24th Sunday after Pentecost November 8, 2026 9:00am Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- 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,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People, Come 693:1-3

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we

wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith, hope, and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthains 9:6-15
A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully
will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in
abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good
work.
9 As it is written,
"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing
and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great
generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, 12 for the rendering of this ministry not
only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the
testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by
the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for
you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his
indescribable gift!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

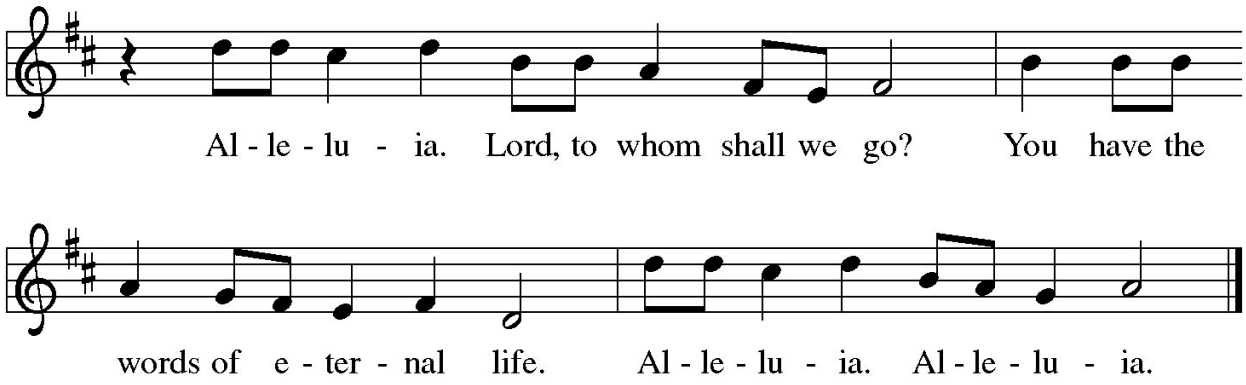
PSALMODY Psalm 65:1-2, 9-13
Our psalmody this morning is taken from psalm 65. We read together responsively by whole verse.

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
2 To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.
9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
You make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare grain
For so you provide for the earth.

10 You drench the furrows
and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.
11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
12 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing
and the hills be clothed with joy.
13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9
The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around
him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them
many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on
a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have
much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were
scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns
grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold,
some sixty, some thirty. 9 If you have ears, hear!"

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

SERMON Pastor Sarah Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY God of the Fertile Fields ACS 1063

1 God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in ev'ry land
be clothed and fed.

2 We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care
for people ev'rywhere,
that all may live.

3 As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused
your love bestows.

4 God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do.
Your will be done.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold and sustains veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. *We pray especially for Judy Kahl, Dwight McNaughton, Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine, Jake McQuiston, Kelly Warfel, Chuck Smith, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson. Comfort those who mourn, especially Kathy and Bob Hirsch at the death of their nephew, Marc Kolaske.* God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven, especially Marc Kolaske. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

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

MINISTRY MATTERS MOMENT Gathered to Scatter – Stewardship 2026; Mark Kalscheur

STEWARDSHIP LITANY
As we begin this stewardship season, let us give thanks for God's presence and guidance.
Our God is a generous God,
providing manna in the wilderness.
Our God is a gathering God,
Bringing us together from the ends of the earth.
Our God is a scattering God,
Sending us out to honor new visions
and embrace new dreams.

GATHERED TO SCATTER *title slide only*
In keeping with this history and heritage and trusting God to provide us with everything we need, let us embark on a new season of mission planning through our stewardship campaign Gathered to Scatter.

Let us pray,
Generous God, you invite us to live generous lives,
trusting that you have given us to each other to work together:
in service to our neighbor, in love for all creation,
and in proclamation of your good news for all.
As we anticipate the new year of ministry to which you are calling us
give us generous hearts, honest commitment to the call you've placed before us,
and sincere trust that we can rely on your grace and sufficiency
as we continue to serve you and your people in Menomonie. **Amen.**

