

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us



By Pastor Kaylie Ines

Our Easter Season journey began at the dawn of the empty tomb, where we first heard the transformative message: "Do not be afraid". We acknowledged that while the resurrection did not instantly remove the world's challenges, it stripped death of its authority to write the final chapter of our lives. We learned that the Good News is a wild, living force—growing like a mustard seed and surprising us with joy even in the coldest seasons.

As the initial shock of the miracle faded, we found ourselves on the road to Emmaus, walking with those who carried the heavy weight of "what might have been". We explored those three somber words—"We had hoped"—and recognized how our own disappointments can sometimes blind us to the presence of God walking right beside us.

Sunday Service

The Good News is...

With Pastor Kaylie Ines

9:00am Olsburg
011:00am Walsburg

Ministries for Children

Be Thankful for Your
Parents and
volunteers!

With Walsburg teachers
Lynn, Valerie, and Andy

10:00am- Walsburg

Ministries for Youth

The Next Generation
Now

Confirmation with Pastor
Kaylie

Contact Pastor for more
info!

Yet, we discovered that the Risen Christ is most often revealed in the "breaking"—found in the shared bread, the broken heart, and the simple act of welcoming a stranger.

This path also led us behind the locked doors of our own doubts, where we met Thomas. We saw that Jesus does not respond to our questions with judgment, but instead offers the vulnerability of his own wounds as a bridge to faith. He invited us to shift into a "higher gear" of understanding—a faith that thrives not on physical signs, but on the ability to see Christ living within our neighbors and throughout all of creation.

Most recently, we reflected on the image of Jesus as the gate. Beyond the gentle comfort of the shepherd, we saw a gate of invitation—a two-way port that calls us in for rest and rejuvenation, then leads us back out into the world to serve. Inspired by the early community in Acts, we are reminded of the collective power that comes when we hold all things in common and care for one another with glad and generous hearts.

Now, as the Easter lilies fade and the season turns toward Pentecost, we prepare for the rushing wind and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Preparing our hearts for this change means moving from the "seeing" of the resurrection to the "being" of the church. We prepare by softening what has grown rigid within us and warming what has grown cold, making space for a Spirit that empowers us to speak words of peace and humility. It is a transition from witnessing the miracle to becoming the miracle—carrying the light of Christ into every threshold we cross.

As we move forward, we carry the fire of this new reality into our daily lives. We are "Easter people," called to be pathmakers for God's love, navigating our transitions with humility and shared dignity. Whether we are lingering in a season of rest or walking through the shadows of change, we hold fast to the promise that the story of Love has no ending. May you continue to feel the earth shake with the power of the Good News and go forth to tell this story with your life.

Your Council Members!

Olsburg Lutheran

Lee Cantrell
Jan Cooper- *President*
Coleen Esping
Kristi Fronce
Tom Nelson- *Vice President*
Jim Nelson

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As you reflect on the "long road" of this season, where have you noticed the stranger joining your walk, and how has your heart been "broken open" to recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in the ordinary moments of your life?

A PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Spirit of Life,

In the quiet of this day, we open our hearts to the breath of your presence. Like the rushing wind that filled the room so long ago, come to us now. Soften what has grown rigid within us and warm what has grown cold.

We ask for the gift of understanding—not the kind that seeks to conquer with logic, but the kind that listens with love. In a world often divided by the noise of our own making, grant us the grace of the "tongues of fire," that we might speak words of peace, humility, and shared dignity. May our language always be a bridge, never a wall, reflecting the deep value of every human soul.

Empower us to move beyond our ourselves. Ignite in us a renewed sense of purpose and the courage to serve where the need is greatest. As we celebrate this season of new beginnings, help us to carry that fire into our daily lives—transforming our routines into acts of service and our interactions into moments of grace.

We give thanks for the strength that sustains us and the light that guides our feet. May we walk forward with humble hearts, united in the simple, profound truth of our common humanity.
Amen.

Please text or email pastor to have your family or friend included in the Prayers of Intercession. We will read their names during each service throughout the month. Each month the prayer list will reset. You may always include your person each month and you may submit the name(s) at any time during the month.



OLSBURG- 9:00AM

TORI BRENNER

BROOKLYN RICE

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 31ST

WALSBURG- 11:00AM

NACY BERRY TESKE NELSON

BRODY WILLIMON

HAPPY Mother's DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms! May God continue to pour out blessings and love upon all mothers and those who provide motherly care. We lift up those who are estranged, and those who are grieving, asking for Your comfort to be their strength. Bless all earthly mothers with hearts of loving-kindness and grace-filled nurturing. May all who gather come with warm hearts and celebration, finding joy in the bonds that connect us and peace in the memories we cherish.

Amen.



Walsburg

May 6- Council Meeting 7:00pm

May 14- Quilting 10:00am

WELCA 1:30pm

May 17- Last Day of Sunday
School

May 20- Quilting 10:00am

Bible Study 1:30pm

May 27- Quilting 9:00am

MONTHLY PROJECT:
LEONARDVILLE NURSING
HOME BINGO PRIZES

Olsburg

May 2- Plant Sale 8:30-
10:30am

May 5- Quilting 9:00am

May 13- Council Meeting
7:00pm

May 20- Church Finance
Meeting 7:00pm

May 31- Fellowship Breakfast
(congregation provides)

BIRTHDAY BANK



May Leaders

Walsburg

Ushers and Greeters: Bill and Roseanne Johnson, Andy and Valerie Hoehner

Communion Ushers:

Gary Hargrave and Calley Berry

Altar Committee: Lynne Berry

Olsburg

Ushers and Greeters: Kirby and Shelly Burklund, Gregg Gibson, Patty Nelson

Communion Ushers:

Kristi Fronce (3rd), Jan Cooper (17th), Lee Cantrell (31st)

Altar Committee: Kathy Monser and Becky Avery (set-up) Ashley Rice (clean up)



May Leaders

Walsburg

Lay Readers

3- Lori Rogge
10- Jerry Baer
17- Jan Neilson
24- Don Nelson
31- Linda Toomire

Acolytes

3- Kade Campbell
10- Rhett Nelson
17- Jackson Hoehner
24- Macy Berry
31- Ushers

Olsburg

Lay Readers

3- Patty Nelson
10- Ashley Rice
17- Becky Avery
PENTECOST 24- Joyce Cantrell
HOLY TRINITY 31- Coleen Esping

Acolytes

3- Tori Brenner
10- Ushers
17- Ushers
24- Jeremiah, Mason, Brooklyn
31- Ushers