Reign of Christ Sunday November 23, 2025 9:00am Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Keith*

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- Welcome to our OSL Choir and musicians. Thank you for sharing your gifts of music with us 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 *Keith*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843

1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *Keith*

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,
O God, with your faithful followers of every age, we rejoice in you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may joyfully minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

EPISTLE Philippians 4: 4-9

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 96:1-2, 10-13

Our Psalm for today 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.
10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."
11 **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;**
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.
13 **You will judge the world with righteousness**
and the peoples with your truth.

Word of God. Word of Life,
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-19
The holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY Joy to the World 267:1, 2, 4

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

APOSTLES' CREED *Keith*

Together, let us confess our faith, the 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*

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of the church, inspire the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of the earth, all creation sings its praise to you: the birds make a joyful melody, the fields produce in abundance, the trees sway in rhythm to your blowing Spirit, and the rivers flow with excitement. Join our voices to theirs that we too may sing of your glory. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of strength and power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up and support the common good. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of healing and hope, accompany those who struggle with addiction, those who have been abandoned by friends, and those who are in despair. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially Jeanette Beckala, Johnny Foster, and Erica Peterson*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, we praise you for the way you have been at work among us. On this Giving Sunday, inspire us through worship and prayer and energize us for compassionate service. By your Spirit, lead us joyfully forward into the future you envision. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT Arbor Place – Lorraine Garland

STEWARDSHIP LITANY
O God, you have been our rock and our redeemer throughout the ages,
A sure foundation on which to build our lives of faith.
O God, you have made us to be living stones,
Called to love and serve our neighbors as Christ has loved and served us.
O God, you call us to sing new songs in our day,
Lead us forward in joy that all the world may know of your salvation.

STEWARDSHIP 2025: Built on a Rock… Forward in Joy (title slide only)

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Today is Giving Sunday, the culmination of our stewardship campaign this year. Over the past weeks, we have been reminded of God's faithfulness and generosity in every age and heard God's call to share the gospel with all. We have also seen how members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church both past and present have responded to this call through their commitment of time, talent, and financial resources. With grateful hearts for all that God has done and for the witness of the saints of OSL, we invite you to make a pledge to support the mission and ministry of this congregation in the coming year. You may come forward to place your pledge card in the basket.

Michaela to play music while people come forward

God of abundance,
You provide for our every need and bless us with your presence. As we offer these pledges to you, we ask that you bless them to your service. May they be outward signs of your inward work in us. May they become seeds that bring forth newness in this upcoming year. May they bear good fruit for the sake of our neighbors. Bless us in our intentions, in our hopes and plans, and in our generosity. **Amen.**

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS *Keith*

MEAL

OFFERING Celtic Praise – OSL Choir and musicians

OFFERTORY Sing to the Lord of Harvest 694:3

3 Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER *Sarah*

Let us pray,
God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Sarah*

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 *Sarah*

God our rock and our refuge you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen one to preach the good news 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.

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(title slide)*

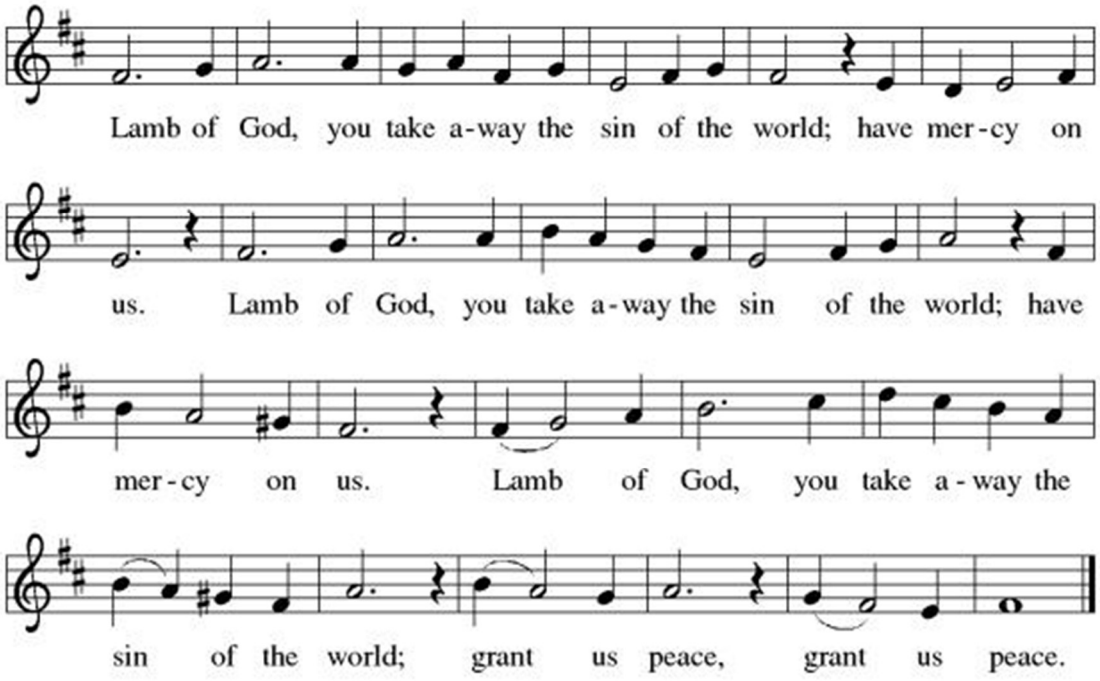
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection we await the day when Jesus shall return. Come, Lord Jesus! Join our prayers and praise with your people of every age that rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit., all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Sarah*

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.

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I Come with Joy 482

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

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My Life Flows On in Endless Song 763

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*

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *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

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, God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Keith*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 858

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

DISMISSAL *Sarah*

Go in joy to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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