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS
- Thanksgiving meals

MEAL

OFFERING

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*

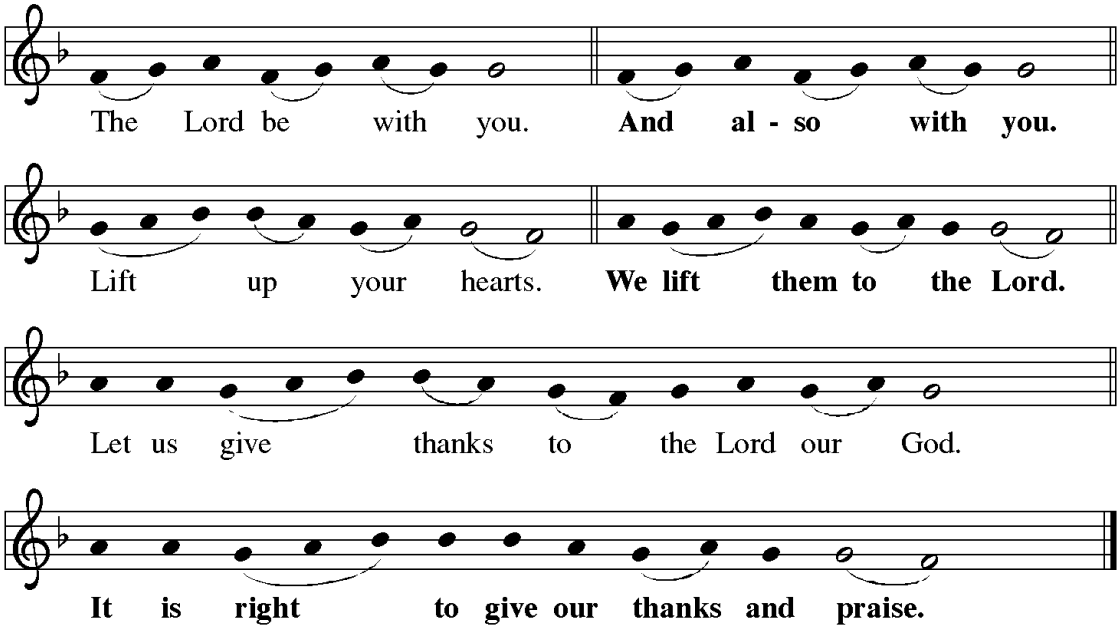
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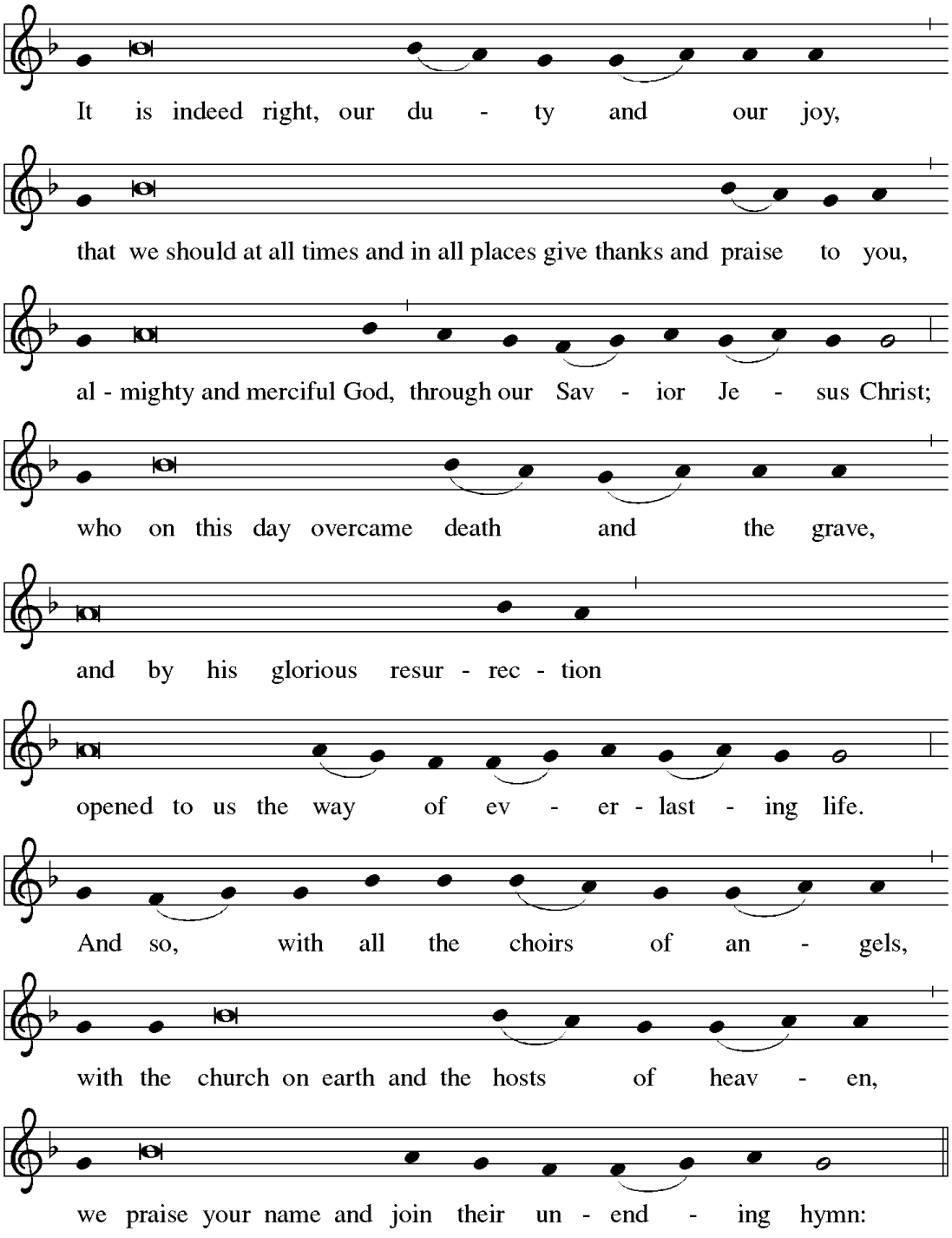
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

