

# OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Second Sunday of Easter  
*Sunday, April 7, 2024*



Olsburg Lutheran Church  
PO Box 128  
Olsburg, KS 66520  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Mission Statement:  
Become Disciples,  
Live as Disciples,  
Make Disciples in Christ Jesus

Walsburg Lutheran Church  
12351 Union Road  
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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power of the Holy Spirit.

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YOU ARE WELCOME AMONG US! Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or whether you have worshiped with us many times, we are grateful that we can worship together. We pray that God will bless your worship and strengthen you for the week ahead.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **GATHERING**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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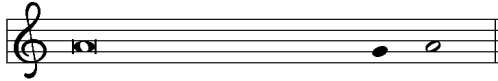
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## \*GREETING

P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

C: And also with you!

# \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



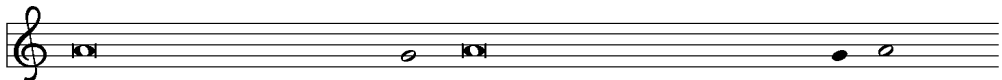
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



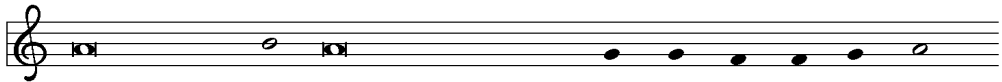
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

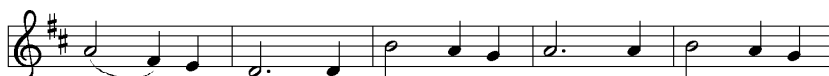


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God,

**C: with joy we celebrate the day of Christ's resurrection. By the grace of Jesus among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 133**

How good and how pleasant it is,  
**when kindred live together in unity!**

It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
**upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly

our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **\*GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to John 20:19-31

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews,



Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of our Lord  
C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight WOVS 675**

## We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.  
Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

## \*APOSTLES' CREED

P: United as the body of Christ, let us profess our faith

**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 THE PEOPLE**

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

P: God of Grace,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**OUR OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING SONG**

**Let The Vineyards**

**ELW 184**

# Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

## *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Risen One,

**C: you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

## MEAL

### Communion Invitation

*Welcome to Holy Communion! Christ, who is present in bread and wine offering forgiveness and life with God, invites you to eat and drink in this Sacred Meal. To receive the bread, extend an open palm to the server and the bread will be placed in your hand. For those who prefer grape juice instead of wine, glasses of grape juice are located in the inner circle of the tray. If you desire to receive Communion in your seat, inform the usher. Adults and children who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

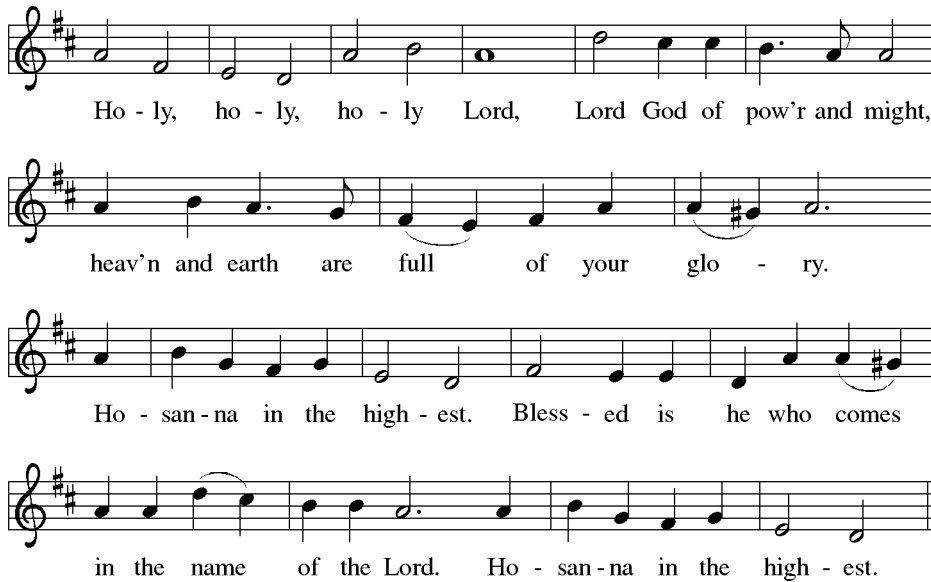
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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.

