

OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 18, 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

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
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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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters

that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

I Come with Joy ELW 482

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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



▣ 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.
Lord, have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



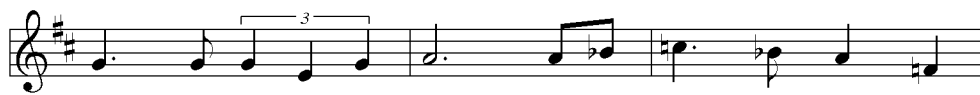
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



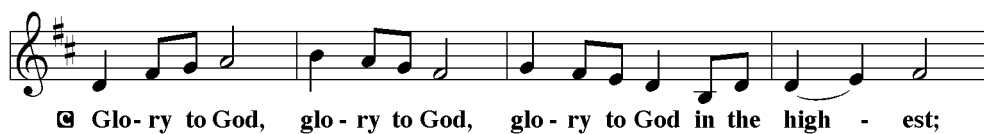
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God,

C: you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your gift of love so that we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

young men and maidens,
old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY A New Commandment WOV 664

A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you love one an-oth-er as

I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis-ci-ples, if

you have love one for an-oth-er; by this shall peo-ple know

you are my dis-ci-ples: if you have love one for an-oth-er.

Text: John 13:34–35

Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

***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: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord

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: Risen One,

C: you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

***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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

C: Thanks be to God!

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living One,

C: in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Threefold Amen (sung.)

*SENDING SONG

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Bulletin Announcements for both churches

We continue to live-stream the worship services for those who are worshiping 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.

Olsburg Announcements

We will be tying quilts on Friday, May 23rd at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome!

Council will meet May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The family of Woody Kasselmann would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for the many acts of kindness we were blessed with following his passing. We were humbled by the large number of people who came and honored him by attending his visitation and/or Celebration of Life. We want to thank Pastor Kaylie for her visits. We especially want to say "Thank You" to Accord Hospice, Manhattan, for the care and support they provided for Woody and our family during this very difficult time.

Olsburg Lutheran Church has a new facebook page. Please search for Olsburg Lutheran Church-ELCA and follow the page. We have been posting recordings after the service. We still need 100 followers to post live videos.

Walsburg Announcements

TODAY is the last day of Walsburg Sunday School for this spring. We have thoroughly enjoyed having kids attend when they can! Enjoy your summer and see you again when we resume in August!

A 2025 Mowing signup sheet is posted in the Narthex.

Monthly Bible Study will meet Wednesday, May 21. We will Tie Quilts at 10:00 A.M. The Bible Study begins at 1:30 P.M. Leader will be Sheri Storer. Hostess will be Linda Toomire

Linda Toomire will represent Walsburg at the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA Convention in Kansas City on June 21, 2025. Please consider making a donation from the following list of needed items for the convention's In-Kind gift recipient *Della Lamb Community Services*. Items may be left in the designated box in the foyer through Sunday, June 15. Linda will take the items with her to the convention. Thank you!

Shampoo and Conditioner

Body Soap

Hand Soap: Bar or liquid

Hair Brushes

Toothpaste

Lotion

Razors

Kleenex

Menstrual Care (no tampons)

Deodorant

Shaving Cream

Clorox Wipes

Toilet Paper

Dish Soap

Multi-Surface Cleaner

Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Sponges/cleaning rags

Scrubbing Brush

Laundry Detergent

Trash Bags (for kitchen)

Paper Towels

Della Lamb Community Services was founded in 1897 by Della C. Lamb responding to the needs of Italian immigrant women by opening the first childcare center in Missouri. Since that time, Della Lamb has been committed to serving vulnerable women and children in Kansas City's historic northeast neighborhood. In 2014, Della Lamb became a local refugee resettlement agency, serving as the first point of welcome for some of the newest members of the Kansas City community and remains committed to providing support for families on their journey toward self-sufficiency in Kansas City.

This month's WELCA project is Bingo prizes for the Leonardville Nursing Home. The Noisy Offering will be collected next Sunday, May 25. Thanks for your project support.