

GATHERING

PRELUDE – Lullaby (Frank Bridge), RuthAnn Ledgerwood, piano; Erin Hall-Rhoades, cello

WELCOME

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream and our Listen to Church Service
- Welcome Deacon Lidix Montoya! Welcome OSL Choir, RuthAnn and Erin
- 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 As We Gather at Your Table 522

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| 1 | As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story | till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known. |
| 2 | Turn our worship into witness | |

in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

EPISTLE READING Philippians 3:4b-14 Reader

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ. A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

PSALMODY Psalm 80:7-15 Reader

Our psalmody this morning is taken from Psalm 80. We read together responsively by whole verse.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away.

³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

SERMON Deacon Lidix Montoya

HYMN OF THE DAY Touch That Soothes and Heals ACS 939

1 Touch that soothes and heals the
hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the weary,
bearing burdens in their stead:

Refrain

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
"live as ones I died to save."

2 Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,
visit ones in need of care,

give the homeless warmth and shelter:
Christ will find a welcome there.

Refrain

3 Love and serve without distinction
all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness
hope and wholeness are increased.

Refrain

4 Hands that beckon little children,
bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good tidings,
Christ arisen, still reveal. *Refrain*

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

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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*

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

A brief silence.

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day, that the church may continue to proclaim your word to those who need it. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every creature, you bless the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit at work in creation. By this same Spirit, call us to faithful action to care for and protect the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every tribe and nation, you welcome all people into your kingdom of peace. Teach us to beat our swords into ploughshares and help us to bring an end to armed conflict. Shelter those whose lives have been disrupted by violence. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every comfort, through your Son, Jesus, you bring healing and hope. Ease the burdens of the suffering and grant relief to all who are sick; *especially Kelly Warfel, Chuck Smith, Pat Edwards, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson.* Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every relationship, you created human beings in your image. Give us eyes to recognize your presence in all who we meet. Move our hearts with compassion for our neighbor. Empower our hands to embrace each other in a spirit of friendship and unity. We give you thanks for Deacon Lidixe and the Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry of our synod. Help us to be faithful partners in welcoming and caring for our Hispanic neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you, *especially Kelly Warfel, Chuck Smith, Pat Edwards, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson.* 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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS

OFFERING **My Song Is Love Unknown** – OSL Choir; RuthAnn Ledgerwood; violin, Erin Hall-Rhoades, cello

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

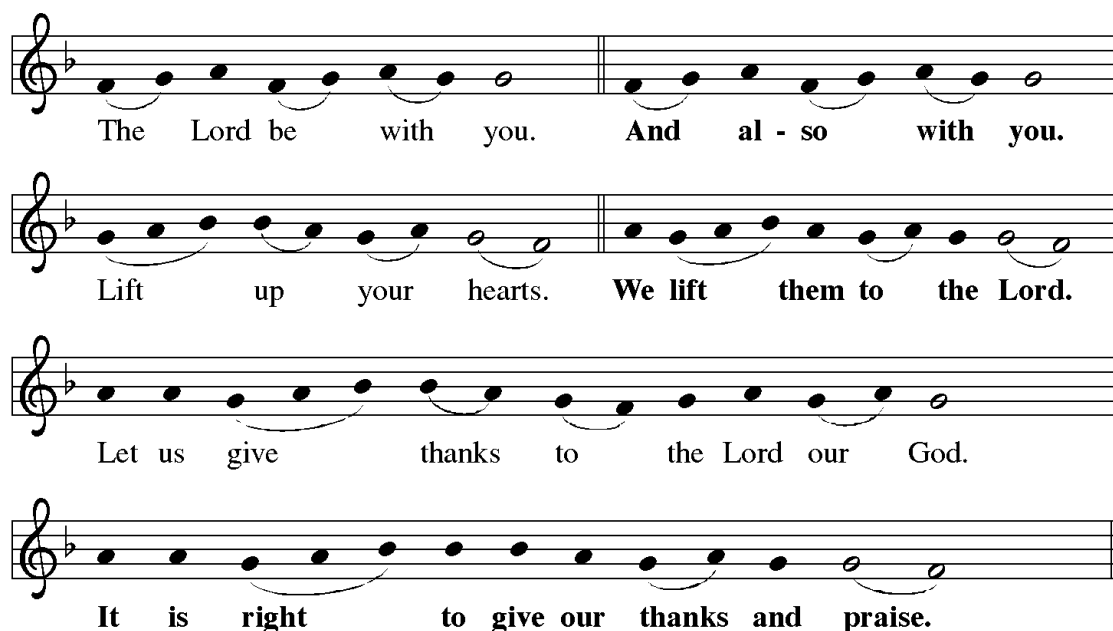
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OFFERING PRAYER

