

# OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
*Sunday, April 28, 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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Mission Statement:  
More disciples living more faithfully by the  
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, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in peace and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins.

The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

**Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**

**WOV 674**

# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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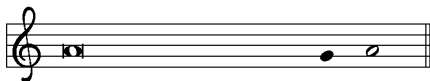
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## \*GREETING

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.



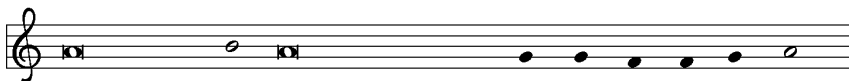
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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**

P: Holy and Righteous God,

**C: you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C:Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: 22**

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

**I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

**Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

**all the families of nations shall bow before God.**

For dominion belongs to the Lord,

**who rules over the nations.**

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

**all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.**

Their descendants shall serve the Lord,

**whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

**saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that



Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **\*GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to John 15:1-8

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

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither

can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O Christ the Same**

**WOV 778**

## O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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## **PMA RECOGNITION OF JAN COOPER (OLSBURG)**

**HYMN (Olsburg) Here I am, Lord ELW 574 (please use the red hymnal)**

### **\*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,**

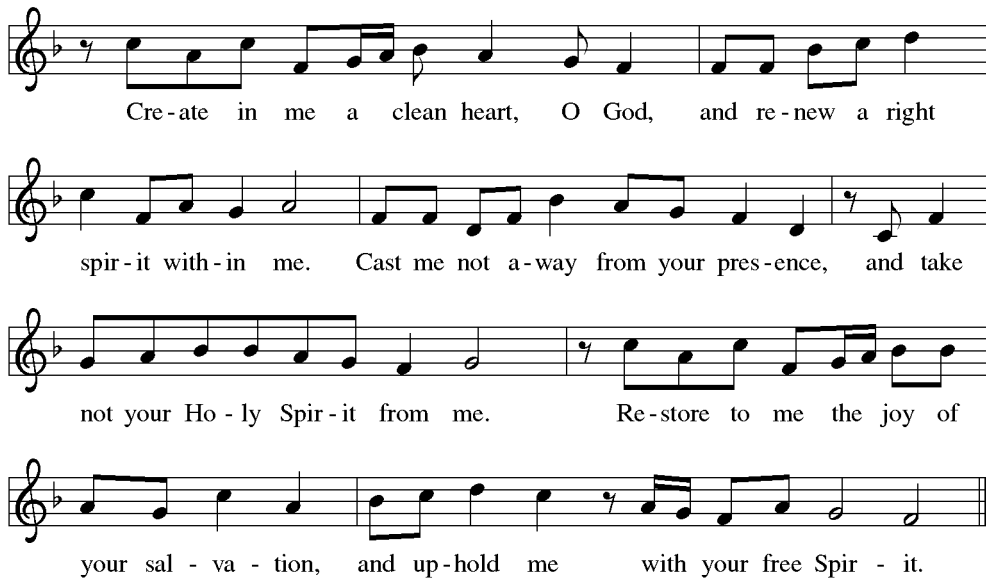
**C: Hear our prayer.**

**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**

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**  
*Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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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.**

**\*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.**

## **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 Let All Things Now Living**

**ELW 881**

# Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days,  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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## **\*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 **today**. 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!



## **Olsburg Announcements**

We will have birthday bank immediately following worship.

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!

Camp Tomah Shinga Camp Registrations are open. Please visit their webpage for more information. The women's group is offering \$100 to any youth from our church that would like to attend Camp Tomah Shinga this summer. For more information, please contact Kathy or Luellen.

Thanks to everyone who prepared food and attended the fellowship breakfast this morning.

Please see the flyer on the next page containing details of the fundraiser for the Sawaya family coming up Thursday, May 2.



# BBQ AT THE BALL FIELD

FREE WILL DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE SAWAYA FAMILY  
WHO LOST THEIR HOME AND BELONGINGS DUE TO  
FIRE

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CHEER ON THE BLUE VALLEY LADY RAMS SOFTBALL  
TEAM AS THEY TAKE ON DONIPHAN WEST WITH A DOUBLE-HEADER

**THURSDAY, MAY 2ND**

FIRST PITCH AT 4PM

**BBQ MEAL SERVED FROM 5 TO 7 PM**

LET'S SUPPORT OUR LOCAL  
SOFTBALL TEAM  
AND HELP OUT THIS FAMILY IN NEED!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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OUTREACH AND MCCORMICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## **Walsburg Announcements**

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

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!

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

You may also include a donation into the regular offering and Rita will send it on to World Hunger. 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.

Vern Henricks from the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation will speak to the Walsburg congregation immediately following worship on April 28th to discuss the fund opportunities with Rural Riley County Community Foundation.

Camp Tomah Shinga Registration is open and Walsburg will give a \$100 scholarship towards their camp fee for any youth who wants to attend.

Women of Walsburg are invited to the monthly Silver Creek Beneficiary Club's meeting on Thursday, May 2, at 1:30 pm at Walsburg. The program will be led by Loretta Hoerman sharing information about Walsburg's early history including the stained glass windows. If you would like to attend, please let Rita or Sheri know by Sunday, April 28.

The WELCA and Hope Circle project for April is the Manhattan Crisis Center. A container is available for your offerings. Thank you for your generosity for this project.

# Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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