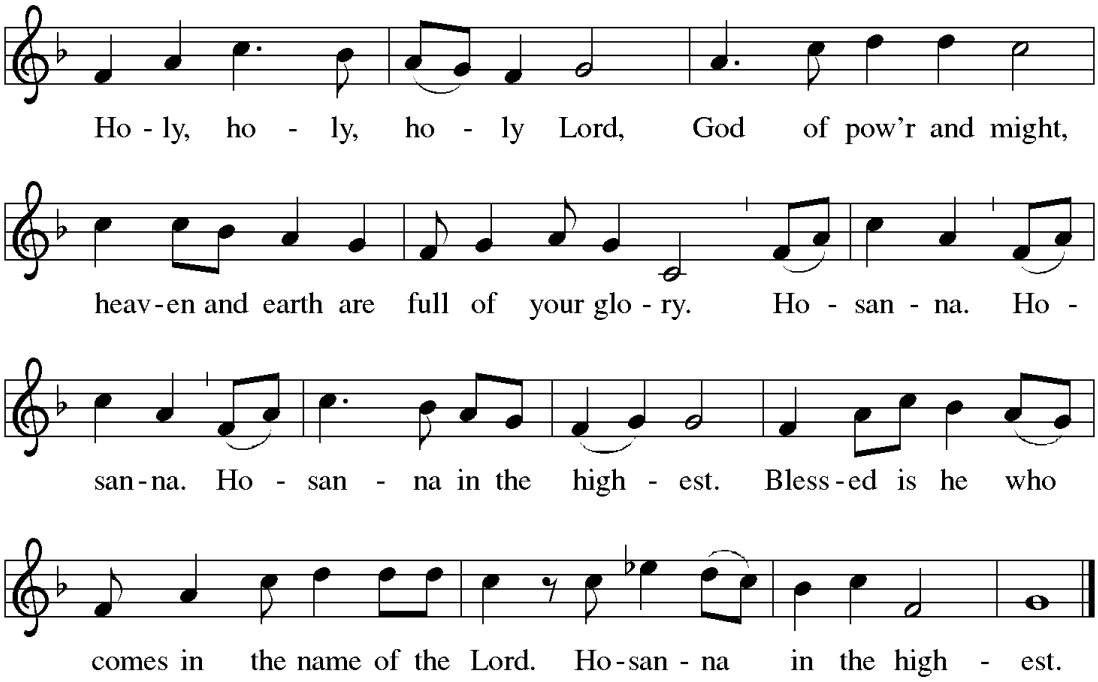


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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

