

OLSBURG/WALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 2026



WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

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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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, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Creator, † Teacher, and Friend, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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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.



☐ 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;



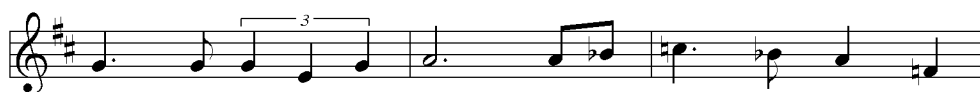
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



C 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.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

II



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.



C 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,



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of all peoples,

C: your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.

Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

P: Dear God, as we get ready to start another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks, and especially on these children who will wear them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with:

eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large;
respect for teachers and students,
that they may form healthy relationships;
love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation;
happiness when learning is easy
and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;
faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

We ask that you would protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a

demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P: The Gospel of our God
C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 685**

Take My Life, That I May Be



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

***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: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All
this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE (WALSBURG)

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you!

*Please share the sign of peace with one another. The peace can be shared
with a handshake, peace sign, a wave, etc.*

OUR OFFERING



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for-ev-er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God,

C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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 for 'Holy Holy Holy' is written on five staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff includes a common time signature 'C'.

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: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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: 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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Invitation Response (sung): **Eat This Bread** **WOV 709**

Eat This Bread *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun-ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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*BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: Now may the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and grant you God's grace and peace.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Compassionate God,

C: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Threefold Amen (sung.)

***SENDING SONG I Love to Tell the Story**

ELW 661

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

***DISMISSAL**

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Olsburg Announcements

We thank Pastor Kevin Clark, Lutheran Campus Ministry, for leading worship today!

We will be tying quilts on Tuesday, August 18th at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome!

All are invited to our Fellowship Breakfast, Sunday, August 30, at 8:00 a.m. Work committee #1 is in charge of the food and drinks. We hope you can join us!

If you need Pastoral Care during this time, please contact Shelly at 785-532-9853 or ShellyBurklund@outlook.com and I will put you in contact with the correct person for each church. Thank you. Questions or concerns may be directed to your council members.

There is a meeting scheduled to discuss plans for our annual Swedish Supper on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Please plan on attending and sharing your thoughts and ideas.

It's that time of year again - we are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Each kit requires:

- FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper
- ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters and inches
- ONE** pencil sharpener
- ONE** pair of **blunt** scissors
- FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE** 2 ½" eraser

Items may be left in the box in the narthex.

Grief is something we all experience, yet no two people grieve in exactly the same way. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, or who is walking alongside someone who is grieving, is invited to join us for an informational meeting on grief and the journey of healing called GriefShare.

Grief Share Informational Meeting August 23, 2:00

When: Sunday, 2:00 – 3:30 pm. October 4, 2026 – December 27, 2026

Where: New Hope Lutheran Church

219 Lucien Street, Onaga, KS 66521

Contact: Kay Zeit
Countrygirl19@bluevalley.net 785 207-5023

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The Walsburg Annual Ice Cream Social will be held next Sunday, August 23, serving from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sign-ups for food donations and volunteer work times is available in the Narthex. Any and all help is appreciated!

The Monthly "Gather" Bible Study will meet Wednesday, August 19. Quilting starts at 10:00 A.M., followed by Bible Study at 1:30 P.M. Leader will be Jane Larson. Hostess will be Linda Toomire.

A Quilting Day will be held Wednesday, August 26. We will begin at 9:00 A.M. Come when you can, stay as long as you like. Please bring a snack to share and a sack lunch.

The August WELCA project is The Homestead Ministry, providing housing, hope, and holistic healing to adult female sex trafficking survivors since 2011. With homes located in Manhattan and Salina, each location can provide housing for up to six women at a time. Homestead provides a safe space where survivors can rebuild their lives through education, job apprenticeships, professional counseling, mentorship, health care and Bible studies. The *Noisy Offering* will be received on Sunday, August 30.

Food Basket Shopping List: clothes soap, dish soap, toilet paper; spaghetti sauce, canned chicken, jelly (grape/strawberry), canned fruit (peaches, pineapple), applesauce cups or jars, pancake mix and syrup. Your support is very much appreciated! Rhonda



THANK YOU

I give God thanks for you all!

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART I SEND MY PEACE TO YOU ALL. CLOVER AND I ARE SETTLING IN WELL AT HOLY TRINITY AND NORTH EASTON.

WE ARE ADJUSTING TO THE EAST COAST LIFE. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL STATE PARK A MILE FROM OUR HOUSE THAT WE ENJOY GETTING LOST IN. THERE IS ALSO 14 ACRES OF LAND ATTACHED TO OUR HOUSE FOR US TO HIKE AS WELL. CLOVER LOVES THE OPEN SPACE, THOUGH THE TRAFFIC SCARES HER! I HOLD YOU ALL IN PRAYER AND THINK OF YOU OFTEN. MAY GOD STRENGTHEN YOUR SPIRITS AND SUSTAIN YOUR HEARTS!



Peace and love, Kaylie