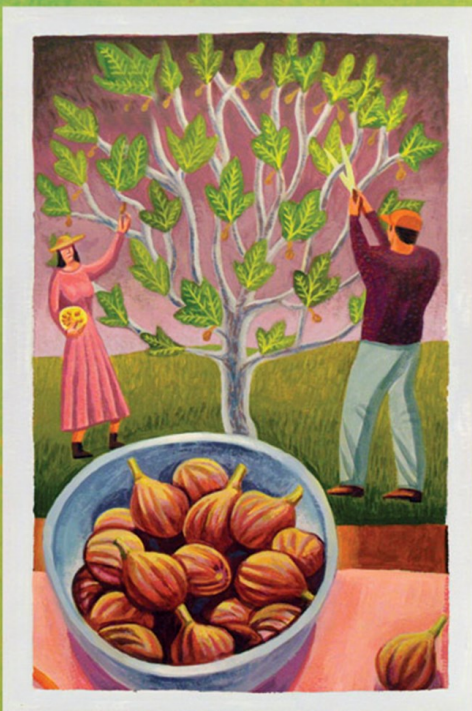


OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 23, 2025



I have come
looking
for fruit

LUKE 13:7

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
Leonardville, KS 66449
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church phone (785) 293-5367
Mission Statement:
More disciples living more faithfully by the
power of the Holy Spirit.

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Ruthie Stone

Olsburg Lutheran Church Web page: <http://www.olsburglutheran.org>

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Ministry assistants for March

Olsburg Usher and Receive offering: Lee Cantrell; April Brenner; Jarin Brenner

Olsburg Communion Assistants: 3/30 Jim Nelson

***Olsburg Acolytes:** 3/23 Ushers; 3/30 Ushers

***Olsburg Lay Readers:** 3/23 Becky Avery; 3/30 Nick Cooper

Walsburg Ushers and Greeters: Lee & Roberta Hartford; Lynne Berry; Lori Rogge

***Walsburg Communion Ushers:** Trenton Hargrave & Kaleb Sullivan

***Walsburg Lay Readers:** 3/23 Teske Nelson; 3/30 Alicia Scofield

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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 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God WOV 783**

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

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Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A7 D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; and knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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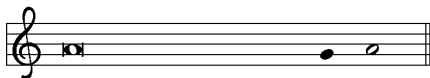
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

***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.



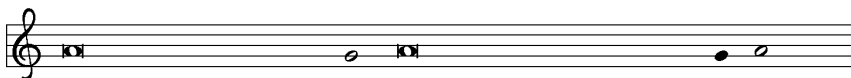
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



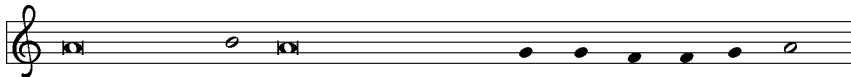
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God our strength,

C: you shelter us when trouble draws near, and in the shadow of your wings we sing for joy. Help us whenever we are tested, so that we do not simply survive but thrive, bearing fruit for your holy reign. In Jesus Christ our savior and redeemer. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and
weary land where there is no water.**

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8B-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke 13:1-9

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the

tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: The Gospel of our God

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Baptized in Water

WOV 693

Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic 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**

Create In Me

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take'. The third staff continues with lyrics: 'not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of'. The fourth staff concludes the melody with lyrics: 'your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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***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.

***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: 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 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW 618**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



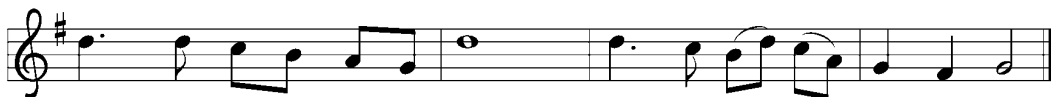
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

*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.

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Lenten Wednesday evening schedule:

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

Woody Kasselmann's Celebration of Life is Monday at 10:30 am with lunch served at the Olsburg American Legion.

All are invited to join us for our Lenten Wednesday night Soup Supper and Worship Service, *Wednesday, March 26th* at Olsburg 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

Lutheran Campus Ministry has asked our church to provide a meal for their students on Sunday, March 30. If anyone is interested in helping provide food for the evening meal, please see the sign-up sheet provided in the narthex. Thank you!

Olsburg Lutheran Church will have it's Fellowship Breakfast next Sunday, March 30 at 8:00 a.m. Work committee #1 is in charge of food and drink. We hope you can join us!

Olsburg Lutheran Church will hold it's Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 12th, at 9:00 am. We have both outdoor and indoor cleaning jobs to

do. We will have some tools available (leaf rakes, chainsaws, blowers, etc), but please feel free to bring any of your own tools that would be helpful.

Olsburg Lutheran Church Congregation is invited to participate in a Congregational Retreat at Olsburg Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall from **9:00-11:30am on April 5th**. We are inviting the congregation to come participate in envisioning the mission and goal of Olsburg Lutheran Church. We will spend time in scripture and exploring our strengths and weaknesses. There will be snacks and fruitful conversation!

Walsburg Announcements

Walsburg Sunday School will not meet today. 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 26th* at Olsburg 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!

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 **today**. 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.