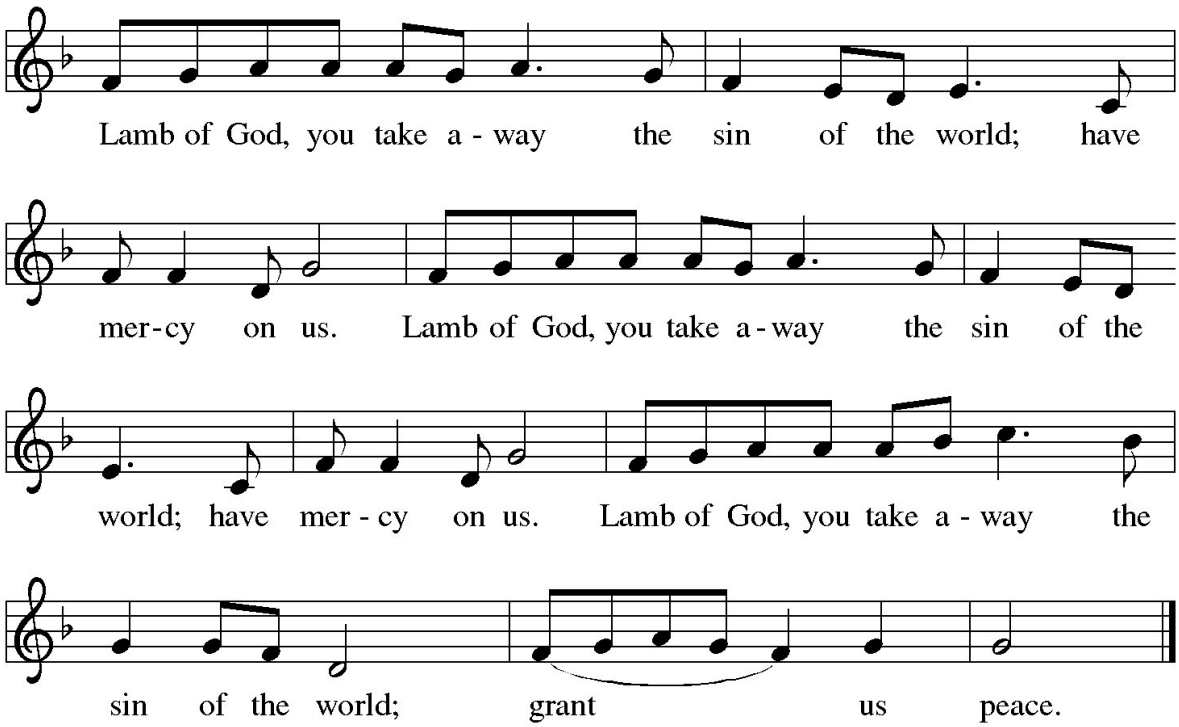
LORD'S PRAYER

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



One Bread, One Body 496

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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For the Fruit of All Creation 679

1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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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,
Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve 551

1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Kahl, Dwight McNaughton, Lucas McCullough, Tom Lawrence, Ardelle McAlpine (sister to Donna Lark), Jake McQuiston, Kelly Warfel (sister to Kim Holten), Chuck Smith, Perry Hodgson, and Erica Peterson (Granddaughter of Cheryl Merrill)

IN SUPPORT

Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke, missionaries in Japan.
Kasungu Central, Our Malawi Sister Parish.

IN SYMPATHY

To Kathy and Bob Hirsch at the death of their nephew, Marc Kolaske.

Join us TODAY after worship for our Adult Bible study on Revelation, continuing throughout November. Having met the Creator and Redeemer of the universe, we'll now be introduced to those powers who seek to draw us away from God. Come to hear God's warning about these false ones and to be reassured of God's trustworthy promise of life with God through the Lamb.

OSL MONEY COUNTING TEAM

We are looking for a couple more volunteers to join the team! Each Sunday after worship, 2 team members meet to count and deposit the financial gifts received throughout the week. If interested, please let Pr. Sarah know.

The donations for The Little Church will go to the Menomonie Area School Lunch Angel Fund for the month of November.

THIS WEEK AT OSL

Sunday, Nov 8	Worship, 9:00 Sunday School, 10:15 Adult Ed, Pr. Dale Freberg, Revelation Coffee Fellowship, 10:15
Monday, Nov 9	Women in Action, 8:00 Finance, 6:00
Tuesday, Nov 10	MOOW, 5:00 Council, 6:00
Wednesday, Nov 11	Confirmation, 5:45 High School, 5:45 Choir rehearsal, 6:30
Thursday, Nov 12	Vibrant Voices, 1:00 OSL Bell rehearsal, 6:30
Friday, Nov 13	
Saturday, Nov 14	

Help Fill Our Thanksgiving Meals Boxes– OSL will be providing 40 boxes to those in need. Pick up your turkey feathers to donate items for the meals or make a financial donation to help cover the cost of needed items.

Our Stewardship Campaign, **"Gathered to Scatter"**, is now underway. We invite members to prayerfully consider their commitment and bring their pledge cards to worship on November 22nd.

Facility Rekey Update – The Church Council has approved a full rekey of the building following our recent key audit. This process will help us maintain a safe and well-managed facility. Watch for upcoming information on key issuance and the return of old keys.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ON DUTY
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Loren Barker

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Tyler Miller
Dan Krueger

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vacant

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Linda Rundle
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Michaela Nelson
Violet Seguin

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Mar-Sept	Sept
Income	$236,690.65	$32,864.86
Expenses	$196,240.33	$23,610.18
Over/short	**$40,450.32**	**$9,254.68**

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