

OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025



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

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WELCOME

GATHERING

*GATHERING RESPONSE

P: People of God, what do you need today?

C: A new and right spirit within us.

P: Then come, let us worship God, whose Spirit moves through us to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to break every yoke,

C: to share our bread with the hungry and our homes with the poor; to clothe the naked and honor each member of God's family.

P: We gather in the name of our triune God, who calls us to repentance, who cleanses our hearts, who opens our lips, so that our mouths might declare God's praise.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Our forty-day journey through Lent recalls Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Three times, the devil coaxed Jesus to rely on himself instead of on God. Three times, Jesus resisted, trusting God to give him all he needed.

Friends, we are not Jesus. We don't recognize relying on ourselves instead of God as a temptation; we even extol self-reliance as a virtue. Join me in confessing this to God, and asking for compassion.

Silence for reflection.

P: God, I confess

that I struggle to confess. I want to delight you by doing all the right things. I don't want to admit that I can't. To receive your forgiveness, I must confront my failure.

P: God, I confess

that I struggle to confess: I'm afraid of being a burden to others. I don't want to need them too much, so I try not to need them at all.

P: God, I confess

C: that I struggle to confess: just like I turn away from my own vulnerability I turn away from the vulnerable. I have rejected my weakness and avoided those who are weak. I have denied my frailty and looked down on those who are frail. I have resisted my dependence and thought less of those who depend on others.

P: God, forgive us,

C: because we struggle to forgive ourselves. We build a wall of self-reliance that separates us from your love.

P: Jesus once said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician." Jesus didn't come for those who didn't need him: he came for me and for you and for everyone who has fallen short. Feel how Jesus' power is made perfect in our weakness. In Christ's name, I tell you that you are completely and entirely forgiven. You are imperfect, and you are forgiven, and you are entirely loved.

Let that forgiven-ness rest in your bones not as a sign of our failure to win the fight against sin, but as the realization that God already has.

Let us shout with the psalmist: My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust! Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE NIGHT**

P: Saving God,

C: you never forget those who need you. You take the part of the poor, the captive, the bound, and the broken, and call your people to do the same. Pour your Spirit into our hearts and wash away everything that keeps us from knowing one another as kin, so that we may be a watered garden in a thirsting world, answering the needs of every part of your creation. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

WORD

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

PSALM: 51: 1-17

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Let me teach your ways to offenders,
and sinners shall be restored to you.

**Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.**

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.
You are not pleased with burnt offering.**

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the

hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

MESSAGE

***HYMN**

Just as I am

ELW 592

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

*IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.
May these ashes be a sign of our flesh and remind us that only by the
death and resurrection of Jesus we are given eternal life, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

C: Amen.

People may come forward to receive the ashes.

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show
forth your love in the world. By the cross and passion of Jesus, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Eternal God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Gracious God,

C: you gave us what we needed to love you today. Now we offer you a portion of these gifts, a harvest of the love you planted. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to God.

P: Let us give thanks to our God.

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

P: It is not only right, but even needful for us to thank you, God, for the cosmos overflows with your goodness. You open your hand to satisfy the needs of everything that you have made, and all of creation sings its thankful praise.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed,
he 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: God 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.**

Hymn

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts!

C: Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O Jesus,

C: you have fed us with the bread that has no price, the precious gift of your own self. Now send us out like Mary with her perfume, prepared to give the best we have to dignify the world you so loved. Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: Now may God, whose prophetic voice still perseveres, who speaks for the little, the lost, and the least, whose eye is on the sparrow, bless you and sustain you.

THREEFOLD AMEN (sung)

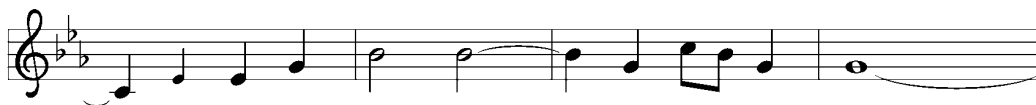
*SENDING HYMN I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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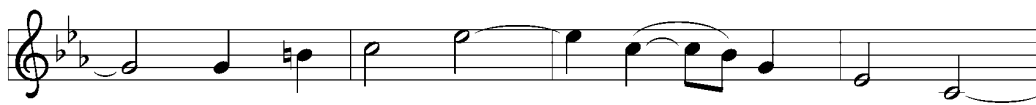
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Today God has answered your need, and now the Spirit sends you out to answer the world's need.

Depart in silence.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to join us each Wednesday evening during the season of Lent as we gather for worship. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a simple soup supper followed by the worship service at 7:00 p.m. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer service each Wednesday.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Schedule

Soup Supper and worship at Olsburg March 12 @ 6 p.m.

Soup Supper and worship at Walsburg March 19 @ 6p.m.

Soup Supper and worship at Olsburg March 26 @ 6 p.m.

Soup Supper and worship at Walsburg April 2 @ 6 p.m.

Soup Supper and worship at Olsburg April 9 @ 6 p.m.

Maundy Thursday April 17 at Walsburg @ 7 p.m.

Good Friday April 18 at Olsburg @ 7 p.m.