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

**\*LAMB OF GOD**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
 Come and eat at God's table.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Shepherding God,

**C: you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **\*BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

**C: Threefold Amen (sung.)**

**\*SENDING SONG**

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

**ELW 382**



## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;  
3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay  
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-returns to life once more;  
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

### *Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## **\*DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **Bulletin Announcements for both churches**

We continue to live-stream the worship services for those who are worshipping at home.

For in-home worship it is helpful to prepare a space for worship ahead of time. Remove distractions. Turn off the TV. Silence your cell phones. Provide worship bulletins for everyone (sharing is always good!). Make sure everyone can see the screen(s). Turn to your church's Facebook page to participate in the service of worship. A recording of the service is also available on each church's website.

Help K-State Students Experience God's Love and Share it with the World! LCM Students share a Meal & Worship Service every Sunday evening of the Semester! You can donate using this link to help them with the cost of the meals.

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You are invited to visit the recently remodeled Lutheran Campus Ministry Center at Kansas State University, and to celebrate a great year of ministry to K-State students! Bring a Trivia Team from your congregation and/or join us for a Taco Bar Meal and Worship with LCM students! Our annual **Campus Ministry Celebration** takes place on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Doors open at 2:30pm. Trivia Contest and Casual Cornhole in the Backyard begin at 3pm. Meal starts at 5pm, with Worship following at 6pm. Bring your Trivia Team of 3-5 persons, or join up with a team when you arrive! Trivia entry is \$5/person, with great prizes! All other events are FREE! Please e-mail Pastor Kevin at [THEREVKEV@ATT.NET](mailto:THEREVKEV@ATT.NET) to RSVP, or with any questions. Hope you can join our LCM Family at K-State for this fun event!

**Save the date, April 27th.** Join Camp Tomah Shinga for our Annual Auction fundraiser. We will be having a semi-formal event at The Farm & The Odd Fellows, in Minneapolis, KS. while the auction will be held online April 22nd - 27th.

Entertainment, appetizers and drink ticket included. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. \$50 per couple. \$35 for individual. \$90 for table of 4.

Camp Tomah Shinga Camp Registrations are open. Please visit their webpage for more information.

## **Olsburg Announcements**

Council will meet Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

It's once again mowing season. Please sign up to mow the church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you for volunteering to keep our church lawn looking nice! We appreciate your time and effort!

Mark your calendars to attend the LCW Annual Plant Sale - April 27th, 8:00 - 11:30 am.

We will be tying quilts on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:00 am. All are welcome!

## Walsburg Announcements

Walsburg will host the Leonardville Nursing Home worship service today at 2 p.m.

Food Basket April Shopping List: dish soap, laundry detergent, Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper. We can also use plastic grocery bags. Thank you! Rhonda Baer

**Mark your calendar** to attend "A Taste of Sweden" breakfast featuring Swedish pancakes & lingonberries, link sausages, pickled herring, bread and pastries, juice and coffee on **Saturday, April 13, from 8-11 a.m.** Everyone is invited to attend and free will donations will be accepted. A signup sheet is posted in the narthex for donation items and workers on Saturday.

WELCA will meet April 11. Quilting from 10:00 A.M.-Noon. WELCA Meeting begins at 1:30 P.M. Program is "Your Experience Can Encourage Others". Leader will be Rita Nelson. Hostess will be Sheri Storer.

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This year we are celebrating 50 Years of impact through the ELCA World Hunger.

How to give: Give online anytime at: [ELCA.org/WH50](http://ELCA.org/WH50) or call 800-638-3522  
Envelopes can also be found in the pews for donations and can be mailed to:  
ELCA  
PO Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA. 22116-8009

Walsburg is looking for representatives to attend the Synod Assembly June 6 -8. This year it will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Olathe. Please let Trenton know if you can attend by May 1st.