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 al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

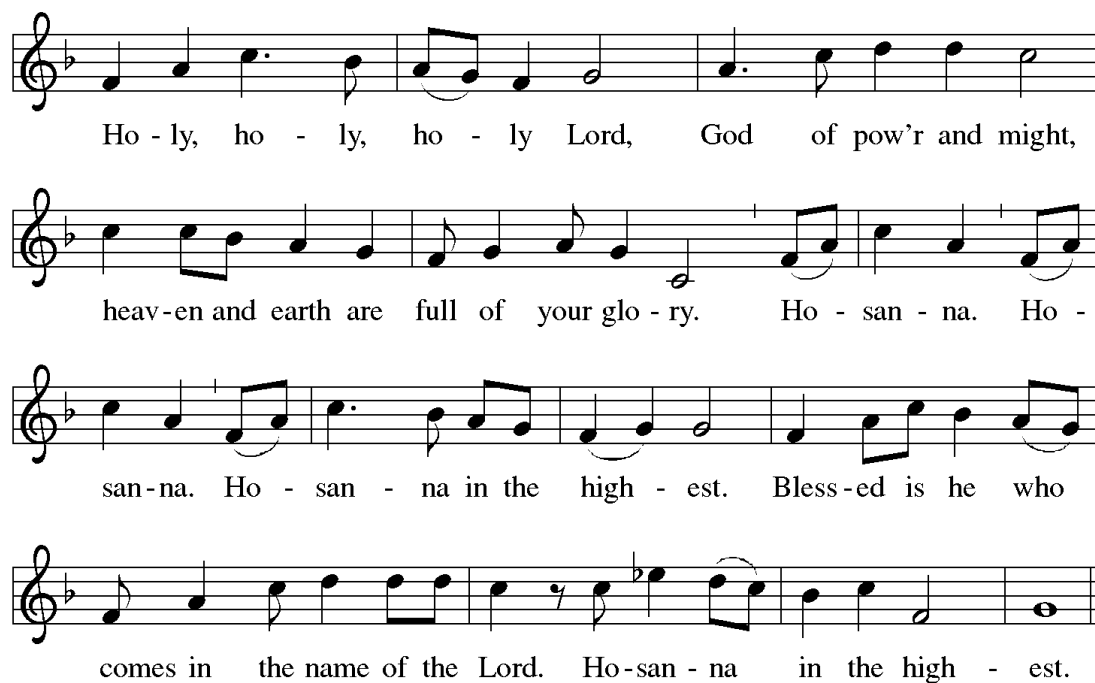
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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**

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.

