *Sarah*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

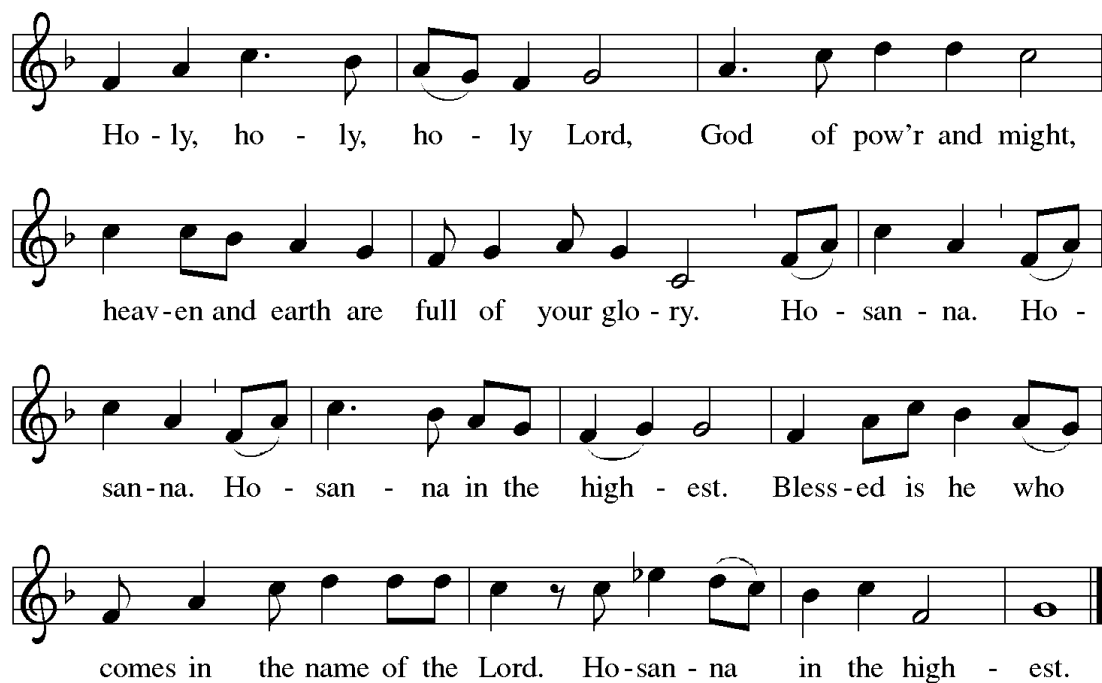
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE *Sarah*

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** *Sarah*

Holy God, you have gathered your people from the ends of the earth, bringing us to your table, and setting an abundant feast before us. We give thanks for the gift of your dear Son, who is at the heart of human life, near to those in need, beside the sinner, among the vulnerable, and with us now.

*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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

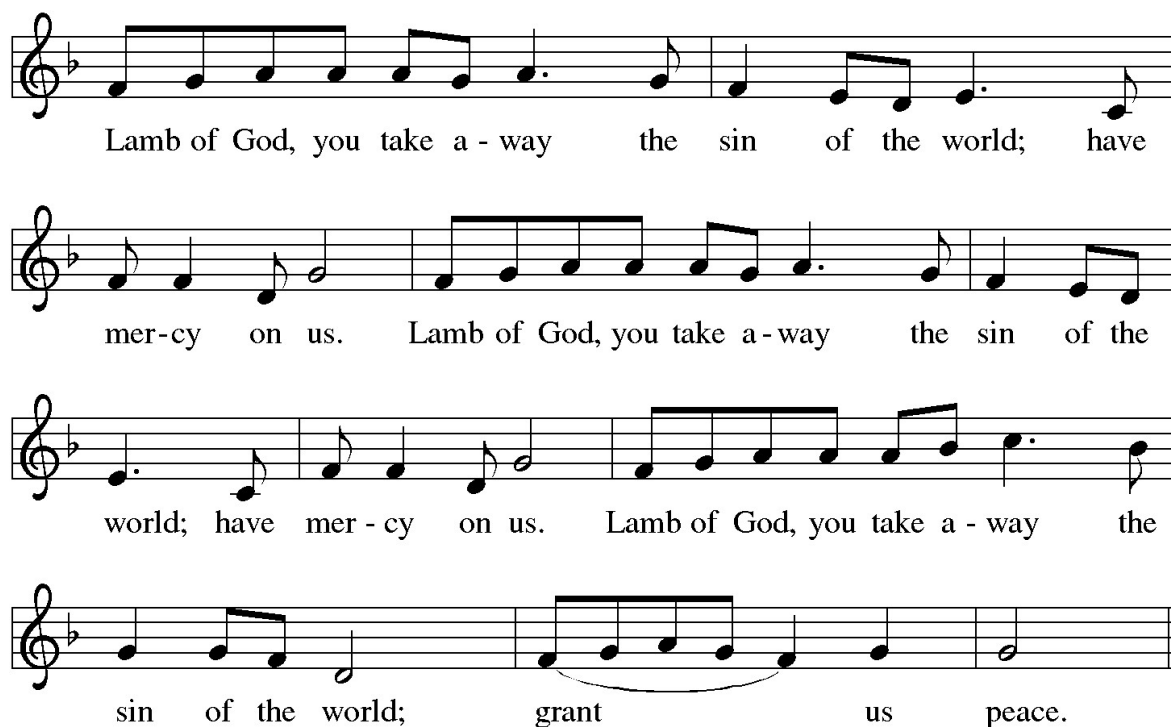
Christ will come again.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church without end. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Sarah*

