

OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 16, 2025

How often have
I desired to
gather your children
together as a hen
gathers her brood
under her wings

LUKE 13:34



Olsburg Lutheran Church
PO Box 128
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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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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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

In Christ There is No East or West

ELW 650

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

*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



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☩ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.
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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy Christ,

C: signs of your presence fill the world with brightness, but we are weighed down with sleep. Guide our waking and guard our sleeping, so that we may rest soundly in dreams of the world you envision, and wake to refract your glory in all that we do. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a

heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,

they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me in.

Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the Lord!

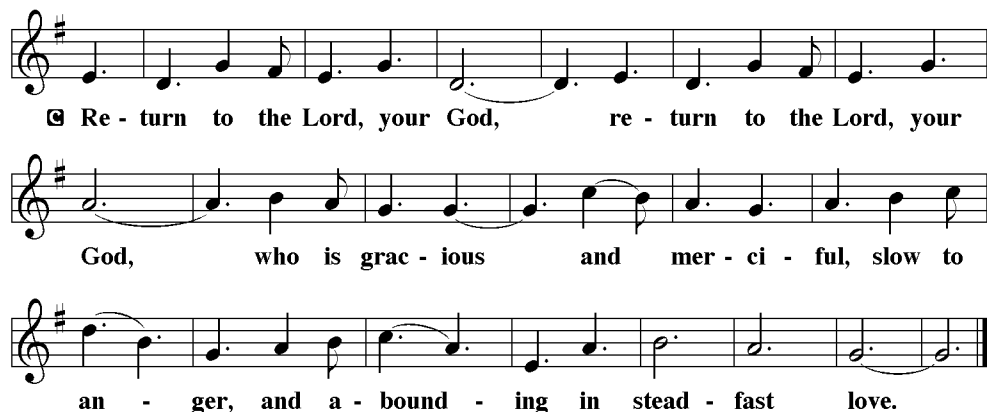
SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to Luke 13:31-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P: The Gospel of our God

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Holy Wings

WOV 741

Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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*APOSTLES' CREED

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

C: 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: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world,
and all those in need.

P: God of Grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your
love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

OUR OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG**

Let The Vineyards

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of grace,

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.

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 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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God,
brimming with your extravagant love.

On the night of his arrest,
Christ gathered his friends for a simple meal
and set a feast of love.

Jesus took bread, gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to the disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
Jesus 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.

Extravagant God, pour out your Spirit on us
and on this bread and cup. Let the fragrance of your love fill this house.

***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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Let this bread and cup magnify your love made flesh.

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, who risks loving an imperfect people, who forges weakness into divine strength, who never leaves us or forsakes us, bless you and sustain you.

C: Threefold Amen (sung.)

***SENDING SONG Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW 834**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

*DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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.

Lenten Wednesday evening schedule:

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.

Olsburg Announcements

You are all invited to a wedding shower for Oksana Henriksen and Jacob Nelson immediately after church **TODAY**, in the church basement. Oksana and Jacob will be married on May 10; and as their church family, we want to shower them with our love and care in support of their upcoming marriage. Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to bring a gift, Oksana and Jacob are registered at Target and Amazon. To access the registry at Target, go to the customer service desk at Target in Manhattan, Kansas and ask for Oksana Henriksen and Jacob Nelson's registry. Their registry is also available by visiting the Target website (select Manhattan, KS as your store's location), and then click on the Registry & Wish List at the top of the page.

To access Amazon's registry, visit the Amazon website, click on Registry found in the black banner across the top of the page or search for Wedding Registry.

The next step will be to follow the instructions given on the page, and you should be able to access their registry

All are invited to join us for our Lenten Wednesday night Soup Supper and Worship Service, *Wednesday, March 19th* at Walsburg Lutheran Church. Soup will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. We hope you are able to join us!

There are sign up sheets in the narthex for the Soup Suppers that Olsburg is hosting this Lenten season. We appreciate your willingness to help out!

Olsburg Lutheran Church has a new facebook page. Please search for Olsburg Lutheran Church-ELCA and follow the page.. We will begin posting our recordings to the new page as soon as we have 100 followers.

During Lent we will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. The congregation is invited to bring items from the list below and leave them in the box in the narthex. The Personal Care Kits will be taken to the Lutheran World Relief ingathering in the fall. Thank you for making a difference in the life of someone in need.

Each kit will need:

- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 light weight bath towel (dark colors preferred)
- 1 metal nail clippers
- 1 sturdy comb

Walsburg Announcements

Walsburg Sunday School will not meet today or March 23. We will resume Sunday March 30. Have a good Spring Break!

All are invited to join us for our Lenten Wednesday night Soup Supper and Worship Service, *Wednesday, March 19th* at Walsburg Lutheran Church. Soup will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. We hope you are able to join us!

The ladies will meet Wednesday, March 19 for a Monthly Bible Study Quilt Tying at 10:00 A.M. Bible Study at 1:30 P.M. Leader is Linda Toomire. Hostess is Marlene Jenkins.

A Quilting Day has been set for March 26 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch and a snack to share.

Food (Easter) Basket Shopping List. For April Easter baskets: boxed scalloped/AuGratin potatoes, Hamburger Helper, baked beans, fruit cocktail, Mandarin oranges, jello, White cake mix and frosting. Additional needs: chili beans, pork-n-beans, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, pancake mix and syrup, grape or strawberry jelly, applesauce, canned peaches and pineapple, cereal and oatmeal packets. Household products: laundry detergent, dish soap and toilet paper. We are now seeing 20-25 families each week. Your continued support by food or funds is greatly appreciated! Rhonda Baer, Board Representative

The WELCA March project is **KSDS Dog Assistance, Inc.** A **Noisy Offering** will be collected for this project on **Sunday, March 23**. Located in Washington, KS, this non-profit organization provides guide dogs for the visually impaired, service dogs for the physically disabled, and facility dogs that assist professionals in the field of education, counseling, and other specialty services. With 120+ hours of training and stringent health screenings, KSDS dogs are valued at \$25,000 and placed with clients at no cost. Formerly known as Kansas Specialty Dog Service, KSDS has celebrated over 30 years of service and 600+ dog teams placed in 37 states. Walsburg members Dennis and Donise Peterson have personally participated with the "Puppy-in-Training" program.