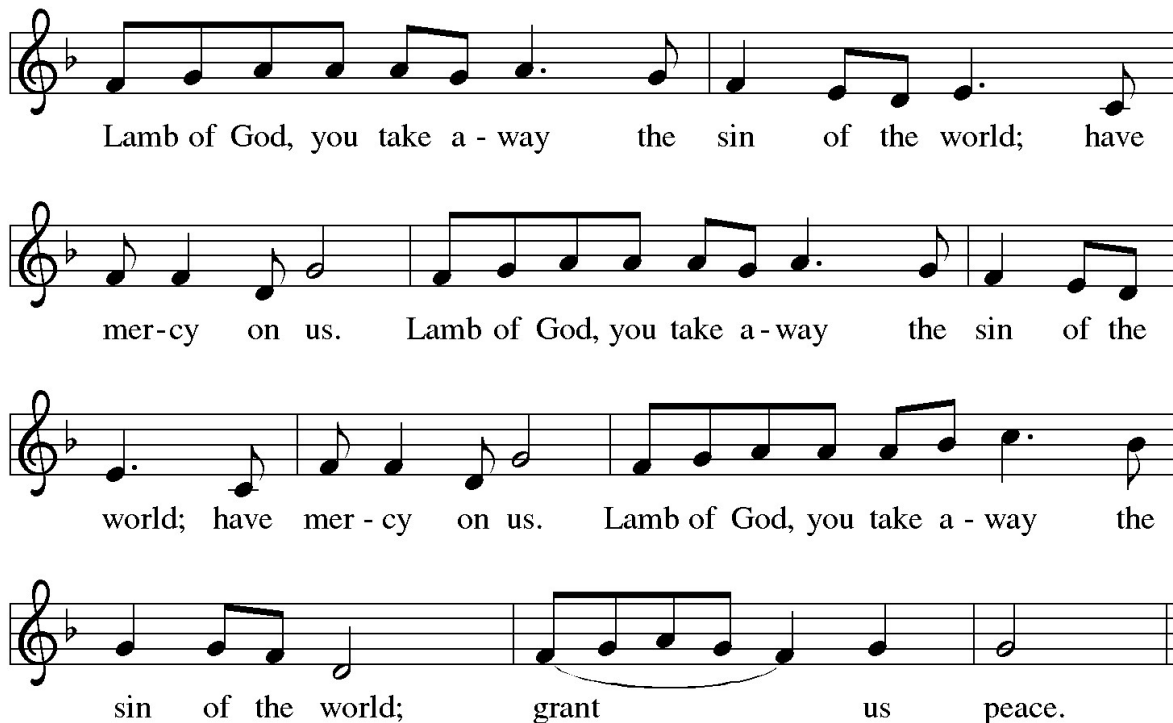
Christ will come again.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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****Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love 708***Refrain*

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,

varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.
Refrain
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 803

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| 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride. | 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood. | 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all. |

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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 The Church of Christ in Every Age 729:1-3, 5

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| 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead. | 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity. |
| 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die. | 5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word. |

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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Praise him With Strings (Christy James), RuthAnn Ledgerwood, violin; Catherine Gulsvig, piano

PRAYER CONCERNS

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.
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Parish.

Getting to know our Hispanic Neighbors

Led by: Deacon Lidix Montoya

- Sunday, October 4: Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry
- Sunday, October 18: History of Immigration from Latin America
- Sunday, October 25th: Book Study – **White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo**, copies available in the office for a suggested donation of \$5 to help defray the book cost.

Our Savior's has received a generous grant from the **Community Foundation of Dunn County!** The grant for \$3250 will support the work of Little Free Pantry in providing our neighbors in need with basic supplies, like toilet paper, diapers, hygiene items, and shelf stable food items. Thank you to the Community Foundation of Dunn County and donors – we are grateful for your support!

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Oct 4	Worship, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:15 Adult Education, Neighbor to Neighbor, 10:15 Coffee Fellowship, 10:15
Monday, Oct 5	Women in Action, 8:00am Money Matters, 5:00pm
Tuesday, Oct 6	
Wednesday, Oct 7	Confirmation, 5:45pm High School, 5:45pm Choir rehearsal, 6:30pm
Thursday, Oct 8	Vibrant Voices, 1:00pm OSL Bell rehearsal, 6:30pm
Friday, Oct 9	
Saturday, Oct 10	

Thank you to Deacon Lidix Montoya for preaching and thank you to RuthAnn Ledgerwood, Erin Hall-Rhoades, and the OSL choir for sharing their musical talents at worship!

LCM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – October 25 at OSL Advance tickets will be available on Sundays, October 11 and 18. Adults: **\$15** • Children (10 and under): **\$10**

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

Volunteers Needed for Tuesday's Table
Two people are needed for Clean-up duties on October 20th from 5:10-6:45pm. Contact church office if you can help!

COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY*Katie Benson***READER***Chris Gutting***POWER POINT***Arvin Solsaa***USHERS***Marge Kunkel**Hank Kunkel***SOUND SYSTEM***Dale Freberg***CAMERA***Luke Radzikinas***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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