Gathered in to one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us. .

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****Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal** **464**

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|---|--|
| 1 Bread of life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.
Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
feed us with your love. | 3 Grant forgiveness in the feast
Jesus, feed us
for the greatest and the least;
feed us with your love. |
| 2 Bread now break and wine now pour,
Jesus, feed us.
Make us one, our hope restore;
feed us with your love. | 4 Thank you for this gift we share.
Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children everywhere;
feed us with your love. |

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O God of Every Nation 713

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| <p>1 O God of ev'ry nation,
of ev'ry race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.</p> <p>2 From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver ev'ry nation,
eternal God, we pray.</p> | <p>3 Lord, strengthen all who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.</p> <p>4 Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and love shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.</p> |
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER*Sarah*

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** *Deacon Lidixe*

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 O God Beyond All Praising 880:1, 3

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| <p>1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you
today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot
repay;</p> | <p>for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you
send,
at blessings without number and mercies
without end:</p> |
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we lift our hearts before you and wait upon
your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and
mighty Lord.

- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love
we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you
as our King;

and whether our tomorrows be filled with
good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to
bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your
ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of
praise.

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Andante Religioso (Mendelssohn)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine (sister to Donna Lark), Kris Lemke, Jake McQuiston, Kelly Warfel (sister to Kim Holten), Chuck Smith, 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.

Join us today in the Friendship room immediately following the worship service for an adult forum led by Deacon Lidixe Montoya on the history of immigration from Latin America

Next Sunday, October 25th Deacon Montoya will be leading a book study on the book: **White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo**. Copies are available for a suggested donation of \$5 to help defray the book cost. You can get them today after worship or next week in the church office. It would be helpful to read the book prior to the book study.

Have you ever wondered what it's like to usher, read Scripture, help with communion or run the PowerPoint? If you are curious and want to get involved, please check the volunteer board or call the church office for more information.

The donations for The Little Church will go to the Neighbor to Neighbor ministry for the month of October.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Oct 18	Worship, 9:00 Sunday School, 10:15 Adult Ed, Deacon Montoya Coffee Fellowship, 10:15
Monday, Oct 19	Women in Action, 8:00
Tuesday, Oct 20	Tuesday's Table, 4:45
Wednesday, Oct 21	Readers club, 1:00 Writers club, 1:00 Confirmation, 5:45 High School, 5:45 Choir rehearsal, 6:30
Thursday, Oct 22	Vibrant Voices, 1:00
Friday, Oct 23	
Saturday, Oct 24	Menomonie Art & Music Recital, 2:00

Thank you to Deacon Lidixe Montoya for helping lead worship today!

Youth Gathering Registrations and Deposits are due **TODAY!** See Denise Vick for more details.

All High School students are invited to an evening of Halloween fun on Saturday, October 24th. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 5pm, carpool to Eau Claire for dinner and then go to Field of Screams. We'll be back to church by about 8:30. Questions? See Denise Vick.

LCM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – October 25 at OSL Advance tickets will be available today. Adults: **\$15**, Children (10 and under): **\$10**

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